



**Randolph Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:00 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 (In-Person) (arrived shortly after the meeting started), 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 in memory of Dick Cheney.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: None

Announcements from the President:

1. Congratulations to the Randolph Blue Devils High School Football Team. They will be playing in the Superbowl at Gillette Stadium on December 6th at 10AM.
2. N. Randolph Tree Lighting will be on December 6th with a time to be determined.
3. WinterONederland is an upcoming event at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center.
4. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Presentations: None

Councilor Clerger arrived in person at 6:11PM.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Randolph Amvets- Thanking Councilor Clerger for her Donation.
2. Randolph Holiday Toy Drive- Toys and gift cards will be collected at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center during business hours.
3. Xfinity Notice- Xfinity provided notice to the town informing of rate increases and a change in trouble shooting for outages in a municipal building.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Council Order 2025-080: Request for the Town Council to Adopt the Green Communities Energy Reduction Plan

Motion: Councilor Burgess moved to adopt Council Order 2025-080 as presented, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Public Hearings:

1. Council Order 2025-069: Request to initiate Amendments and Recodification to chapter 200 Randolph Zoning Ordinance

- a. The Council President opened the Public Hearing on the Council Order. The legal ad posted in the Patriot Ledger on November 5 and 12, 2025 was referenced.
- b. Planning Director Michelle Tyler was present to answer any questions from the Council. The Planning Board recommends adopting this with their recommended amendments. A written report with the recommendations was provided by the Planning Board.
- c. Ordinance Subcommittee Chair, Huff-Larmond stated that Ordinance recommends Council Order 2025-069 after discussing it at the most recent subcommittee meeting. At that meeting the recodification was broken down by sections and questions were asked and were answered. Councilor Huff-Larmond thanked the Planning Board for their dedication to the 18 month recodification process. Planning Director Tyler also mentioned that the zoning ordinance constantly changes and requires review. This is part of that ongoing process.
- d. The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing. There were no Public Comments. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2025-069, with all amendments recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2025-070: A request for the Town Council to Amend the Zoning Map for parcels on Stackpole Ave and Oak Street

- a. The Council President opened the Public Hearing on the Council Order. The legal ad posted in the Patriot Ledger on November 5 and 12, 2025 was referenced. This is a zoning amendment request for a parcel that is currently zoned residential medium density to change it to residential high density. The properties surrounding this property are zoned residential high density.
- b. Councilor Huff-Larmond stated that this was recommended by the Ordinance subcommittee.
- c. Councilor Gordon asked about the intentions of the property owner as well as the exit from the property near North Street. Planning Director Tyler stated that was a proposed exit if that portion of the property is constructed.
- d. The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing. There were no Public Comments. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2025-070, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

3. Council Order 2025-077: 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 the Zoning Map, Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5. on Liberty Street

- a. The Council President opened the Public hearing on the Council Order. The legal ad posted in the Patriot Ledger on November 5 and 12, 2025 was referenced. This is a zoning amendment request for a parcel that is currently zoned residential medium density to change it to residential high density. The properties surrounding this property are zoned residential high density.
- b. Councilor Huff-Larmond stated that this was recommended by the Ordinance subcommittee.
- c. The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing.
- d. Joe Burke, 54 Hill Street, asked if the lot had wetlands.
- e. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2025-077, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

4. Council Order 2025-076: Amendment to the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph To Add Section 140-10 Concerning Engaging in Illegal Activity While Masked

- a. The Council President opened the Public Hearing on the Council Order. The legal ad posted in the Patriot Ledger on November 11, 2025 was referenced. This Order was reviewed by the police chief and a written letter of support was read for the record.
- b. The public safety subcommittee recommended adopting this Council Order.
- c. Councilor Clerger emphasized that this is an added charge; you have to commit a crime with the intent to hide your identity in order to violate this Ordinance, not just be in public and wearing a mask.
- d. The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing.
- e. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St, asked if this was a state or town policy. It would be a town ordinance. Town Attorney Christine Griffin did mention that one of the state representatives is working on a similar statute at the state level. If the state was to create one, it would overrule the town's.
- f. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.
- g. The Council President invited deliberation from the Council.
- h. Councilor Thompson does not support this, saying there is too much discretion.
- i. Councilor Huff-Larmond has conflicting thoughts on this after speaking to both residents and police officers.

Motion: Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2025-076, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Nay: Thompson)

Motion passes.

Public Comments/Discussions:

1. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St; asked who owns the Tower Hill School and what the use of the building is? These questions were asked with regard to the energy plan updates mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Proclamations: None

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders and Resolutions: None

Town Managers Report:

1. Councilor Clerger asked Town Manager Howard about the operation of the light at 785 North Main St. Councilor Burgess mentioned that some light bulbs are on backorder. He also said that the light poles have a number on them which can be used to report an outage on “See, Click, Fix”.

New Business:

1. Discussion on Budget Schedule for FY27

- a. Town Attorney Griffin gave a brief overview of why this is being brought up, stating that this is a Councilor request as well as in our charter guidelines. This will create a budget schedule for meetings to discuss the future budget.
- b. Councilor Egan wants to follow the Charter more closely and gain an understanding of the internal process and the state's budget process. He would like to form a committee to gather information and help create a schedule that gives us the most time to create a budget.
- c. Councilor Huff-Larmond agrees that we need a process. Thanked Councilor Gordon for bringing this to our attention. Councilor Huff-Larmond believes this will help to bring the town and school department together.
- d. Councilor Gordon has been persistently pushing this. Councilor Gordon would like to propose a joint meeting with the School Committee in December. Meeting in December would allow us to meet the 4 suggested joint meetings in our charter.
- e. Councilor Burgess agrees that it would be good to have checks and balances as well as set expectations. Councilor Burgess hopes that these meetings stick to the budget topics.
- f. Councilor O’Connell said the new school finance director has jumped right in and is already working on some previous issues such as “my school bucks” and the EV charging revenue. Councilor O’Connell believes there will be a positive outcome this budget season. Councilor O’Connell does not recommend having a joint meeting next month since there are a few new people on the school committee and the staff. He believes that we should wait until they are settled into their roles.
- g. Councilor Burgess says we are not behind in the budget planning yet. Town Attorney Griffin went over the budget timeline that the town has, which states that the school should have their budget to the town manager by January 1st.

Motion: Councilor Burgess moved to implement Councilor Egan’s suggestion of a committee appointed by the President to review the budget schedule for FY 2027 and to report back to the Council within 30 days from now, notwithstanding any rules about this Council Session ending on December 31st, and to suspend any Council rules or regulations to the contrary. This motion was seconded by Councilor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Nay: Thompson)

Motion passes.

2. Discussion on 2026 Night Before the 4th Parade

- a. Councilor Burgess started the discussion by saying this is a traditional and cherished event that has been going on for a while. Councilor Burgess does see that there is an impact when it comes to fireworks. Councilor Burgess believes we should involve the residents as well in this discussion on timing of the parade.
- b. Councilor Clerger says the demographic has changed and we need to appeal to everyone. Councilor Clerger does not believe that the parade itself is the problem. Councilor Clerger enjoys the fireworks and would like to see them stay.
- c. Councilor Huff-Larmond truly enjoys the parade and doing it with the youth council. Councilor Huff-Larmond does understand the need for the conversation over safety for both residents and police. She suggests slowing down the parade and then bringing it back up after a few years.
- d. Councilor Brewer acknowledges the safety issues that are present during the fireworks. Councilor Brewer supports the parade but cannot support the fireworks. Councilor Brewer reminded the council of a fire that happened in the field at one point related to the fireworks.
- e. Councilor O'Connell is not in support of the fireworks but does not want to see the parade go away.
- f. Councilor Gordon does not want to interrupt the trend but suggests a family event after the parade that ends at dark.
- g. Councilor Thompson likes the parade and fireworks but sees the challenges. Wants the council to think about other locations to have these events. Councilor Thompson suggests other events following the parade such as a car show or stage for performances and band playing.
- h. Council President Alexopoulos recommended the idea of having a parade, then a community picnic with the bands playing. This would be extended into sunset. This allows the community to come together, and we can invite vendors. President Alexopoulos believes this will create unity and community engagement.
- i. Councilor O'Connell likes the ideas that are coming from the councilors, thinks they all agree on the vision of the parade.
- j. Councilor Egan says no one wants to get rid of the tradition of the parade but we need to consider the public safety concerns. He would like to see a group formed consisting of the Town Manager, Council President, residents and business owners to collaborate in planning the event.

Motion: Councilor Egan moved to have the Town Council President work with the Town Manager to create a working group to assess the operations for the Night Before the 4th Parade event to include some members of the town council and to make a recommendation to the Council about the proposed event by the 1st business meeting in January 2026 after the inauguration. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

1. Councilor Burgess mentioned that, under the Council Rules and Roberts Rules, anything that has no action taken during this calendar year will not carry over into the new year. The Council Clerk has been asked to inform the Council President on all outstanding matters.
2. Councilor O'Connell spoke on the recent tour of Randolph High School with some School Committee members. Council Thompson was present for this walkthrough as well. Councilor O'Connell and Councilor Thompson believe there is a lack of maintenance being done within the school buildings. Councilor O'Connell would like to have another walk through with the new school facilities staff and school committee members at a later date.

3. Councilor Burgess is requesting the council order where money was appropriated for the locker rooms. This request will be given to the Finance Director.
4. Councilor O'Connell would like to have the safety and maintenance of the building kept better.

Open Council Comments:

1. Councilor Thompson gave a shot out to everyone who attended the 5K for the food pantry.
2. Councilor O'Connell thanked everyone who brought food for the food collection done last Saturday. Councilor O'Connell gave thanks to both Michelle Tyler and Janine Smith for coming in on their day off to help sort the food and deliver it to the pantry. He also thanked Representative Richard Wells, police, fire and the DPW.
3. Councilor Huff-Larmond mentioned Randolph Youth Council held a food drive and thanked Michelle Tyler for helping deliver the food to the food pantry. December 6 a zoom meditation will be held, reach out to Councilor Huff-Larmond for more information on how to attend. The church, Spring of Water, is collecting food and clothing for the residents of Jamaica. These items can be dropped off at 374 North Main St, Randolph. Councilor Huff-Larmond has offered to pick up some items as well. Happy Thanksgiving to all.
4. Councilor Brewer thanked Kevin O'Connell, the police and Brian Howard for their assistance with the food drive. Congrats to the Blue Devils for making it to the super bowl.
5. Councilor Burgess stated Police Lieutenant LeGrice retired this week. He was a great leader and will be missed.
6. Councilor Egan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and congratulated the Blue Devils.
7. Councilor Gordon is thrilled that the Council spoke on budget scheduling. Councilor Gordon is going to be working to clean and open town parks. Sunday December 14th, there will be a Hanukkah event with a time to be determined. Sunday December 20th at Stetson Hall there will be a free band concert.
8. Councilor Clerger is happy with tonight's meeting stating it felt like a team based conversation. Thanked the voters for reelection. Councilor Clerger would like to view the school committee as a resident and another extension of town council. Thanks to Senator Driscoll for the donation of turkeys. Senator Wells was given thanks by Councilor Clerger as well for being responsive to her inquiries.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clerger, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

The Town Council meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.