



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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 Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (Via Zoom), Natacha Clerger (Via Zoom), Ryan Egan (Via Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Thompson.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Kim O'Connell, Councillor Kevin O'Connell's mother, who passed away on April 25, 2025. Our hearts and prayers are with the O'Connell family as they navigate these difficult times.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on March 24, 2025, made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell)

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President

1. I was happy to attend the 29th Annual Greek Parade yesterday in Boston. This year, the federation honored the Haitian community for their historic support of Greek Independence.

Proclamation

Council President Alexopoulos presented Ray Pike with a Proclamation recognizing Motorcycle Awareness Month for May. Mr. Pike is a member of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association and the Veterans Brotherhood.

Mr. Pike spoke about the importance of motorcycle safety and awareness, and his involvement in responsible legislation.

Public Hearings:

1. 6:15 PM: Council Order 2025-006: 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 Watershed and Wetland Protection Overlay Districts Pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public hearing for Council Order 2025-006, which was initially opened in the Town Council meeting of February 24, 2025. The legal advertisements were published in the Patriot Ledger on April 12 and April 19, 2025.

There were no public comments. Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened it to the Council for comments and questions.

Councillor Gordon: Could you tell us the context of the other zoning work that is going on and how does that apply to the context of the watershed and wetland protection overlay districts. Town Attorney Griffin provided an explanation regarding the recodification of our Town's zoning ordinances.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2025-006 as presented by the Planning Board made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, and O'Connell)

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2025-016: Local Acceptance of M.G.L. Ch. 60, Section 2 Regarding the Abatement of de minimus Tax Balances

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public hearing for Council Order 2025-016, which was initially introduced in the Town Council meeting of April 14, 2025. The legal advertisement was published in the Patriot Ledger on April 22, 2025.

Joe Burke, 54 Hill Street: Is this only for seniors or everybody? Council President: For everyone.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2025-016 made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell)

Motion passes.

Public Comments:

1. Sandy Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane: When I was at the last Council meeting there was conversation about cars being parked on grassy areas belonging to the homeowner and I did notify Cheryl from Code Enforcement about the issue. People in the Town do not know they're not allowed to do that. I think a notification should be put on the Town's website about that.
2. Guerlince Semezler, 60 Mill Street: I personally witnessed someone almost get hit because of speeding cars. Even though we have a flashing sign, cars are always going full speed. I just wanted to address that.
3. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: Are we going to have any Boards coming up here for a budget hearing?

New Business:

1. Council Order 2025-021: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Real Estate Interim Update of Values

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-021 and was accompanied by Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith to provide additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-021 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell)

Motion passes.

Correspondence:

1. Mass Cultural Council, and the Cultural Council of Randolph are hosting a Haitian Heritage Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please register at <https://shorturl.at/TBQH6>

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Councillor Gordon: I've brought up before what I call the blasting resolution which affects both the South Randolph area and North Randolph area near Randolph road. In discussion with the Town Attorney, I discovered we can't do what I actually wanted to do, which was license inspectors to come and look at the blasting situation. My proposal is that we have some sort of method that people are aware of to use an independent inspector. The word inspector I'm using loosely because we cannot have an equally licensed inspector. I'd like to propose discussing in Committee a list from the Town of qualified places that can do such an inspection.

Council Comments:

1. Councillor Clerger: We are celebrating Haitian Flag Day on May 16, 2025. I am waiting on the final say, but there will be a flag raising at 11:00 AM at Town Hall, then we will possibly go to Stetson Hall at Noon for lunch.
2. Councillor Thompson: If you're doing work on your home this summer, there are stories about contractors doing poor work, so make sure to check out the state contractors list. 2. Visa revocations have been reinstated for some students, so that's a good thing. Talking about it and keeping attention on it is a good thing.
3. Councillor Gordon: Randolph Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition is planning to translate the Welcoming Resolution, and we look forward to spreading that as widely as possible.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Egan, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell)

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.