



## **Randolph Town Council**

### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:05 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 Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call – Council Members Present:** Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), James Burgess (In-Person), Natacha Clerger (Via Zoom), 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 Councillor Egan.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Frank Stafia, former Exalted Ruler of the Elk’s Lodge and John Zoino, former Superintendent of Randolph Public Schools.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2025
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2025
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2025
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2025
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2025
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2025
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2025

The meeting minutes from June 23, July 18, July 28, and August 11, 2025 will be voted on at a future meeting.

#### **Councilor Burgess joined the meeting at 6:08PM**

**Motion:** Councilor Egan moved to take collective action on the meeting minutes of August 25, September 8, October 20, and November 12, 2025. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 6-2-0 (Nays: Huff-Larmond and O’Connell)

**Motion passes.**

**Motion**: Councilor Egan moved to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-1-0 (Nays: Huff-Larmond)

**Motion passes.**

#### **Announcements from the President**

1. Thanks to RCTV for covering the meetings during 2025.
2. The Blue Devils won the Superbowl on Saturday. The Council President invited Coach Marshall, Coach Christian and the team captains to the meeting. Coach Marshall gave thanks to the town for the amount of support the town has given over the past 5 years. Coach Marshall states he is blessed to coach them and that these kids make the teams what they are. Each captain spoke of the gratitude for the support the town has shown and continues to show. All the captains were thankful to have the opportunity to play football here. This program means a lot to these players.
  - a. Town Manager Brian Howard spoke regarding, being a resident, Alumni and town manager, on the great amount of pride that he has.
  - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond gave thanks to Town Manager Howard for his support of the program. Councilor Huff-Larmond appreciates the amount of work these kids are putting in both in school and on the field. She also thanked the young men for sharing their experiences through public speaking.
  - c. Councilor O'Connell complimented the players as well as stating that they are excellent role models in the community.

#### **Public Hearings:**

1. **6:15 PM- Council Order 2025-081: National Grid Pole Petition at Thomas Patten/Mazzeo Drive**
  - a. Public hearing was opened, a brief description as well as the legal advertisement posted in the Patriot Ledger on November 28, 2025 was read into the record.
  - b. Jared from National Grid was present and stated this is a request to add a pole that will feed new EV Chargers.
  - c. Public Comments was opened. There were no comments from the public either in person or virtually. The Public Comments portion of the hearing was closed and the Council President opened the Public Hearing up to the Councilors for comments.
  - d. Council Burgess asked about the materials that will be used for the guidewires.

**Motion**: Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2025-081 as presented on the Thomas Patten Drive and Mazzeo Drive with the stipulation that there be no guidewires and that sweeps are to be made of galvanized steel or metal, seconded by Councilor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

#### **Presentations:**

1. **Presentation from EPA Re TLA- Baird McGuire**
  - a. Chris Kelly from EPA and Dorothy Allen from MassDEP joined via Zoom to give the presentation as well as answer questions.

- b. This presentation concerns the former Holbrook Chemical/Baird-McGuire site. This is a section of land on the Randolph/Holbrook line. The presentation that was given today was given to Holbrook back in October. This piece of land was previously used for a chemical mixing plant. A brief history of the land was given. The most recent event is in 2023, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) drafted an evaluation for possible options for this piece of land. The site currently looks like a nature preserve and the extraction wells have been off since 2020.
- c. The goal is to have drinking water be produced and able to be safely consumed. There are two options to obtain this goal which Councilor O'Connell and Councilor Gordon requested in writing detailing both.
- d. There will be a public information hearing held by DEP at a later date to be determined.
- e. Councilor Burgess asked if periodic testing of the water is being done? What is it being tested for? Dorothy Allen did state that testing of the ground water has been done and there were no unusual findings. She mentioned that sediments were dredged and replaced which are holding and creating a barrier. Ms. Allen said that there is no danger to wildlife or the current drinking water.
- f. Councilor Huff-Larmond says this community has been through a lot due to this property. Asking how do we convince our constituents that this water is safe? Councilor Huff-Larmond asked how we know wildlife is safe? Dorothy Allen referenced testing that has been done on fish.
- g. Councilor Huff-Larmond asks if they predict any issues with the federal funding concerns. Chris Kelly says the funding is in place until 2030.
- h. Council President Brewer asked about the opportunity to have the site be a solar farm. Dorothy Allen stated a study to have solar there was done in the 1990s.
- i. Councilor Burgess asked about PFAS in the water.
- j. Councilor Gordon wishes to have access to this site as well as testing downstream, to see the PFAS contamination levels. Hoping to help pinpoint where it is coming from.
- k. Council President advises any other questions or comments be directed to Chris Kelly and Dorothy Allen.

## **Public Comments**

Council President Alexopoulos opened public comments.

- 1. Sandy Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane, had concerns over the lighting of the parking lot near the library. Sandy states the speed limit sign is not lit up near the high school. The Council President requested the Clerk ask DPW to evaluate both concerns. Sandy informed the council that there are two Hanukkah events coming up. Lastly, she asked for an update on speed bumps.
- 2. Geurlince Semerzier, 60 Mill St. congratulated the Blue Devils and complimented the coaches for their outstanding leadership. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- 3. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street, asked about the contract coverage on the elevators in relation to Council Order 2025-87. Mr. Burke thanked North Randolph for the tree lighting event over the weekend.

**Motions, Orders, Resolutions: None**

**Proclamations: None**

**Appointments: None**

## **Motions, Orders, and Resolutions: None**

### **Town Manager's Report:**

1. The Fernandes Foundation has been a big supporter of our community programs. Town Manager Howard thanked the family for their continued support.
2. Codman Square had their ribbon cutting ceremony today. Town Manager Howard mentioned how big a resource this is and the impact this will have on the community.
  - a. Resident Sandy Cohen asked what the hours were going to be. After 3pm, Codman Square Health Center will be open to the public.
  - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond stated how great this is for Randolph.
3. Councilor Clerger asked if any fees were charged to residents at the RICC (Randolph Intergenerational Community Center).
  - a. Councilor Huff-Larmond would like to see more programs available at the RICC. Town Manager Howard says it comes down to staffing as well as the budget.

## **Old/Unfinished Business: None**

### **New Business:**

1. **Council Order 2025-088: Acceptance of Gift from Fernandes Foundation/Mary Fernandes to the Town of Randolph**
  - a. Roxanne Fernandes-Collins joined the meeting via Zoom to present a check to the Town for programs at the RICC. Ms. Collins is presenting a check for \$10,000 to be used for community programs.
  - b. Council President thanked The Fernandes Foundation for their donation.

**Motion:** Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2025-088, seconded by Councilor Burgess.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

2. **Council Order 2025-082: Authorization for Payment of Prior Year Unpaid Bills**

**Motion:** Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2025-082, seconded by Councilor Burgess.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

3. **Council Order 2025-083: Transfer of Free Cash to Opioid Settlement Fund**

**Motion:** Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2025-083, seconded by Councilor Egan.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

4. **Council Order 2025-084: Transfer of Free Cash to Stabilization Fund**

**Motion:** Councilor Huff-Larmond moved to approve Council Order 2025-084, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**5. Council Order 2025-085: Transfer of Free Cash for Repairs to Randolph Community Pool**

- a. Councilor Egan asked for a breakdown of funds for the pool repairs. Town Manager Howard mentioned the repairs mostly have to do with the temperature in the air and the water.
- b. Councilor Burgess asked if there are any other known issues at the pool? Councilor Burgess also asked if this would be bonded or free cash? The answer is free cash.
- c. Councilor Burgess expressed concerns over not having someone with plumbing and HVAC knowledge oversee this project. Council Vice President Brewer stated maybe the facilities director could help.
- d. Council Vice President Brewer asked if these HVAC units will fit into our recently voted energy reduction plan. Town Manager Howard stated they would.
- e. Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy mentioned that she has been working with our Interim Community Programs Director on the needs of the pool.
- f. Councilor Burgess would like to amend the order to have an architect create a scope of work that is needed and then come back to the Council with the recommendations for repairs. He would like no work done on site without coming back to the Council with plans.
- g. Councilor Thompson asked who the vendor was that did the work on the school pool last year? Town Manager Howard does not have this information on hand.

**Motion:** Councilor Huff-Larmond moved to approve Council Order 2025-085. This motion was seconded by Councilor Egan. Councilor Burges motioned to amend the Council Order to read as follows: “a transfer of \$25,000 from the certified General Fund free cash for design, architect, engineering work including a work plan specification and cost estimate for the Randolph Community Pool”. Councilor Huff- Larmond agreed to accept this amendment, this Council Order was voted on as amended.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**6. Council Order 2025-086: FY2026 Budget Transfer for Conservation Commission**

**Motion:** Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2025-086, seconded by Councilor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**7. Council Order 2025-087: Transfer of Free Cash for RICC Elevator**

**Motion:** Councilor Huff-Larmond moved to approve Council Order 2025-087 with the amendment[??], seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**Correspondence: None**

**Subcommittee Reports: None**

**Council Comments:**

1. Councilor Clerger is helping families with Christmas Gifts. She is taking orders on a first come first serve basis.
2. Councilor Gordon informs the council that there will be a free band concert on December 20th at Stetson Hall. Councilor Gordon shared multiple holiday events with the council.
3. Councilor Egan thanked everyone involved in the North Randolph Tree lighting over the weekend. Reminded the public that January 2nd is the inauguration. Congratulations to the Blue Devils for the superbowl win. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.
4. Councilor Burgess gave thanks to the DPW, even though they are short-handed they never let us down.
5. Councilor Brewer congratulated the Blue Devils. Thanks to everyone involved in the North Randolph Tree Lighting.
6. Councilor Huff-Larmond mentioned that the youth council will be wrapping gifts. She shared many holiday events that are upcoming. Councilor Huff-Larmond wished everyone a happy holiday.
7. Councilor O'Connell was sorry he couldn't make it to the tree lighting this past weekend. Councilor O'Connell is looking forward to the inauguration ceremony. Councilor O'Connell shared that St. Mary's will be holding a Christmas concert.
8. Councilor Thompson reminded everyone of winterONederland, which is happening on December 13th. Thanked everyone for getting through the year together.
9. Council President Alexopoulos gave thanks to all colleagues and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**Executive Session**

Council President Alexopoulos read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) relative to potential litigation strategy concerning disputes over public construction. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

**Motion:** Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter an Executive Session. Motion to enter into executive session made by Councilor Egan, seconded by Councilor Burgess.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0.

**Motion passes.**

The Council President announced that the Council would enter the Executive Session and would not be returning to the public session after the Executive Session. The public portion of the Town Council meeting concluded at 8:31 PM.

**Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Inauguration will be January 2, 2026