



Town of Bridgewater  
Town Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**Motion:** Councilor George made a motion to move into Executive Session under MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where discussing the matter in open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public of the public body and to adjourn from Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Moore – Yea; Sousa – Yea; Rushton – Yea; Chase – Yea; Perry – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; George – Yea. The motion passed 8-0.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Council President Matthew Rushton called the Executive Session to order at 8:29 p.m. on April 5, 2022 via Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

Council members present via Zoom® were, Francis Sousa, Matthew Rushton, Erik Moore, William Wood, Fred Chase, Shawn George, Dr. Kevin Perry and Dennis Gallagher. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

**ABSENT:**

Peter Colombotos.

*No minutes were presented for approval.*

**New Fire Station Location**

Town Manager Dutton noted that he was confident that the trust will get back to Attorney Rawlins and this will resolve the property issue.

Discussion followed as Councilors asked questions of the Town Manager and Attorney.

**Marijuana Discussion**

Town Manager Dutton noted that the case out of Mansfield was decided and there is a new case out of Bourne that was sent to SJC and awaiting decision. Attorney Rawlins noted that it makes sense to wait and hear what the SJC decides and then look at the best approach.

Discussion followed as Councilors asked questions of the Town Manager and Attorney.

A straw poll was conducted as to whether to take no action on host agreement until Bourne decision and the majority of the Councilors agreed that no action should be taken.

Discussion ended at 9:14 p.m.

**Motion:** Councilor George made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Wood – Yea; Moore – Yea; Sousa – Yea; Rushton – Yea; Chase – Yea; Perry – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; George – Yea. The motion passed 8-0.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:16pm  
Minutes submitted by: Debra Ward