



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:04 p.m.

Randolph Town Hall-Chapin Hall 2nd Floor

This is a hybrid meeting. The Public is invited to attend this meeting in person or remotely, by telephone or computer access.

Call to Order: Council President Ryan Egan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), Natacha Clerger (In-Person), Ryan Egan (In-Person), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person)

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor O’Connell.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of July 13, 2026. This motion was seconded by Councilor O’Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President:

1. President Egan gave an update on the Town Manager Search; specifically that there is an application to serve on the Town Manager Interview Committee on the Town’s Website.

Presentations:

1. Override Presentation and Discussion
 - a. This presentation was completed by Town Manager Howard and Eric Mason of Clifton Larson Allen LLP (CLA). The presentation included information such as FY27 revenue and FY28 budget, free cash balance, future budget pressures, reasonings behind the override, how the levy is calculated, as well as a tentative schedule and estimated tax impacts. Also included was a better understanding of free cash, proposition 2 ½, and overrides. Statistically data on override data was shared as well.
 - b. Councilor Gordon asked about the voting schedule and stated that we would like the override on the November ballot. Councilor Gordon shared his thought that more people will come out to vote for a state election vs a local election.

- c. Councilor Huff-Larmond agrees with Councilor Gordon and does not want a special election. She understands that there will be a lot of ballot questions and ballots but wants to ensure that we can get the people to come and vote. Councilor Huff-Larmond just wants to make sure that we have people come out and vote.
- d. Councilor O'Connell asked about the cost of a special election. He questioned having a special election if it would cost the town additional funds. Councilor O'Connell is in favor of having this on the November ballot. Town Attorney Griffin added that if the will of the council is to add a ballot question; they would need to call a Special Town Council Meeting.
- e. Councilor Clerger asked if it would be cheaper to have this on the November Election? Town Manager Howard stated that there would be some savings.
- f. Councilor Alexopoulos does not agree with mixing local topics with a state election.
- g. Councilor Huff-Larmond would prefer to take the chance with adding this to the November election if it means more people come out. She then asked Eric Mason of CLA, if he knows of a correlation between tax increases and people being displaced from their homes.
- h. Councilor Thompson wants to see more set numbers and to read the language of the override. He agrees that we need to invest in ourselves and our town.
- i. Councilor Gordon then asked about a menu override question.

Motion: Councilor Gordon moved to call a Special Town Council Meeting for Monday August 3, 2026 at 6 pm for the purposes of an override discussion. This motion was seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

- j. Councilor Brewer is against the menu offering. He believes the Town Council needs to collaborate and pick one number to present to the voters.
- k. President Egan stated that the override is important and went over the benefits for the residents and the town of a Special Election. He wants to do the best for the residents and staff.
- l. Councilor Clerger mentioned again that more people will come out to vote in November.
- m. Councilor Huff-Larmond spoke on the concerns of the holidays impacting voter attendance.
- n. Councilor Thompson does not like the menu option; he also agrees that we need to pick a stance and go with it.
- o. Councilor O'Connell asked about other cost savings for the town such as healthcare. Town Manager Howard stated that we are part of GIC and need to offer all plans to the employees.
- p. President Egan believes that the override should be on the ballot for the voters to have their say on the town's future. He added emphasis on the fact that the town has a 3.5 million dollar deficit; in order to correct that we need an override or to make cuts. Most homes will fall within average or below the estimates. President Egan also added that generally cuts come from public safety, DPW and the schools. President Egan reminded the Council that just because we vote a number does not mean that we need to collect it all.

Motion: Councilor Gordon moved to call a Special Town Council Meeting for Monday August 3, 2026 at 6 pm for the purposes of an override discussion. This motion was seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 3-4-1 (Yays: O'Connell, Gordon, Huff-Larmond; Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Egan, Thompson; Abstentions: Clerger; Absent: Burgess)

Motion fails.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comments

Council President Egan opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

1. Joe Burke; 54 Hills Street,: Spoke in opposition to the override.
2. Chisholm; Igbo Organization: announced a donation to the Randolph Youth Soccer League.
3. Sandi Cohen; 63 Bittersweet Lane: Asked about gate way city status and flock cameras. Thanked our police, fire department and community participation in locating the missing child today.

There were no more public comments.

Proclamations: None

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions: None

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Council Order 2026-058: Amendment of the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph To Create an Affordable Housing Trust
 - a. This Council Order was introduced on June 22, 2026. The Council Clerk placed a legal at in the Boston Herald with a publication date of July 22, 2026. Town Planner Tyler was present for the meeting if the Council had any further questions.
 - b. Councilor Thompson added that he is very excited for this trust.
 - c. President Egan
 - d. Councilor Huff-Larmond
 - e. Councilor O'Connell

Motion: Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2026-058 with the following language amendment: Section 11.3 A to read: Composition of Board and Appointment of Board Members. There shall be a Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Randolph Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members. One member shall be the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee. The other members shall be appointed by the Town Manager, consistent with the Town Charter, and shall meet the following criteria: At minimum one (1) member appointed by the Town Manager shall be a member of the Town Council, with the optional recommendation of the Council President for this appointment. Members should be residents of the Town with relevant experience in real estate, housing, banking, architecture, planning, social services, or lived experience in income-restricted housing; provided, however, that up to two (2) members may be non-residents, if no such Randolph resident who has applied possess expertise that supports the purposes of the Trust. This motion was seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2026-065: Appropriation and Approval of Borrowing for Municipal Roof Repairs and Related Exterior and Interior Repairs, Painting and Remediation
 - a. This was introduced to the Council on July 13, 2026. The Council Clerk placed a legal at in the Boston Herald with a publication date of July 22, 2026.

Motion: Councilor Huff-Larmond moved to approve Council Order 2026-065. This motion was seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 7-1-0 (Nay: O'Connell; Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2026-068: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph – To Amend Article 9 to Add A Provision Concerning Inclusionary Zoning
 - a. Town Planner Tyler Introduced this order and it was referred to both the Planning Board and Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee.
2. Council Order 2026-069: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph – Concerning Assisted and Independent Living
 - a. Town Planner Tyler Introduced this order and it was referred to both the Planning Board and Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee.
3. Council Order 2026-070: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph –Concerning Mixed Use and Section 9.1 of the Ordinance
 - a. Town Planner Tyler Introduced this order and it was referred to both the Planning Board and Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee.
4. Council Order 2026-071: Acceptance of Gift from Dennis DJ Simmonds Unsung Hero Scholarship Fund
 - a. Town Manager Howard handed the introduction over to Town Planner Tyler. This was a donation given by the DJ Simmonds Unsung Hero Fund to sponsor two scholarships for summer camp at the RICC.
 - b. Councilor O’Connell asked the Town Council Clerk to send a thank you note.

Motion: Councilor O’Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-071. This motion was seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

5. Council Order 2026-072: Transfer of ARPA Funds Amongst Existing Projects
 - a. Town Manager Howard introduced this order which is to move ARPA Funding from completed projects to projects in progress.

Motion: Councilor Brewer moved to approve Council Order 2026-072. This motion was seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Town Manager’s Report:

1. Gave thanks to the Police and Fire Department for their efforts in locating the missing child safely today.

Correspondence: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Council Comments:

1. Councilor Clerger: Congratulations Randolph for locating the missing child safely. Thanked the DPW for their work on Hollis Street. August 8th is Igbo Day. A friendly soccer game between Haiti and Cape Verde will now be in Boston on 8/28.
2. Councilor Gordon: Wednesday July 29th the community band will be holding their summer concert. Councilor Gordon would like to have a conversation with the council on the Finance Director position and flock cameras.
3. Councilor O'Connell: Asked the Town Manager for an update on the scoreboard.
4. Councilor Brewer: gave thanks to the First Responders for their efforts during today's event.
5. Councilor Alexopoulos: Pickybacked off Councilor Brewer and added thanks for Metro and other partners who supported Randolph today.
6. Councilor Thompson: Thanked the Police and Fire Department for their efforts today. Thanked the Town Manager and DPW for the new trash cans. Councilor Thompson added that these cans have spots for advertisements.
7. Councilor Huff-Larmond: Stated that there is artwork hanging in Town Hall from a local artist who created this art for Juneteenth. It will be hung up for a month. This is the last week that interns will be in the departments and they have all spoken highly of the experience.
8. Councilor Egan: Thanked the Council for an informative and productive meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clerger and seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Meeting adjourned.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Notification of Upcoming Council Meetings:

August 10 and 24

September 14 and 28

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 23

December 7