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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Council Resolution: R-2012-001

Introduced By:	Councilor Pitta
Date Introduced/First Reading:	January 3, 2012
Second Reading:	February 28, 2012
Amendments Adopted:	February 28, 2012
Date Adopted:	February 28, 2012
Date Effective:	March 30, 2012

Resolution #R-2012-001 (as amended)

Town Council First Quarter Goals - 2012

Whereas, the Charter specifically requires certain actions from the Town Council that have not yet been completed.

Therefore, the Town Council of The Town of Bridgewater hereby resolves that the following legislative items shall be the primary focus of the Council.

- Establish a Licensing Board IAW Charter section 2-10
- Complete Statement of Financial Interest Ordinance IAW Charter Section 9-1
- Create a Campaign Finance Ordinance IAW Charter section 9-3
- Conduct a review of all Town Bylaws IAW Charter section 10-9
- Creation of an Administrative Code IAW Charter section 10-9
- Consider Health Insurance Plan Design Legislation IAW MGL.
- An executed Water and Sewer Mitigation agreement between the Town of Bridgewater and Bridgewater State University for Council to authorize. The proposed agreement should also include concrete mitigation strategies for BSU to significantly fund the cost of the waste water treatment plant expansion and other water and sewer capital improvements.

The Council also resolves that these items shall be completed by May 1st, 2012.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure not referred to any Committee• Does not require advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES SIMPLE MAJORITY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Per Council Rules & Procedures Section XVIII – 14 days has elapsed.• This measure was included on the 1/17/12, 2/7/12 and 2/15/12 agendas, but not taken up. | |
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In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a roll call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES SIMPLE MAJORITY



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Council Resolution: R-2012-002

Introduced By:	Councilors William Wood and Michael Demos
Date Introduced/First Reading:	January 17, 2012
Second Reading:	February 28, 2012
Amendments Adopted:	February 28, 2012
Date Adopted:	February 28, 2012
Effective Date:	March 30, 2012

Resolution #R-2012-002 (as amended)

BRIDGEWATER'S FY 2013 BUDGET POLICY GUIDELINES

WHEREAS: The Town Council established orderly steps for the FY13 Budget creation process; and

WHEREAS: The Town Manager delivered a high-level overview of the FY13 Budget to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS: The economic outlook for FY13 is uncertain and a cautious approach to the budget is warranted; and

WHEREAS: Budget guidelines need to be clearly communicated from the Town Council to the Town Manager for effective Budget management.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to establishing clear communication between the Town Council and the Town Manager with regard to creation of the Annual Budget, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following Policy Guidelines for the Town Manager to use in creating the FY13 Budget:

The Town Council is adopting these budget policy guidelines pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. Based on these guidelines, the Town Manager will develop budgetary goals and the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

ONGOING BUDGET PRACTICES

In preparing the budget for FY13 and future years, the Town Manager should continue to use the following budget practices:

- Continue the Town's efforts within all departments to obtain grant funding from federal, state, and other sources, including the use of college interns.
- Continue the Town's efforts to maximize the use of Chapter 90 monies to expand upon the road repair program started in FY12.

- Review the possibilities and cost implication of contracted services vs. staffing in various departments.
- Continue to enhance the Town's website and use other technologies as cost effective means for delivering information and services, increasing public awareness, and encouraging public feedback.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The first and foremost goal of the FY13 budget must be to reduce, or eliminate, the negative Free Cash standing for the Town of Bridgewater. A positive Free Cash value will enable the Town greater budgetary flexibility and will continue to enhance the Town's bond rating. At the same time, the budget should maintain or improve Public Safety and Education.

Expenses

- The Tax Levy is governed by statute and has a high confidence for receipt. For FY13 budget planning purposes, spending shall use 100% of the anticipated Tax levy amount after accounting for the appropriate overlay amount reduction.
- The value of the actual Tax Levy Growth is affected by many factors including prevailing interest rates and unemployment rates. Given the uncertain economic forecast, spending from FY13 New Growth shall be limited to \$250,000.
- Local Receipts are highly influenced by economic conditions and forecasts. Therefore, for FY13 planning purposes, spending shall be limited to 85% of FY11 actual values per revenue classification plus 85% of FY 12 prison mitigation revenue.
- Spending from Ambulance Receipts to fund the operating budget shall be limited to \$1M.
- Expect that the Retirement Assessment from Plymouth County will increase by approximately \$350,000.
- Given the financial issues during FY12 for the Golf Course, the enterprise indirect fees for the Golf Course should be rolled back to FY 11 amount for FY13 planning purposes. Spending from State Aid shall be no more than identified in House 2.
- Submit and FY 12, FY 13 and FY 14 budget simultaneously with the primary purpose of sustaining services for the entire community including the town and schools and that will be supported by the Council. This budget should also include FTE information for all departments for all years
- Include maintenance budget for FY 13 and FY 14
- Include write up of all initiatives greater than maintenance with the breakdown of expenditures and FTEs
- When building budgets, consider fixed costs increases, for all departments including the school, especially health insurance costs in a similar manner to how the town covers these costs.
- The budget should consider impact of fixed costs including health insurance, retirement, sick leave buyback, transportation, and other costs and should be treated on a consistent basis with all departments including the schools.

Gifts

Gifts should be considered one-time money and should not be anticipated from year-to-year. Therefore, do not use gift money to fund the operational budget.

Grants

Grants may be used to fund the operational budget so long as there is specific identification of what the grant is funding.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure referred to Finance Committee 1/17/12• Measure referred to Council Budget & Finance Committee 1/17/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/25/12: Vote 6-0 not recommend as currently written.•

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a unanimous voice vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Resolution: R-2012-005

Introduced By:	Councilor Peter Colombotos
Date Introduced:	April 24, 2012
First Reading:	April 24, 2012
Second Reading:	May 22, 2012
Amendments Adopted:	May 22, 2012
Date Adopted:	May 22, 2012
Date Effective:	June 22, 2012

Resolution #R-2012-005

A Resolution to Endorse the Draft Housing Production Plan

Whereas only 2.65% of Bridgewater housing units meet the Commonwealth's standards for affordability, and

Whereas, the Commonwealth requires that 10% of a town's housing units be deemed affordable in order to deny Comprehensive Permit applications under Chapter 40B,

Whereas projects built under a Comprehensive Permit afford the town little control over how and where they are built, and

Whereas formal adoption of the Affordable Housing Production Plan and the subsequent development of 42 affordable units a year would enable the town to deny Comprehensive Permit applications for one year and furnish a plan for the construction of affordable housing under terms that better serve the town and its residents,

It is therefore resolved that the Bridgewater Town Council does hereby endorse the *Draft Housing Production Plan* dated April 17, 2012.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First reading 4/24/12• This measure was referred to Community & Economic Development Committee.• A committee disposition or vote to remove from committee is required to consider for action.• This measure does not require publication.• This matter may be considered for action as 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules and Procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a unanimous roll call vote (8-0) (Councilor Pitta not present for vote).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Council Resolution: R-2012-007

Introduced By:	Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced:	May 15, 2012
First Reading:	May 15, 2012
Second Reading:	June 5, 2012
Amendments Adopted:	June 5, 2012
Date Adopted:	June 5, 2012
Date Effective:	July 6, 2012

Resolution #R-2012-007

TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THE HIGH/BROAD STREET LIGHT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the intersection of High Street and Broad Street in Bridgewater, Massachusetts has been clearly identified as a dangerous intersection; and

WHEREAS, intersection improvement has been an identified project at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation since 2002; and

WHEREAS, citizens have urged action through a petition drive including two thousand signatures; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions represent a daily and ongoing danger to our community,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled, respectfully requests via letter that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, through the Old Colony Planning Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization make signalization improvements to the intersection of High and Broad Streets, identified as MassDOT project #603660, a high priority. The Town Council further requests that the MPO make every effort to include this project in the "Transportation Improvement Plan" for Fiscal year 2013.

Explanation: May 15 to June 19 is the public comment period to prioritize the next TIP and a comment from the Town Council regarding project #663660 will be significant.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First reading 5/15/12• This measure was not referred to a committee• This measure does not require publication.• This matter may be considered for action as 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules and Procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES SIMPLE MAJORITY

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a roll call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Council Resolution: R-2012-010

Introduced By: Councilor Peter Colombotos
Date Introduced: August 7, 2012
First Reading: August 7, 2012
Second Reading: December 18, 2012
Amendments Adopted: None
Date Adopted: December 28, 2012
Date Effective: January 18, 2013

Resolution #R-2012-010

A Resolution Regarding Disposal of Town-Owned Land

Whereas the Town's Master Plan charts a course for future growth in the Town that considers many factors affecting the welfare of the Town, and

Whereby the Town has been and will be obtaining land through the tax title process,

It is therefore resolved that before Town-owned lands are disposed of, interested stakeholders (including but not limited to the Town Council, the Planning Board, the Master Plan Implementation Committee, the Housing Partnership, the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission, and citizens at large) will have an opportunity to provide input to the disposal process.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This measure received a first reading 8/7/12.• Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee 8/7/12.• This measure does not require advertising and may be acted upon pending any amendments accepted by the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12/17/12: Vote unanimous to support.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a roll call vote (8-0) (Councilor Wright absent).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES MAJORITY VOTE.