



## **Randolph Town Council**

### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Randolph Town Hall-Chapin Hall**

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

A. **Call to Order:** Council President Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was done.

B. **Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer was held.

C. **Announcements from the President:**

- a. There have been numerous events happening around town, congratulations to all those successful events.

D. **New Business**

a. **Council Order 2025-061 FY2026 Capital Plan**

Council Order 2025-061 is being introduced today and will need to be at a future meeting as well. Town Manager, Brian Howard shared a power point presentation that went over the capital planning requests for FY26. This list included requests from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Town Manager, Community Programs, Planning Department and Randolph Public Schools.

E. **Correspondence: None**

F. **Public Hearings**

a. **6:15 PM - Council Order 2025-044: Request for the Town Council to Amend The Town of Randolph General Ordinance, Chapter 83, Building Construction, to Adopt the Stretch Energy Code**

Building Commissioner Ronald Lum was present at the meeting for discussion of Council Order 2025-044. Building Commissioner Lum stated that the Town of Randolph currently follows this code, but officially adopting it we are eligible for grants. Lum also stated that the state is requiring this code be enforced as of June 30, 2025.

Councilor O’Connell stated that he would be in favor since it is a code we already follow, and it opens the door for grant funding.

Councilor Thompson asked how this would affect local businesses, especially those with gas stoves. Building Commissioner Lum explained that this code affects new buildings and buildings doing a major renovation. If a major remodel was being done, then they would be required to get up to code.

**Motion by Councilor O’Connell, seconded by Councilor Gordon, to approve Council Order 2025-044.**

**Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0.**

**Motion passes.**

Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy noted that there is a points system used to achieve a collection of energy efficient outcomes, so if you wanted to have a gas stove you would just need to choose other energy efficient items in the home.

Councilor Huff-Larmond asked if the public had access to the workshops regarding this topic? Yes.

Councilor Gordon requested that they be available for residents to watch on Randolph Community TV.

**b. 6:15 PM - Council Order 2025-043: 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 Section 200-5, Zoning Map, For Various Parcels as Identified Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5**

The Council President opened the Public Hearing. This is a request from the Planning Board to update our zoning. Currently there are zoning districts (Housing Authority District) created with no land attached to them. The recommendation from the Planning Board would be to eliminate these categories since there will be no effect on zoning. The next recommendation is to rename "residential multi 55+" to “residential multi” ; zoning cannot be restricted based on age. Planning Director Michelle Tyler clarified that this would have no impact on the 55+ properties or housing authority properties in town. This amendment is being recommended by the Planning Board and the ordinance subcommittee.

The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. The Public Comments portion of the hearing was closed.

Councilor O’Connell complimented and appreciates all the work Michelle Tyler has done.

**Motion by Councilor O’Connell, seconded by Councilor Gordon, to approve Council Order 2025-043.**

**Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion passes.**

Councilor Gordon requested clarification that this is just clean up on paper and will not affect Housing Authority properties, which is correct.

Councilor Huff-Larmond appreciates all the work that's been put into this.

Councilor O'Connell said that this makes it more clear for residents and businesses.

Michelle Tyler said that she would update the zoning maps online once it has been approved.

## **G. Public Comments**

- a. Sandy Cohen; 63 Bittersweet Lane, requested an update on speed bumps in town. Cohen stated that she has not heard from the council nor council clerk with an update. Cohen also gave a shout out to the Community Center which was a great resource for her after surgery.
- b. Ana Silveira, 14 Huckleberry Lane, presented to the council to see if there was anything the town could do to help with her high Eversource bills. Council President Alexopoulos asked her to give her name to Town Attorney Griffin.
- c. Chisom Nwazojie; Igbo Organization of New England, on behalf of the organization wanted to thank police, fire, Town Council, Brian Howard, Liz and her team for their support during the IGBO event. Would love to make Randolph the home location for this event in the future. Mr. Nwazojie would like to work with the town on any complaints that may have been received.
- d. Bonney Chibueze, President of Igbo Organization of New England, expressed gratitude and appreciation to those who came and experienced our culture. There are many Randolph residents in the group and we hope to make this an annual event.
- e. Roosevelt Pascal, 28 Huckleberry Lane, added to the concerns over high electricity bills, with wintertime being the highest. Council President Alexopoulos also advised this resident to leave his information with Town Attorney Griffin.
- f. A member of the Igbo Organization of New England, stated that this event still needs some improvement and with the town's help we hope to make it even better. Also gave thanks to police, fire, Councilor Clerger, and the DPW.
- g. Igbo Organization of New England, representative Edjikay, seconded what the other members of the organization have said. He mentioned seeing a lot of comments on social media about what is Igbo. This organization provides after school activities such as teaching how to play music.
- h. Guerlince Semerzier, 16 Mill St, thanked the Igbo Organization for a great community event.
- i. Dr. Josh, Igbo Organization of New England, gave thanks for Igbo Day. He advised the Council members to communicate any changes they would like to see for the next event.
- j. Igbo Organization Representative Walter thanked the Town of Randolph for what they have done for the Igbo Organization.
- k. Ricardo King, 5 Dale Circle, brought to the attention of the Council the poor lighting on his street. Also stating there are multiple overgrown trees covering the lights. Council President Alexopoulos asked this resident to give his information to Town Attorney Griffin.
- l. Sal Trifilio, 5 Lisa Rd, Glad to hear that the DPW was addressing water main breaks in the area near his house, mentioned a time over the winter when he had no water for over 24 hours.
- m. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St, concerns over voting in salaries for the council members because once it is voted in by residents, the council members can increase the salaries.

## **H. New Business (cont'd)**

### **a. Council Order 2025-062 Authorization for Payment of Prior Year Unpaid Bills**

This Council Order was introduced by Town Manager Brian Howard. These are invoices either not encumbered by departments or invoices that could not be paid due to insufficient available budget at the

end of the year. Free cash is not an option at this time and the payment for these bills will come out of the current budget.

Councilor O'Connell questioned which budgets would be affected. He was referring to the right-hand side of the council order which outlined which budgets would be impacted by the transfers.

Councilor Huff-Larmond asked if at this time we expect any more invoices for FY25. Finance Director Janine Smith believes that there will be more.

Finance Director Smith mentioned to the Council that there are budgeting tools available for departments to use to help with planning and close outs. Councilor Gordon asked if the school follows the same procedure as other Town Departments. Finance Director Smith stated that she has reached out to the school administration regarding unpaid invoices but has not heard back yet. The school would follow the same process for unpaid invoices.

Councilor O'Connell asked if this will affect the departments' ability to function as planned. Town Manager Howard does not believe this will impact or limit any spending in the departments.

**Motion to approve made by Councilor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councilor Clerger.**

**Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion passes.**

- I. Executive Session: pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(4) relative to ensuring security measures at public events. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(4) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.**

Town Attorney Griffin read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(4) relative to ensuring security measures at public events. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(4) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter an Executive Session.

**Motion to enter into executive session made by Councilor O'Connell, seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.**

**Roll Call Vote:6-0-0**

**Motion passes.**

The Council President announced that the Council would enter the Executive Session and will not return to open session after the Executive Session.

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**The Council went into Executive Session at 7:40 PM and did not come back into open session.**