

Council Order: 2025-065

Introduced By: Town Council President Alexopoulos

Date: September 8, 2025

**Approval to Place Question on Fall 2025 Town Election Ballot
Concerning Various Updates to the Randolph Town Charter**

The Town Council of the Town of Randolph, with the approval of the Town Manager, hereby approves the placement of the following question on the ballot for submission to the voters of the Town of Randolph at the fall 2025 regular Town municipal election to be held on November 4, 2025, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 54, section 42C and any other applicable law, as said question may be formatted or edited by the Town Clerk to comply with any applicable election or ballot requirements:

BALLOT QUESTION:

Question 1: Shall the town amend the town charter to provide that elected town council members and school committee members may be compensated in an amount to be provided by ordinance, to clarify the rules for voting on town council measures when one councilor objects to the measure, and to clarify the notice requirements for special meetings of the town council and other multiple-member town boards?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY:

The Randolph Town Council has petitioned the State legislature, via home rule, to make several clarifying updates to the Randolph Town Charter. These updates will not take effect without approval by the State Legislature, signature by the Governor, and approval by the voters of the Town of Randolph via this ballot question. The proposed updates to the Randolph Town Charter are as follows: First, to provide that elected members of the Randolph Town Council and the Randolph School Committee may receive a salary in an amount to be provided by Ordinance. Currently, those board members serve without any compensation. Second, to clarify the rules governing Town Council votes when a single member objects to the taking of a vote. Currently, it is not clear when such an objection may be made. The updated language would clarify that such an objection may be made the first time a measure is presented for a vote. Finally, to clarify the requirements for calling a special meeting of the Town Council and other Town multiple-member boards. The current language is not clear about what type of notice is required. The updated language would clarify that such a meeting may be held upon the call of the chair or upon the call of 1/3 of the members of the board. When a special meeting is called by 1/3 of the members of the board, in-hand notice or notice to the home of each individual board member is required.