



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Councillor Gordon was present at the virtual meeting; however, he formally requested that the meeting minutes reflect his departure prior to the official start of the meeting, in order to avoid participation in the Council's quorum. He also expressed concern that scheduling Town Council meetings during the workday limits public accessibility.

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

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Ryan Egan, Brandon Thompson.

New Business:

- 1. Council Order 2025-052: ADOPTION OF LOCAL OPTION STATUTE M.G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22J PROVIDING CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS TO CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS**
- 2. Council Order 2025-054: ADOPTION OF LOCAL OPTION STATUTE M.G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22I PROVIDING CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS TO CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS**

The HERO Act (Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans), is a piece of recently passed state legislation that adds two new local options that increase certain veteran exemption amounts and changes how to determine eligibility for the motor vehicle exemption for a veteran with a 100% disability rating or is unemployable due to their service-connected disability. Section 23 of the Act adds two new veteran property tax exemption clauses, Clauses 22I and 22J, to General Laws, c.59, §5, which is the statute that establishes local property tax exemptions for individuals and organizations. Additionally, Section 24 changes how eligibility for the motor vehicle exemption for a veteran with a service-connected disability is established under G.L. c. 60A, § 1.

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-052 and Council Order 2025-054 and was accompanied by Town Assessor Janet Teal to provide additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Orders. Town Assessor Janet Teal gave an in-depth presentation on both Council Orders.

Councillor O'Connell joined the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Motion to approve take joint action on 2025-052 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Gordon, Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-052 and Council Order 2025-054 as presented made by Councillor Clerger and seconded by Councillor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Gordon, Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

Councillor Clerger was very disappointed by Councillor Gordon's expression to not participate in this meeting where a vote was taken to support veterans.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0 (Absent: Burgess, Egan, Huff-Larmond, Thompson)

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM.