



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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), Ryan Egan (Via Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person).

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Susan Epstein.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on February 10, 2025 made by Councillor O’Connell, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President

1. A Proclamation was presented to Anthony “BIG U-HALL” Hall in recognition of his dedication, perseverance and hard work as he takes a monumental step towards his future by making his college commitment to the University of North Carolina. We celebrate his achievements both on and off the football field and wish him continued growth, fulfillment and, and the realization of all of your dreams.

Public Comments:

1. Frank Valente, of 12 Michelle Lane, requested improved snow plowing on his street and requested that his street get repaved.
2. Sandy Cohen, of 63 Bittersweet Lane, spoke in support of the Welcoming City Resolution.
3. Tina Fagen, spoke in support of the Pappas Rehabilitation Center, and encouraged the Town Council Members to reach out to State officials to reverse their decision of closing down the Pappas Center.
4. Bryan White, of the Randolph Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition, spoke in support of the Welcoming City Resolution.
5. Geurlince Semezler, of 60 Mill Street, spoke in support of the Welcoming City Resolution.

Councillor Burgess announced that the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting will be meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025 to discuss the Resolution that was spoken about during public comments.

Town Manager's Report:

1. There will be another Real Estate Tax Exemption Workshop. Check out the Town's website for more details.
2. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Thank you Town Manager Howard for your email to the DEI Coalition. We look forward to your collaboration.

New Business

- 1. Council Order 2025-006: 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 Concerning Watershed and Wetland Protection Overlay Districts Pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968**

Town Planner Michelle Tyler introduced Council Order 2025-006 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Councillor Burgess expressed concern regarding the residents' opportunities to appeal the floodmaps established by the State.

Councillor Brewer asked if Mary Lee Brook was marked as a flood zone.

Motion to refer to Planning Board and Ordinance Subcommittee made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

- 2. Council Order 2025-007 Transfer of Ambulance Receipts to Support Purchase of New Pumper**

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-007 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Council President Alexopoulos: How old is the current pumper? Fire Chief of Operations Paul Frew: It was purchased in 2009.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-007 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent during vote: Clerger)

Motion passes.

- 3. Council Order 2025-008: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings to the Joint Water Board**

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-008 and was accompanied by the Town Accountant/Finance Director to provide additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-008 as presented made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent during vote: Clerger)

Motion passes.

4. 4. Council Order 2025-009: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to Various FY2025 Town Budgets

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-009 and was accompanied by the Town Accountant/Finance Director to provide additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-009 as presented made by Councillor , seconded by Councillor .

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Councillor Burgess reported on the Public Safety Subcommittee. There will be a meeting Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5 PM in Chapin Hall. To Councillor Huff-Larmond and Councillor Gordon: If there are individuals I don't know of that you want to make sure are invited, let me know.
2. Councillor Gordon: The Master Plan Implementation Committee MPIC met

Council Comments:

1. Councillor Thompson: Michelle Lane isn't too far from me. I live near there and walk that road pretty regularly. I noticed plowing was needed there so I brought it up to Brian and it was fixed pretty quickly.
2. Councillor O'Connell: I support Tina Fagen's comments regarding the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children. Reach out to your local representatives and email the governor to try to get her to reverse her decision. It would make it harder for the hospitals near us if that facility closes down.
3. Councillor Huff-Larmond: I'm interested in learning more from Tina Fagan on her position regarding the closing of the Pappas Center. 2. Thank you to Town Manager Howard who personally addressed a concern I raised to him about a resident who had ice in front of their home and could not get out. I appreciate it. 3. Randolph Youth Council will have a mental health forum in May for mental month. They will hopefully be in partnership with HEY Randolph. 4. Randolph's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition hosts English classes and we have noticed attendance is also dropping. My hope is that sooner than later the resolution will be passed. I don't know why it's going to the public safety subcommittee in the first place.
4. Councillor Brewer: I also support the Pappas Center. I think some investments definitely need to be made to improve it. 2. I'm disappointed in how the sidewalks ended up because of the last snowstorm. We have to do better.
5. Councillor Burgess: 1. Christine, how do we know bank books are being maintained? 2. I read your response to the email on the report. I would like both reports. I think it's important as the employer to have the complaint.

6. Councillor Gordon: 1. The Pappas Medical Center is on Randolph Ave in Canton. This process of keeping the medical center open is not just about this one, it's about a lot of hospitals. William Galvin is the State Representative for that area in Canton, or you can contact Randolph's representatives. 2. In response to Mr. Semezier and Ms. Cohen's Resolution, you can hear the final pieces on the Randolph Democratic Town Committee's website. 3. The Bridgewater Town Council is considering the same resolution for the same purpose. It had a lot of discussion. In Bridgewater it got heard on first pass and even got on the radio. 4. I hope to bring up at the next Avon Town Meeting the issue of us having too weak of a law on blasting. This is a classic environmental justice issue.
7. Councillor Clerger: Thank you to my colleagues who are paying attention to the Haitian community. Times are difficult for all immigrants and newly documented immigrants.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Brewer.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent During Vote: Egan)
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.