

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of Wednesday, July 15, 2026.
Present were Michael A. Perez, Chairman, Marcie M. Lee, Vice Chair and Jeffrey P. Ryan, Clerk, also present was David L. Gagne, Town Administrator. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Eldon F. Moreira Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 65 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

Also, Present:

Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Perez stated that the meeting would be recorded and that some or all parts of the meeting may be used by our local access company to be shown on local access along with internet feeds and clips which may be used separately from the video of the entire meeting. A full recording of the meeting will be posted on the West Bridgewater Community Access Video On Demand website at <https://wb-cam.org/vod/>.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically the Police Union, since in my opinion as Chair, strategizing in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. The Board will reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Perez, yes; Lee, yes; Ryan, yes.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:11 p.m.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to ratify Susan Hebb's Employment as Kitchen Assistant for the COA effective July 22, 2026, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Union and to sign the MOU, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0 to ratify and sign.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to approve the Interim License for a temporary easement on Cyr Street for National Grid, Mr. Ryan seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to approve.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to execute the memo for National Grid regarding the temporary easement on Cyr Street, The Board will commit to providing a request for a permanent easement at the next Town Meeting, Ms. Lee seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to execute.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to approve the MBNC Mission Statement / Policies and Procedures as presented, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0 to approve.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to approve the Common Victualler DBA Name Change for Sadzeh LLC DBA Queen Pizza & Sandwiches (Formally Kun Kabob & Curry) at 233 W. Center Street pending final inspections, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0 to approve.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026, Mr. Ryan seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to approve.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026 for review, Mr. Ryan seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to appoint Caribeth Lawler to the Open Space and Recreation Committee, Mr. Ryan seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to appoint David Farrell as Records Access Officer for Veteran's Services, Memorial Day / Veterans Day Legacy Committee, Ms. Lee seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to appoint Wendy Adams as Records Access Officer for the COA, Ms. Lee seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to remove Hugh Hurley and to add Jim Noyes to the By-Law Study Committee (representing the Planning Board), Mr. Ryan seconded, hearing no discussion. The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept.

Mr. Gagne reviewed the Land Swap Agreement – Fifth Amendment for the Lincoln Street Project.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to approve the Land Swap Agreement – Fifth Amendment for the Lincoln Street Project as presented, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Gagne informed the Board of the Small Clean Energy Act to come into effect July 1 or October 1, recommending October 1. Mr. Gagne also requested Nick Iafrate, Building Commissioner to become the Local Government Representative for this Act.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to accept Small Clean Energy Permitting as presented, effective October 1, 2026, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** to appoint Nick Iafrate to become the Local Government Representative for Small Clean Energy Permitting as presented, effective October 1, 2026, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Gagne proposed to the Board the conceptual plans from MassDOT for Lincoln Street / S. Elm Street and West Street / Crescent Street Intersections.

Chairman Perez **MOVED** that their preference would be to have a 4-way stop at West Street / Crescent Street Intersection, Ms. Lee seconded and so voted unanimously.

The Board expressed that their preference would be to have a 3-way stop at Lincoln Street / S. Elm Street Intersection.

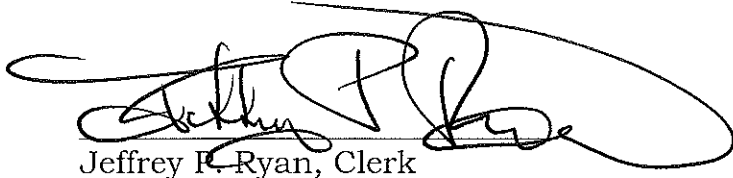
Mr. Gagne informed the Board of the February 2026 storm FEMA Denial and Governor Healey's plan to appeal the decision.

Mr. Gagne presented the Sustainable Purchasing Policy to the Board.

I would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically the Fire Union, since in my opinion as Chair, strategizing in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. The Board will not reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Perez, yes; Lee, yes; Ryan, yes.

Executive Session convened at 6:36 p.m.



Jeffrey R. Ryan, Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Christine Eaton, Executive Assistant.

List of documents included in the July 15, 2026 Meeting Packet:

- *Susan Hebb's Employment as Kitchen Assistant for the COA*
- *Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Union and MOU*
- *Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026 and June 10, 2026*
- *Interim License for National Grid on an Easement at Cyr Street*

- *Memo to National Grid to Place Easement Request at the Next Town Meeting*
- *MBNC Mission Statement / Policies and Procedures*
- *Common Victualler DBA Name Change for Sadzeh LLC DBA Queen Pizza & Sandwiches (Formally Kun Kabob & Curry) at 233 W. Center Street*
- *Caribeth Lawler Appointment Letter and Volunteer Form to the Open Space and Recreation Committee*
- *Letter to Appoint David Farrell as Records Access Officer for Veteran's Services, Memorial Day / Veterans Day Legacy Committee*
- *Letter to Appoint Wendy Adams as Records Access Officer for the COA*
- *By-Law Study Committee Mission Statement*
- *Swap Agreement – Fifth Amendment Lincoln Street Project*
- *Memo Regarding Accepting Consolidated Permits as Required Under 225 CMR 29.00 {Small Clean Energy Permitting}*
- *Letter to Appoint Nicholas Iafrate, Building Commissioner as West Bridgewater's Local Government Representative for Small Clean Energy Permitting Projects*
- *Options for Lincoln Street / S. Elm Street and West Street / Crescent Street Intersections; Conceptual Plan by MassDOT*
- *FEMA Denial – Massachusetts Major Disaster Declaration*
- *Sustainable Purchasing Policy*