



Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

The public is invited to attend this meeting remotely only, via phone or computer. In order to maintain safe social distancing guidelines, no physical presence will be allowed at this time. The Town website will be updated on the day of the meeting with the phone and computer access instructions.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Council President W. Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos, William Alexopoulos, James Burgess, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Kenrick Clifton, Jesse Gordon and Katrina Huff-Larmond

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Gordon.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Public Comments

1. Sandy Cohe, 63 Bittersweet Lane: There has been signage around Town relating to filmmaking and I'm wondering if anyone can enlighten me on whether or not the Town is being used for upcoming films that will be released and if the Town collects any revenue. Town Manager Howard: We collect revenue if Town facilities are being used, or if any parking spaces are being rented.
2. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: 1. Is the transfer of funds from the Community Programs department going to result in losing staff? Town Manager Howard: No.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

1. 2022-017 Approving Borrowing for Street Paving, Construction and Maintenance in FY22

Council President Alexopolos read Council Order 2022-017. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Councillor Burgess asked questions concerning accepted and unaccepted streets within the Town. Additional discussion was held concerning the need for sidewalks on certain streets and how that determination will be made for future road re-paving.

Councillor Gordon asked questions concerning the total amount of funds being allotted towards road repairs and the source of those funds.

This Council Order requires being on two meetings and a public hearing before it is acted on so it will be advertised and continued to the Town Council meeting on April 25, 2024.

2. 2022-018 Capital Plan for FY23

Council President Alexopolos read Council Order 2022-018. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order and provided additional information regarding each of the projects being requested.

Councillor Gordon asked questions about the functionality of the Litter Collection Vehicle being requested by the Department of Public Works and how this borrowing affects the Town's bond rating.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos asked about the type of Commercial Enforcement Vehicle that is being requested by the Police Department and its functionality.

Councillor Burgess asked about the Town vehicles no longer in use and what is done with them when they have been replaced. Town Manager Howard explained that some of the vehicles are kept for pieces for future repairs of other vehicles, and some go out to auction. Town Attorney Griffin provided additional context regarding this process.

Councillor Clifton asked about the upgrades being done to the ice arena. Town Manager Howard: The short answer is yes, I think these upgrades will get us through the next few years.

This Council Order requires being on two meetings and a public hearing before it is acted on so it will be advertised and continued to a future Town Council meeting.

3. 2022-019 Amendments to the Traffic Rules and Regulations of the Town of Randolph

Council President Alexopolos read Council Order 2022-019. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

A discussion of the Council was held concerning the location of the flashing stop sign and guard rail at the intersection of Cross and Grove Streets.

This Council Order requires being on two meetings and a public hearing before it is acted on so it has been advertised and continued to a future Town Council meeting.

4. 2022-020 Transfer of Randolph Community Programs Salary Budget To Expenses Budget

Council President Alexopolos read Council Order 2022-020. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-020 made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

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

Motion passes.

Town Manager's Report

1. Town Manager Howard recommends Mr. Tom Fisher to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee. He has been a very active community member over the years in various ways.

Motion to ratify the appointment of Tomy Fisher to the Community Preservation Committee made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

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

2. There was a recent Spelling Bee that took place recently, funded by a donation of the Paul Fernandez Foundation. It was so much fun, all age groups participated, and I'm sure this will be the first of many.
3. Medical Waste Collection is taking place Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM to 12 PM at Town Hall.
4. The Annual Town Clean-up is back this year. It's taking place on April 23, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You can register on the Town's main page and all needed items will be provided.
5. Yard waste clean-up sessions are coming up. The first one is Saturday April 16, 2022. Please make sure you have your yard waste outside by 7:00 AM.
6. Unidirectional flushing started back up a month ago. Please look at the website for information on whether or not your street will be impacted.
7. Councillor Burgess raised a question concerning a policy or procedure for resident quality of life issues, concerns or complaints and whom they should contact for resolution.
8. Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the potential opportunity to involve the youth in filmmakers coming into Town and renting Town space.

Committee Reports

1. Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee: Councillor Gordon provided an update. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Open Council Comments

1. Councillor Gordon: I'd like to commend the Town for the Annual cleanup which I've attended for several years. On April 23, 2024, we're doing a Blue Hills Reservation trail maintenance and cleaning up the trails in the area. We will be meeting at the Donovan School at 9:00 AM.
2. Councillor Clifton: Congratulations to a Donovan teacher for her remarkable accomplishment on winning the award as Milken Teacher of the Year. I'm also very happy that through the collaboration of the school department and the Town, we were able to obtain the funds for the School-Based Health Center.
3. Councillor Brewer: This week is the last chance to enter into the Library's Poetry contest. Submit your work by April 15 online at the Turner Free Library website. There are lots of programs available for kids during school vacation week. You can register for these programs by also going online.
4. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Congratulations to those involved in the Spelling Bee and to the winners! It was an amazing event with a great turnout. Congresswoman Pressley was here visiting Town recently and I just want to again thank her for her assistance in getting us to the funds to build the School-Based Health Center.
5. Councillor C. Alexopoulos: I had the privilege of attending the 14th recruit for the Randolph Police Department. Three new officers are joining the department and I wish them the best of luck and I hope that they have a long successful career.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.
 Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Egan)
 Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM