



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, January 6, 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 Brewer called the meeting to order.

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

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Paul Schneider who passed away on December 12, 2024; Gerald P. “Jerry” Good Sr. who passed away on December 22, 2024, Marrymargaret “Maggie” Burke who passed away on December 4, 2025; Georgia Alexopoulos who passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024; and William J. “Bill” Lenaham, Jr. who passed away on December 28, 2024.

2025 Council President and Vice President Elections

Council President Brewer asked for nominations of the 2025 Town Council President.

Councillor Huff-Larmond nominated Council President Brewer for President. Councillor Gordon seconded this nomination. Council President Brewer respectfully declined due to the work load required to serve as President and expressed his appreciation.

Councillor O’Connell nominated Councillor Alexopoulos for President. Councillor Burgess seconded this nomination.

Roll Call Vote: 7-2-0 (Nays: Huff-Larmond, Gordon)

This nomination passed. Councillor Alexopoulos will serve as Town Council President for 2025.

Councillor Clerger nominated Councillor Brewer to serve as Vice President. Councillor O’Connell seconded this nomination.

Councillor Thompson nominated Councillor O’Connell to serve as Vice President. Councillor O’Connell respectfully declined this nomination.

Roll Call vote on the nomination for Councillor Brewer to serve as Vice-President: 9-0-0. Councillor Brewer will serve as Town Council Vice President for 2025.

Town Clerk Cheryl Sass swore the Town Council President and Town Council President into their new roles.

Appointment of 2025 School Committee Representative

Council President Alexopoulos requested that those who are interested in serving as the School Committee Council Representative to please send an email by Friday at 5:00 PM.

Approval of 2025 Town Council Meeting Dates

Councillor Burgess: Does this meeting schedule allow us to meet enough time before the budget and in a way that allows us to submit reports in a timely manner? Town Manager Howard: I believe so but we can take another look.

Council President Alexopoulos: We will vote on this at the next meeting on January 27, 2025.

Councillor Gordon: There is a discrepancy between the dates in the column and the dates that are highlighted as meeting dates. Town Attorney Griffin: We will update that for the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting November 25, 2024
2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting December 9, 2024

Motion to vote on both meeting minutes of November 25, 2024 and December 9, 2024 jointly made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on November 25, 2024 and December 9, 2024 made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Motion passes.

Town Manager's Report:

1. I want to introduce the Assistant Town Manager, Monica Lamboy, to the Community. She has extensive experience working with municipal administration, and has been a wonderful addition to the team. Most recently, Monica worked as the Executive Director of Administration and Finance for the Chelsea Public Schools and oversaw the finances for the School Department, advised the Superintendent and the School Committee on financial matters, managed a number of capital projects, including the construction of a new school. Prior to that, she worked at the Collins Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy: Thank you Brian and thank you to the Council. I'm really excited to be here. It's a wonderful opportunity for a wonderful community. I want to thank the team that set up my office for me. It looks fantastic and it's very comfortable. The past couple of days have been wonderful, people have been very welcoming. I've had an opportunity to meet a lot of the folks and I know there are a lot more people for me to meet. I'm up for the challenge and I'm here to support the Town Manager however best I can. Thank you.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. A resident called and wants to donate a library stand to the Town of Randolph. Is that possible? Town Manager Howard: I'd need more information. I don't see why that's something we can't make happen. 2. A resident brought to my attention, we voted on an ordinance that all stores should use paper, not plastic bags, and it does not seem like stores are not following that order. Is there anything we can do about that? Council President Alexopoulos: You can't use single film bags, but you can use double or triple film bags. Town Manager: If you are aware of any locations not following compliance, the Board of Health can make a visit.

Announcements from the President

Thank you to everyone for their vote of confidence. I look forward to serving in this role for the next twelve months.

Council Comments:

1. Councillor Egan: Congratulations to the Council President and Council Vice President.
2. Councillor Thompson: I hope everyone had a great holiday break. Congratulations to you Mr. President. I am looking forward to 2025.
3. Councillor O'Connell: Happy Birthday to my wife, Maria!
4. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Happy New Year! Congratulations to the Council President and Council Vice President. MLK, Jr. Day will happen in Randolph! The flyer will be coming out soon. Hopefully everyone will be able to join us. Thank you to the Randolph Police Department who partnered with Spring of Water Assembly to collect and hand out gifts. It was a beautiful event. It is a great example of community policing. We had great celebrations of all the various holiday lightings and it makes me very proud to be a Randolph resident to see a Christmas Tree, a Minorah, and a Hanukkah light.
5. Councillor Brewer: Happy New Year! Thank you everyone for your support.
6. Councillor Gordon: Congratulations to the Council President and Council Vice-President. 1. The Neponset River Watershed Association. I've been in contact with them about connecting up a deposit trail to the Randolph Blue Hills trails and beyond. 2. I've been working with the School Committee to extend the joint meetings so that we can introduce more joint meetings on a regular basis. I'd like to co-introduce that with Lisa Milwood, Chair of the School Committee. 3. The Crawford Square Redevelopment Commission will be coming to this body sometime in the future. The Randolph Redevelopment Authority is planning to hire a director for the Crawford Square project.
7. Councillor Clerger: Congratulations Mr. President. We are hoping to have a great year under your leadership and congratulations to you as well Mr. Vice-President. Happy Birthday to Maria O'Connell. Happy New Year to all and Happy Independence Day to our Haitians. I'm hoping to get more involved in attending meetings. The food distribution is still on. Text me at 857-249-0196.
8. Councillor Burgess: The School Committee has a few school walk-throughs coming up in the next few weeks. The School Committee wishes to make a Subcommittee of the Council. The view of the Chair and Vice Chair is to bring the Council's collective opinion to the School Committee. The Joint meetings are only productive if they are directed towards a particular goal.
9. Council President Alexopoulos: The Randolph Police Department will be running a mini police academy for seniors on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. If you have any questions, call the Randolph Elder Affairs line.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Vice-President Brewer.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent during vote: Egan)
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.