

Resolution: 2026-010

**Introduced by: Councilor Gordon
July 13, 2026**

Resolution for July Third Parade Commission

WHEREAS, the July 3rd parade and fireworks have been a long-standing and beloved tradition in Randolph; and

WHEREAS; the July 3rd parade and fireworks were temporarily converted in 2026 to a daytime July 11 celebration without a parade and without fireworks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Randolph Town Council supports the creation of a “July 3rd Commission” as follows:

- The Town Manager or a designee shall appoint a minimum of 5 Randolph residents who have submitted applications by Sept. 3rd 2026; and shall fill vacancies by Sept 3rd of subsequent years;
- Those appointees shall elect a chair and will decide among themselves fulfilling the required meetings and submissions below
- The Town Council shall appoint one Town Councilor as liaison and observer, but that Councilor shall not have a vote on Commission decisions;
- The Town Manager shall appoint one representative for recreation/RICC; one representative for police/security; and one representative for DPW.
- The Commission shall meet on or before October 3rd, and shall decide at that time their subsequent meeting schedule;
- The Commission shall set up meetings with the police chief, the DPW Director, the RICC Director, and other Town staff as they warrant necessary, to gather information about the July 3rd event and necessities required, with an opportunity for public input and Q&A at each meeting;
- The Commission shall decide what activities shall occur on the subsequent July 3rd (or on a date near July 3rd if the Commission so determines), including estimates of the costs of required services in advance of July 3rd and on July 3rd, and including a plan for fundraising to meet those costs, and shall report those decisions by December 3rd;
- The Commission and/or the Town Manager will establish a “July 3rd Fund” to which residents and businesses may donate;
- The Commission shall recommend a schedule for implementation, such as when to start outreach to hire police officers, contact and book vendors and performers, and anything else the Commission determines;
- The Commission shall meet during the implementation period (January through June), as they deem necessary, to solicit funding and/or event participation from local organizations, to assist with implementation, and to decide outstanding issues;
- By August 3rd, the Commission members will contact the Town Manager with their desire to continue service or to retire from the Commission.