



## **Randolph Town Council**

### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Randolph Town Hall-Chapin Hall 2nd Floor**

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 Ryan Egan called the meeting to order.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Alexopoulos.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer was held for elected official Nancy Metayer of Coral Springs who was murdered. A Moment of Silent Prayer held for Judy Gangel and Tom Fisher who were active members of the community for many years.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of March 23, 2026 made by Councilor Clerger, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent at Vote: Gordon)

**Motion passes.**

### **Announcements from the President:**

1. A Contract Negotiation Subcommittee was formed to negotiate with the Town Manager. This subcommittee will consist of Christos Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer and Natacha Clerger.

### **Presentations:**

1. Boston Higashi School- Paul Fanning and Janelle Palleschi were present from the School
  - a. Paul started with an introduction to the school and where they are located. Currently there are 185 students enrolled and about 300 staff members. Paul mentioned that they are looking for help with traffic and signage around the area.
  - b. Janelle stated out of the 185 students, about 80% are non verbal or minimally verbal. She stated that some of the students have challenges with safety awareness. We have to teach them about safety in the community which can be challenging given the busy road. Janelle would love to have signage posted in the area to help make drivers aware of the students. Safety is the priority.

- c. Janelle also said that if a child does run off a teacher will run after this. She wanted to create awareness for the neighborhoods around the school in case they see one of these encounters.
- d. Janelle welcomed the community to visit and learn about our school. The goal for these students is to be members of the community after graduation.
- e. Councilor Burgess asked if there are any suggestions on signage? Janelle stated they are still working on the verbiage of what they would like on the sign.
- f. Vice President Brewer mentioned the use of the electronic signage boards.
- g. Councilor Gordon asked about a trail connecting the back of the Higashi property to Powers Farm. Councilor Gordon;s reasoning is for pedestrian access for increased parking. Paul mentioned that this discussion happened a few years ago and he would like to have a gate for the trail. Councilor Gordon will follow up on this idea.
- h. Councilor Clerger asked about other ideas for the safety of the students? Janelle stated the back of the property is secure, the challenge is the front of the property (driveways). Paul also mentioned the students who have a history of running, wear a bracelet monitoring device.
- i. Councilor Huff-Larmond appreciates the school reaching out to find ways to keep our community safe. Councilor Huff-Larmond agrees that they should give us an idea of language for the signage.
- j. Councilor Alexopoulos asked about how often this happens. Janelle stated that the potential is there daily but it happens rarely. Councilor Alexopoulos asked if they had reached out to the Randolph Police or the Sheriff's office. Janelle stated that the Town Safety Officer has been very supportive.
- k. Town Planner Michelle Tyler stated that she did reach out to the State and Safety Officer Ryan as well in regard to this concern. Town Planner Tyler stated that the trail was discussed previously however, there are wetlands back there.
- l. Councilor Thompson asked about a CEP for the Higashi School.
- m. Councilor O'Connell is supportive of the Higashi school, adding they do great things for our community.
- n. President Egan thanked the members from the school for coming tonight.

**Public Hearings:**

- 1. 6:15- Special Permit for 86/92 Union Street
  - a. This is a continuation of a Public Hearing for a Special Permit at 86/92 Union Street. The applicant has requested a continuation for May 4th. The applicant is working on new plans which take the Town and Resident concerns into consideration.

**Motion:** Councilor Burgess motioned to continue the Public Hearing until May 18th and refer the applicant back to the Planning Department. This motion was seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

- 2. 6:15- Council Order 2026-023: Acceptance of Autumn Lane and E.J. Foley Circle as a Municipal Public Way in the Town of Randolph
  - a. Council President Egan opened the Public Hearing and invited the Applicant to speak.
  - b. Micheal Khoury and Maya Cordeiro attended the meeting via Zoom on behalf of the applicant; Autumn Estates, LLC. These roads are being donated under the Subdivision Control Process. Mr. Khoury did state that E.J. Foley had a name change and a 5B affidavit was submitted to the Town.

- c. Council President Egan invited the public to speak. Seeing no Public Comments, President Egan closed the Public Hearing. Councilors were then invited to speak.
- d. Councilor Burgess asked if there was a letter of recommendation from the Planning Department. Town Planner Tyler stated these roads have been signed off by the Planning Board about 2 years ago.

**Motion:** Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2026-023 as written, seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent at Vote: Clerger and Huff-Larmond)

**Motion passes.**

### **Public Comments**

Council President Egan opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

1. Cyril S. Ubiem, Igbo President: Inviting the Town to their Igbo Event. Hoping to use the ice Rink for parking this year.
2. Ray Pike, Liberty St: Spoke on the MultiColor puzzle piece that could be used for the signage the Higashi school is requesting.
3. Allison, 22 Kimberly Lane: shared concerns of an unkept property that abutters her house. President Egan requested that she share contact information with staff.
4. Sandi Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane: Shared the fundraising event for the Randolph Foundation for Education on April 29 at 574 Washington St in Easton. The fundraising's main purpose is new outfits and equipment.

There were no more public comments. The public comments portion of the public hearing was closed. The Councilors were invited to comment or ask questions on the special permit application.

### **Proclamations:**

1. Motorcycle Safety Awareness
  - a. The Proclamation was read into the record by the Council Clerk. This proclamation was signed by all nine of the Council Members.
  - b. Councilor Alexopoulos introduced the reason behind the Proclamation, which is to ensure safety of the riders and public awareness that motorcycles are out for the season.
  - c. Ray Pike and Jack Daniels were present to accept the proclamation. Ray thanked the Council for their support. Ray stated instead of doing a month proclamation, he requested they change it to May through October.

**Motion:** Council President Egan motioned to accept the proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**Appointments: None**

**Motions, Orders, and Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 2026-003: Budget Resolution on the Will of the Council on the DPW Budget
  - a. Helps with signage and cleaning up litter around the parks in town
2. Resolution 2026-004: Budget Resolution on the Will of the Council on the RICC Budget
  - a. Expands the hours at the RICC beyond the 8PM closing time
3. Resolution 2026-005: Budget Resolution on the Will of the Council on the RPA Budget
  - a. Councilor Gordon states it should say “RRA”
  - b. Allocate funding for the Randolph Redevelopment Authority.
4. Resolution 2026-006: Resolution and Letter of Support on the Master Plan and OSRP
  - a. This Resolution would create a letter of support to use CPC funds for the Master Plan and Open Space Recreating Plan
5. Resolution 2026-007: Capital Budget Resolution on the Will of the Council on Street Paving
  - a. This Resolution would request the paving budget stay at 4 million dollars.

Councilor Gordon stated these resolutions are budget related and will help guide and direct the Town Manager to include items the Council would like to see funded.

All Resolutions were referred to the Proclamation and Resolutions Subcommittee meeting on April 14, 2026.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

1. Council Order 2026-017: Amendment To Town Council Rules Section 27 Pertaining to Public Comments/Discussion and Public Hearings
  - a. Councilor Gordon spoke on the Council Order which is related to the Public Comments topic on the agenda.
  - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond mentions that the subcommittee mentioned no back and forth due during the Town Council meeting but there was more of an appetite to have back and forth during the subcommittee meetings. She then suggested that the Town and the Councilors do better with communicating with the residents who have questions and comments.

**Motion:** Councilor Burgess moved to continue Council Order 2026-017, this motion was seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

- c. Council Huff-Larmond and Councilor Gordon asked about the reasoning behind the continuance.
  - d. Councilor Alexopoulos requested a red line version of the Council Rules.
  - e. Councilor Gordon is ok with postponing the topic for two weeks and allowing a red line version to be drafted.
2. Council Order 2026-018: Amendment To Town Council Rules Section 13 Pertaining to Order of Business and Agenda
  - a. President Egan stated that this was referred back from the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee. Councilor Gordon says that this order handles the written communication that comes to and from the council. Councilor Gordon says the Town Council Clerk has been following these guidelines so this order would codify that.
  - b. Councilor Burgess gave an overview of the recommendations from the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee and read the proposed language.
  - c. Councilor O’Connell states that he does not agree with this due to the agenda meetings being held on Thursday afternoon.
  - d. Councilor Alexopoulos asked why are we trying to pass this Council Order if it is already being

done by staff? Councilor Gordon stated that in the past it was not being done and he would like to make sure that it codified in the rules.

- e. President Egan does not support this due to agenda items being handed in up until Monday. President Egan also mentioned that documents and presentations from other sources do not always come in a text searchable file.
- f. Town Manager Howard reiterated that not everything is text searchable that comes to the Council. He recommends adding “If practical” or “If applicable” to the Council Order. Town Manager Howard also mentioned that he wished to see flexibility in the physical copies citing tonight's agenda packet is 138 pages.
- g. Councilor Alexopoulos would like to send this back to the subcommittee to have those concerns addressed.

**Motion:** Councilor Alexopoulos motioned to refer Council Order 2026-018 back to the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

**New Business:**

1. Council Order 2026-024: Authorization By The Randolph Town Council To Petition The General Court To Enact Special Legislation To Amend The Charter Of The Town Of Randolph Regarding Filling of Vacancies, Running for Multiple Offices, Term of Office for Stetson Trustees and Three Month Prohibition on Work for the Town After Service in Elected Office
  - a. Council President mentions this request is for the Council to submit documentation to the State Legislature for the filling vacancies on elected boards/committees, running for multiple offices at the same time would not be allowed, term in office at Stetson Hall and a three month prohibition on working for the town after serving in an elected position for Randolph.
  - b. Town Attorney Griffin provided clarification on the Stetson Trustees language in the charter that is being proposed. The charter currently reads that they have staggered terms; this change would have every Stetson Trustee up for election/re-election at the same time.
  - c. Councilor Huff-Larmond would like to strike section 2 which focuses on running for multiple offices at the same time.
  - d. Councilor Gordon is in favor of Councilor Huff-Larmond's recommendation to remove section two.
  - e. Councilor O’Connell is in support of the Council Order as a whole, without striking any sections.

**Motion:** Councilor Huff-Larmond motioned to strike section 2 in entirety, seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 2-7-0 (Yays: Gordon and Huff-Larmond; Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, Egan, O’Connell, Thompson)

**Motion fails.**

- f. Councilor Thompson is in agreement with restricting running for multiple offices as well.
- g. Councilor Huff-Larmond repeated that she is in support of all other sections in this document other than section two.

**Motion:** Councilor O’Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-024 as written, seconded by Councilor Burgess.

Roll Call Vote: 7-2-0 (Yays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, Egan, O’Connell, Thompson; Nays: Gordon and Huff-Larmond)

**Motion passes.**

2. Council Order 2026-025: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to Create Town Technology Infrastructure Fund
  - a. Town Manager Howard stated at the last Town Council Meeting the Council voted funds to replace the server at the RICC. Since the vote was taken the cost has increased further. This fund would be used in those instances where the equipment or job was voted on but there is an increase once performed/purchase.

**Motion:** Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-025, seconded by Councilor Burgess.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

3. Council Order 2026-026: Transfer from Water Retained Earnings to Water Overtime
  - a. Town Manager Howard states these funds would be used for unidirectional flushing, which is done in the spring time.
  - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond has heard about the water issues in Bridgewater and Randolph's wonderful efforts were highlighted and noticed
  - c. Councilor Alexopoulos asked Town Manager Howard to repeat the timeline for the new water treatment plant.
    - i. The Water Treatment Plant will turn on around the end of May. As it starts working we will be monitoring the plant to ensure it is operating as planned. It will then transition to deliver water to all three communities. During this time both plants will be operational. The DEP decides when a plant can be taken out of commission.

**Motion:** Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-026, seconded by Councilor Burgess.  
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

4. Council Order 2026-027: Transfer from Free Cash to Highway Overtime
  - a. Town Manager Howard states these funds will be used to replenish the overtime that has been used as well as spending for spring clean up. Town Manager Howard stated that we had a hard winter and these funds would help with brush clean up and future planting.
  - b. President Egan had reservations on this Council Order since the funds will be coming from free cash. Councilor Egan says the DPW does great work and is in agreement with spring clean up. President Egan would like to see plans, if the money is being given up front so that the council can ensure that work is done.
  - c. Town Manager Howard says this money would cover the current deficit and the projection of funds needed to complete the fiscal year. If there are any funds left at the end of the fiscal year, they would then come back to the town as free cash.
  - d. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked if any money is being used for paving? Town Manager Howard says that these funds would be used to police details when needed which could include roadwork. Town Manager Howard says most funds for paving are coming from the state and Capital.

**Motion:** Councilor Gordon moved to approve Council Order 2026-027, seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell, Thompson; Nays: Egan)

**Motion passes.**

5. Council Order 2026-028: Transfer of Free Cash for Fire Department Expenses to Purchase and Replace Automated External Defibrillators (AED'S)
  - a. Town Manager Howard stated these funds would be used to purchase and replace the AED's that were purchased about 10 years ago. These are coming up on their end of life and need replacement. These funds will replenish the AED's that are used by the fire department and in the vehicles.

**Motion:** Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-028 as written, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

6. Council Order 2026-029: Transfer of Free Cash to Support Town Summer Intern Program
  - a. Town Manager Howard states this Council Order is requesting to use Free Cash to support the Summer Intern Program. These local students would be paired with departments in town to learn about how the community operates. In previous years we were able to use ARPA funds.
  - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond states the students enjoy these internships and shared some success stories with previous students.
  - c. Vice President Brewer thanked Councilor Huff-Larmond for their involvement with the program.
  - d. Councilor Thompson asked how many interns this gets us. Town Attorney Griffin and Councilor Huff-Larmond believe it is between 17-24 interns.

**Motion:** Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-029, seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Motion passes.**

#### **Town Manager's Report:**

1. There is no Town Manager Report.
2. Councilor Thompson asked when the water at the Dog Park will be turned on. Councilor Thompson also mentioned that the Superbowl sign coming in from Canton is leaning over. Town Manager Howard will check with the DPW.
3. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked for a status on the movie cinema that was recently sold. All we know is that they plan to lease to another movie cinema until they are ready to bring a project forward to the Town.

**Correspondence: None**

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

1. Councilor Alexopoulos stated that Appointments, Operations and Oversight has met. They are working on creating a list of vacant seats on boards and committees in town. They are also working on drafting a schedule.

1. President Egan reminded the Subcommittee chairs to set an annual schedule.

**Council Comments:**

1. Councilor Clerger: Gave a Happy Birthday shoutout. May 18th is Haitian Flag Day celebration here at Town Hall at 11AM. Questioned the Union Street projects next steps. Town Attorney Griffin advised against discussing the project outside of the Public Hearing. Councilor Clerger stated that all the tables are sold out but there are a few empty seats left for the marching band fundraiser.
2. Councilor Gordon: Sunday April 19th is the event for the marching band. Councilor Gordon commented on the street acceptance, saying that Chapter 90 funds come from miles of public roadways in town. Councilor Gordon shared the Resolutions and Proclamations subcommittee will be meeting tomorrow at 6pm in Chapin Hall.
3. Councilor O'Connell: Shoutout to Robyn Reinhart for another successful egg hunt, it was a great event.
4. Councilor Burgess: Burgess mentioned that those two roads that were accepted add about \$8.32 to our chapter 90 funds. Gave thanks to the staff that fixed the lights at the War memorial and Stetson Hall.
5. Vice President Brewer: Congratulations Randolph High School on the NASA program, it was nice to see that on the news. Vice President Brewer would like to see the trash cleaned up on 86/92 Union Street before coming back to the Council to have plans approved.
6. Councilor Alexopoulos: shared a recent record Drug Bust that was done by Randolph and Boston Police.
7. Councilor Thompson: If you see something town related that is an issue, use *SeeClickFix*, this will help the Town become aware of issues. Had a conversation with Mass Cyber Alliance which is a program that offers free cyber security related services. Councilor Thompson is going to see what they can do for the town.
8. Councilor Huff-Larmond: A Sickle Cell Event at Stetson Hall will be held at 10AM. There is also a blood drive on 4/25 from 10AM to 3PM at the Randolph Library. A Town Clean up event will be on 4/25 as well. Donations for the Marching Band can be made to the Randolph Foundation for Education. Congratulations to Thea Stovell for winning the leadership award.
9. Councilor O'Connell: congratulated the Randolph High School Color Guards for winning NESBA for the second year in a row.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clerger and seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

**Meeting adjourned.**

*The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.*

Notification of Upcoming Council Meetings:

April 27

May 4 and 18

June 8 and 22

July 13 and 27

August 10 and 24

September 14 and 28

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 23

December 7