



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

Plymouth, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Bridgewater, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Annual Town Election to vote at:

Precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 9
Edward O'Donoghue Middle School
166 Mount Prospect Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

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THE 25th DAY OF APRIL 2026 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following Offices:

- TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE..... for One Year
TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO..... for Three Years
TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE..... for Three Years
TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE..... for Three Years
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Bridgewater).. for Three Years
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Raynham)..... for Three Years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY..... for Three Years
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To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following Charter Code Change Questions which were recently approved by the State Legislation:

Question No. 1:

“Shall an Annual Stipend be amended to reflect that each member of the Town Council shall receive an annual stipend, payable in arrears, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the Town Council President shall receive an annual stipend, payable in arrears, in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). Incumbent Councilors shall receive a stipend as above set forth as of each annual Town Election Day. A Councilor who vacates their office will be entitled to receive a pro-rated stipend as of the last date of their service. Regardless of compensation, members of the Town Council shall not be eligible for benefits from the Town. Any modification of the stipend amounts set-forth herein may be adopted by ordinance duly adopted by the Town Council, provided however that no increase or reduction in such stipends shall take effect during the year in which such increase or reduction is voted, and no change in such ordinance shall be made between the election of a new council and the qualification of the new council. Persons elected to serve as councilors by special town election shall be eligible for payment of an annual stipend payable in arrears in the amount of \$5,000 reduced on a pro-rated basis commensurate with the number of days beginning with the date of the special election. Such ordinance shall be subject to the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 6A.”

Question No. 2:

“ Shall Section 4-7 Temporary Absence, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
In the event of a temporary absence by the Town Manager of not more than twenty-one consecutive days, Then Assistant Town Manager shall perform the duties of that office. If the Assistant Town Manager is for any reason unable to serve, the Town Manager shall appoint a department head of the Town to perform the duties of that office during that period, by a letter filed with the Town Clerk and the Town Council. In the event of failure of the Town Manager to make such designation or if the person so designated is for any reason unable to serve, or is deemed not qualified by the Town Council, the Town Council may appoint some other qualified person to perform the duties of the Town Manager until the Town Manager returns. No member of the Town Council shall serve as acting Town Manager.”

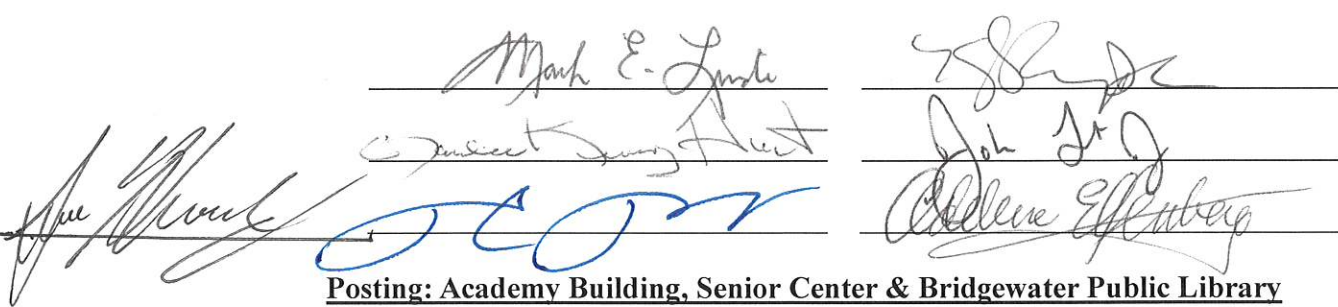
Question No. 3:

“Shall Article IV Section 4-3 be amended as noted below:

(b) Multiple Member Appointive Organizations. - Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the town manager shall appoint all boards, committees and agencies *except ad hoc committees established by a majority vote of the Town Council to assist the Town Council in carrying out the Council’s responsibilities*. Members of all appointed boards and committees shall be residents of the town. All appointments of boards, committees and agencies, as defined within the administrative code, shall be subject to the ratification of the town council. The town manager shall form a citizen’s advisory committee to help in evaluating and selecting those individuals for appointment. The number and terms of office of the committee shall be established by ordinance.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands, the Bridgewater Town Council this 17th day of March, 2026.

 Five handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are: 1. A large, stylized signature on the far left. 2. Mark E. Lunde. 3. A signature that appears to be "C. Vincent". 4. A signature that appears to be "John Jr.". 5. A signature that appears to be "Debbie Ellenberg".

Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library

Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org

(Method of service of warrant.)

Robin Sprague Martin

Constable

March 19

Month and Year

, 2026.

(Warrant must be posted at least *fourteen days prior* to the **April 25, 2026** Town Election)