



Town of Bridgewater  
Town Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

**Motion:** Councilor Chase 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 body; and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and to adjourn from Executive Session.

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Council President Matthew Rushton called the Executive Session to order at 8:41 p.m. on January 18, 2022 via Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Shawn George

*No minutes were presented for approval.*

**New Fire Station Location**

Mr. Dutton updated the Council with a history of the Toole property and the restrictions placed on the site by Town Meeting years ago. Attorney Rawlins has been working with Trustees of the property to remove the restrictions.

Discussion followed as Councilors asked questions of the Town Manager and Attorney and there was no objection to Councilor Rushton working with Town Manager Dutton and Attorney Rawlins to draft an agreement to present to the Trust.

Discussion ended at 9:16 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:

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

The motion passed 8-0

Executive Session adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Ward