



# TOWN COUNCIL - HUMAN SERVICES/SENIORS/RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Town Hall - Lincoln Room - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA  
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## DRAFT- MINUTES

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In accordance with Governor Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 COVID-19 emergency, the Town Council may meet remotely to avoid group congregation.

This is a hybrid meeting. The public is invited to attend this meeting remotely, via phone or computer, or in person. The Town Website will be updated on the day of the meeting with the phone and computer access instructions.

### A. Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

### B. New Business

#### 1. Organization and Election of Subcommittee Officers

Councillor Jesse Gordon will serve as Chairperson for the Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee for 2023.

#### 2. Hiring of more Department of Public Works Employees

What are the duties now? What can they do now and not do? Does more staff help? Ask the Department of Public Works and Councillor Brewer.

#### 3. Opening More Parks in the Town of Randolph

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Let's gauge interest in this -- is there a return on money?

Councillor Gordon: Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) addressed that. Open Space far and away won!

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Survey to couple what was done during Powers Farm event to see how high interest is.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Some conservation groups do an email blast with like 10 questions such as: what are your interests, and then get details? Could send to everyone on the Town list.

Councillor Gordon: Let's all come up with some questions and do that. We can ask Natalie about mechanics.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We can also blast from the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (RICC) and add something on the town website.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: More sports facilities; more green space; more whatever? passive/active recreation.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Like "what is open space to you?" A-Z

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Check in to see what's going on with the Recreation Board.

Councillor Gordon: Yes I will bring OSRP there.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Is Katrina's husband on that board? (yes)

Councillor Huff-Larmond: About the RICC fee too -- it's bad to jump from \$0 to \$200 all at once -- what are the plans?

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Membership is key - should not fall on town taxes -- even if only 30% of fees are paid for by membership, there can be more programs.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Something has to come from membership itself. To sustain the RICC property

Councillor Gordon: I'd love to see a free membership - small fee is ok but it needs to be small.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Boston has corporate sponsorship - we don't have that ability - so membership is key. \$10 a month is competitive with YMCA - see it as "three coffees" -- that's sustainable. Maybe a tiered fee -- like basic membership and you can add more.

Councillor Gordon: Who actually sets the fee? Town Council, RICC, Board of Recreation?

Councillor Huff-Larmond: It's Liz LaRosee, unilaterally. I'd love it to be free but we do need to sustain the property. It also gives people some responsibility.

Councillor Gordon: How does corporate sponsorship work in Boston and could we do it?

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: It's real conglomerates and foundations. I don't know if we can do that in Randolph -- too small. "Tiered" also means student discount, veteran discount, senior discount, etc. Need money for maintenance- the more usage there is, the more costs there are.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Any gym has that same issue. WOW has a \$10 per month plan and you can pay more money for more services.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: The WOW fee is the same as RICC and at RICC you get more bang for your buck compared to WOW.

Councillor Gordon: So we share with Liz and the Board of Recreation as food for thought and have discussion at the Board of Recreation.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Other questions: Can we implement that tiered method? Liz might have some better ideas than we do, on implementation as well as money; Liz is the expert on this.

Councillor Gordon: Any other topics for the Board of Recreation?

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Any events that the Board of Recreation does, the Town Council should be invited to. Recently they had a Lunar New Year event -- it was a small event but I barely caught it. Also what are the seniors doing? I saw a giant event at the Senior Center while driving by, so I stopped in. Or Tai Chi events etc. I'd love to hear about those officially.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Sure, blast to everybody and whoever can go, can go.

Councillor Gordon: With Bill Clark - Town website has method to sign up for things -- does that apply to the Board of Recreation?

**C. Open Council Comments**

**D. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

The next Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee Meeting will be on March 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM.