



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Chapin Hall, Randolph Town Hall

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

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A. Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Alexoupolos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilor Thompson.

B. Moment of Silent Prayer

Silent prayer was held in memory of Lieutenant Jeffrey Chaplin, today marking the third anniversary of his passing.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 at 1PM.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 at 1pm by Councilor Egan, Seconded by Councilor Clerger.

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Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 at 1:15PM.

**Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 at 1:15pm by Councilor Egan,
Seconded by Councilor Clerger.**

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

D. Announcements from the President

Council President Alexopoulos welcomed Police Chief Marag and asked Chief Marag to give a briefing on the street takeover event from over the weekend.

Chief Marag stated that this matter is under investigation. We are looking at cruiser footage and other local camera footage. This incident seems to be connected to the incident in Boston as well as Dedham and potentially other communities. These events do seem to be escalating, which is creating safety issues for Officers and the public. This event is not specific to Randolph. It is happening around the state and the country. We are working to address this issue.

E. Presentations- None

F. Public Hearings

1. Council Order 2025-072: Amendment of Chapter 176 of the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph Concerning Vehicles, Junk and Unregistered.

The Council President opened the Public Hearing on Council Order 2025-072: Amendment of Chapter 176 of the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph Concerning Vehicles, Junk and Unregistered.

Council Order 2025-072 was introduced during the previous Town Council Meeting. It is scheduled for a public hearing and is available for a vote tonight. Town Attorney Griffin noted that this public hearing had been advertised in the newspaper. Council Order: 2025-0072 is an amendment to the Town of Randolph General Ordinances. Council President Alexopoulos opened the public hearing and opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Joe Burke, 54 Hill St; isn't this already an ordinance with one car allowed? Councilor Burgess stated that this amendment cleans up the definition of junk and inoperable vehicles making it more enforceable. Mr. Burke then asked about cars being worked on that are waiting for parts. Council President Alexopoulos stated that the enforcement agency and code enforcement will

have discretion over different scenarios, for example a vehicle waiting for parts. Councilor Burgess stated that, generally, this would be enforced when the car has sat for a substantial amount of time, when there is grass growing over the vehicle, rodents or neighbor complaints. Mr. Burke then asked for clarification that vehicles inside a structure are allowed, which was confirmed by Councilor Burgess.

Guerlince Semerzier, 60 Mill St; what is the time frame residents will have before they start to get tickets?

Assistant Town Manager, Monica Lamboy, gave a brief overview of these amendments. Currently the ordinance is “unregistered”. Now this will add “inoperable”. The expansion of this definition gives the code enforcement officer a clearer meaning, which will help with enforcement. The owners will be notified by sticker on the windshield, mailings to both property owner and registered owner of the vehicle. The Town would be able to use civil penalties in the amount of \$50 dollars per day after the notice.

There were no further public comments from the audience. The public comments portion of the public hearing was closed. The discussion was opened up to the Council.

Councilor Thompson asked about how these larger complexes will handle this ordinance? An example he provided was a vehicle with a flat tire, which would classify as inoperable. Councilor Burgess stated that there is a hearings officer who can talk to residents about their individual situation. Assistant Town Manager Lamboy clarified that it says “lack of tire” versus just a flat tire.

Councilor Huff-Larmond asked, since this has not gone to the Public Safety Subcommittee, should we wait to vote on it? Councilor Burgess said that this is an amendment to an existing Ordinance. Councilor Burgess does not think that their approach to the Ordinance would be changed during a Subcommittee meeting.

Councilor Gordon asked if there was a distinction between home addresses and businesses and garages with kept vehicles. Councilor Burgess replied that those with junk licenses or class two licenses would be an exception (section 176-2A of the proposed Ordinance retains the exception for licensed businesses).

Councilor Huff-Larmond clarified that the “72 hours” is not new language.

Councilor O’Connell asked how it is determined that a vehicle is a junk vehicle? What about people who are fixing up antique vehicles slowly over time? Councilor Burgess responded that the hearing officer is available for residents to explain their scenario to.

Town Manager Brian Howard said that these enforcement officers are not going out just looking for individual junk vehicles. Usually the junk vehicles are part of a larger effort on a property

that needs a clean up. This is strictly to help clean up the definitions in the Ordinance, if we need to handle a situation regarding junk or inoperable vehicles.

Councilor Burgess gave an example of a father and son working together on a vehicle to fix it up. This person was spoken to and a corrective plan was put in place, which included moving the vehicle to the side yard.

Councilor Clerger stated that, since this can not be a one-size-fits-all, what about an apartment complex that has multiple junk vehicles? How would that be handled? Councilor Burgess said that we will look at everything as it comes to us as to what the best plan of action is.

Councilor Egan thanked the Assistant Town Manager and Town Manager for bringing this up. While he is in favor of property rights, we do need to keep our neighborhoods clean. Councilor Egan wanted to clarify that the Police Department is the one in charge of enforcement. Is that correct? Town Manager Howard stated that the Police Department would be in charge of the enforcement and that this language change helps with enforcement and allows code enforcement to participate. Assistant Town Manager Lamboy stated that unregistered vehicles would go through the Police Department because they can check registration status. Councilor Egan then asked about the appointed municipal hearing officer who would hear any appeals under this Ordinance. Councilor Burgess said that the Town Manager would oversee the municipal hearing officer, and that that would also be a municipal employee. If action needed to be taken further than the municipal hearing officer, it would then go to court. Town Attorney Christine Griffin said that the civil enforcement process would be followed for civil violations under the new Ordinance.

Councilor Huff-Larmond asked about cars located in backyards. Assistant Town Manager Lamboy said that the policy allows one vehicle in the open air. That would include driveways, front yards and backyards. Councilor Burgess stated that boats and RVs would fall under the side yard set back for off season use and not under this order.

Councilor Brewer thinks that this order will help give the enforcement guidelines needed for the Town to bring some of these situations to resolution.

Councilor Thompson asked if motorcycles, jetskis, motorized bicycles, other motorized vehicles are covered by the Ordinance. The response from Assistant Town Manager Lamboy was that it covers any vehicle with a motor. Town Attorney Griffin said that the Town would follow the definition of a motor vehicle used under the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Motion to Call the Question was made by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1 (Abstention: O'Connell)

Motion passes.

Motion by Councilor Burgess, seconded by Councilor Brewer, to approve Council Order 2025-072 as printed.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1 (Abstention: O’Connell)

Motion passes.

G. Public Comments/Discussions

Public comments shall only be provided in person and shall not be provided remotely.

Henry Lee, 120 Liberty St; brought two issues to the Council. The first requesting to rezone the Lyons School property to medium density. Certified letter sent May 2024 asking to follow up on this. According to Mr. Lee, portions of the school property were taken by eminent domain to be used for the school, and were never used. Mr. Lee’s second concern is regarding the road in the area of the Lyons School (not Lee Farm Rd). Mr. Lee referenced M.G.L. part 1, Title 7, Ch. 41, s81L; which defines a public roadway. He is requesting a letter from the Town Clerk about the status of this road. Mr. Lee says roughly 200 vehicles a day are using this road repetitively.

Councilor Burgess stepped out of the meeting.

Guerlince Semerzier, 16 Mill St; thanked Randolph Police for the way they handled this weekend's street takeover. He is proud of the way the involved officers handled this.

H. Proclamations- None

I. Appointments-None

J. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions- None

K. Town Manager’s Report

1. Request to appoint Ronnie Bevis to the Disability Commission.

The Town Manager asked the Town Council to ratify his appointment of Ronnie Bevis to the Disability Commission. He spoke about her qualifications. She has expertise in special education and would be a great addition.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ronnie Bevis to the Disability Commission made by Councilor Egan and seconded by Councilor O’Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Councillor Burgess stepped back into the meeting.

2. MassDOT Pilot Program on Rt. 28.

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The Town Manager provided information on the MassDot Pilot Program in Milton on Rt. 28. This is a new procedure which combines two lanes into one lane and adds a turn lane. Councilor Gordon asked if residents would be able to give feedback on the project; The project email is Milton-route28@dot.state.ma.us. There is also additional information on the Mass.gov web page along with the Town of Milton's website.

L. Old/Unfinished Business- None

M. New Business

1. Council Order 2025-075: Prior Year Unpaid Bills.

Town Manager Howard introduced this Order, which concerns two outstanding bills that were not paid during the close out of FY25. This Order includes two bills that were issued to the Tri Board; one for KP Law, P.C. and one for Environmental Partners Group, LLC. KP Law's invoice was in the amount of \$1,437.76 for work done relating to permitting at the reservoir and new treatment plant. The Environmental Partners' invoice related to creating a water report, as well as collecting and testing the water quality and providing mailings with water information for residents. Environmental Partners's invoice totaled \$7,975.00.

Councilor Egan moved to approve Council Order 2025-075, seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motions passes.

2. Town Attorney Contract for FY26-FY28.

A brief contract overview was given by Council President Alexopoulos and Councilor Egan. The subcommittee met and is recommending this contract. Changes were made to align the contract with language in the Town Manager's contract. These changes include the dates of the contract, allowing a 50% pay out of sick time upon separation from employment with the Town, and language for deferred compensation. This is a three year contract and includes updated compensation amounts for each year. Councilor Burgess asked for additional information concerning the deferred compensation language. A discussion about that language took place. Councilor Thompson asked about the change in total sick bank time to 80 days. This change was made because it says 30 days in one place and 80 days elsewhere in the contract. This change is to match the rest of the contract. Time being used out of sick bank time, as opposed to regular sick time, requires notification to the Council President.

Motion to approve the Town Attorney contract for FY26-FY28, as presented, made by Council Egan and seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

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Motions passes.

Three copies of the contact were circulated for the Council members to sign.

N. Correspondence- No Correspondence for the Council

O. Committee Reports

1. Councilor Huff-Larmond requested to schedule an Ordinance Subcommittee meeting on 10/20/2025 at 5pm.
2. Councilor Clerger would like to have a meeting with the Public Safety Subcommittee around the street takeover on Saturday night. Councilor Burgess recommends that we wait until Chief Marag gets further into the investigation. Councilor Burgess went on record stating that this will not be tolerated in Town.
3. Councilor Burgess stated that the Public Safety Subcommittee will be working out the criteria for the traffic calming measures, including speed bumps.
4. Councilor O'Connell mentioned that residents are emailing him about not wanting speed bumps on Woodlawn and they do not want them back. Councilor O'Connell also updated the Council regarding the School Committee. He said that last Thursday they interviewed for the School Finance Director position at the School Committee Meeting and a motion was made to move forward with a candidate. He also brought up concerns about the locker rooms for female students at the Schools. Councilor O'Connell stated that the condition of the locker rooms are worse than we think. Councilor Brewer requested a tour of the facility. Councilor Burgess stated that a school employee sent an email saying that they were not that bad. Councilor O'Connell suggested that the Town Council and School Committee met jointly. Councilor Brewer and Councilor Burgess would like to plan such a meeting after the tour.

P. Open Council Comments

1. Councilor Thompson has a friend, Kay Scarpone, who will be publicly speaking at an event called Mobilized Recovery at Georgetown University where they talk about addiction and recovery. It will be available to watch online.
2. Councilor O'Connell thanked the Fire Department and Fire Chief for the open house, it was a great turnout.
3. Councilor Huff-Larmond informed the Town that Randolph youth council are meeting again with the start of the school year. If you are a high school student and interested in community service within the town, reach out to Councilor Katrina Huff-Larmond. November 21st there will be a multicultural event at the schools.

4. With regard to the street takeover, Councilor Brewer fully supports the Police Department with bringing this group to justice. Pack the Pantry is hosting a 5k run/walk on Saturday, November 1st at 10am. This fundraiser encourages supporters to bring non-perishable food for the food pantry.
5. Councilor Burgess is requesting the community's support with donating to a local teacher who lost everything in a house fire. He mentioned that she is in need of toiletries, size 7/8 clothing for her son, size 6/7 clothes for her daughter, children's size 2 shoes for both children, and basic items such as blankets. There will be a donation bin at Donovan Elementary School.
6. Councilor Egan congratulated Town Attorney Griffin on the renewal of her contract and thanked her for all the assistance she provides. He also thanked the Randolph Police Department for their swift and professional response to the events of this past weekend.
7. Councilor Gordon would like to follow the language in the Charter about the budget and about meetings with the School Committee. He would like to submit an Order which calls for more meetings jointly with the School Committee to aid in budget disagreements. Councilor Burgess asked if the meetings should be working sessions or public meetings? Councilor Gordon believes the public input would be more beneficial. Town Attorney Griffin mentioned that there is a tentative meeting in November. Councilor Gordon said that there is a public rally on 10/18 called "No Kings Two" from 11am-1pm at Stetson Hall.
8. Councilor Clerger stated that she wanted to clarify some of her statements from the last meeting on September 29, which is that Councilors work 24/7. These duties go beyond the meetings. She also stated that if the Councilors are going to be paid based on in-person attendance then the School Committee members would not qualify to be paid under that rule. Councilor Clerger gave a shout out to Town Manager Brian Howard. She is also continuing to work to be able to distribute food to those who need it. Call or text 857-249-0916 with your address and preference. Councilor Clerger then thanked the Randolph Police Department for their bravery, strength and keeping us safe.
9. Councilor Alexopoulos thanked the Police Chief for giving the Council a briefing on the street takeover situation at the last minute. He thanked the men and women of the Randolph Police Department and said that we appreciate you and your selflessness. It's not an easy job and thank you. He also noted that Randolph High The School Blue Devils won and they are now 4-0.

Q. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilor Clerger and seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

Notification of Upcoming Town Council Meeting Dates

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November 24

December 8