



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 5, 2024, 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: William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting January 8, 2024**
- 2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting January 29, 2024**

Motion to combine the minutes of Town Council Meetings: January 8, 2024, and January 29, 2024 and vote on their approval at the same time made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: C. Alexopoulos & Burgess)

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the minutes of Town Council Meetings: January 8, 2024, and January 29, 2024 made by Council Vice President Brewer, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: C. Alexopoulos & Burgess)

Motion passes.

Presentations:

President of the Randolph Music Boosters Club, Jamie Ackles, presented on behalf of the Randolph Music Boosters to recognize the Randolph Police Department.

Mr. Ackles: Thank you for giving us this opportunity. I am the President of the Randolph Music Boosters and we’re a volunteer organization, specifically focused on supporting the musical students and teachers of the Randolph Public Schools. We focus on enriching the music experience for students and fundraising for different things such as instruments and instrument repairs, scholarships for graduating seniors and our summer music program that we put on for elementary and middle school students. We can’t do all of this without great community partners so tonight, we really want to recognize the Randolph Police Department for everything they do for the Randolph music student. A couple of

examples include: 1. Our Marching Band has competed in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association State Competition and the Randolph Police Department was there to give out students a Hero's Escort out of Town. Officer Marc L'Italian is kicking off the READ Program which stands for "Randolph Embraces Athletic and Artistic Development." The READ Program is an online fundraiser that supports both the athletic and music departments of Randolph Public Schools. Additionally, the Randolph Police Department donated a trailer that we use to help store and transport a lot of the instruments when traveling to play. We really put some thought into what we wanted to be able to present you with and we hope you have as much pride in hanging this up and displaying it as much as the pride that you instilled in our music students. We are genuinely grateful for your support. Thank you!

Councillor C. Alexopoulos entered the meeting, in-person, at 6:10 PM.

Public Comments:

1. Geurlince Semezier, 60 Mill Street: Last week I was able to hear about the Town's operating budget and I'm here to request your consideration to provide financial resources for community groups to do great work in the community. I'd like to invite you to a Town Hall meeting on March 3, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the New Jerusalem Church.
2. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Streets: There are rumors going around that trash fees are being raised and I'd like to see funds being put towards trash fees. I want to know how that 2. The drive-through at Harbor-One because their special permit says it's for a drive through teller but we don't have a drive through teller, we have an atm machine. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Didn't we talk about having an overhead to cover residents using the drive through so they are protected? Council President Alexopoulos: HarborOne Bank reached out and asked if it was necessary to come back before the Council to amend their Special Permit if they would have a drive through ATM machine instead of a drive-through teller and I did not think it was a significant enough change to alter the Special Permit. We will continue to monitor the situation at HarborOne Bank.
3. Natacha Clerger, 52 Thayer Circle: The Council President and I started a program honoring residents who are 90 and up and we received a lot of interest. I wanted to speak to the Council President Alexopoulos about setting up the proper program to present a citation to the resident, whether it will involve us visiting them at their residence or them coming to Town Hall.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2024-005: Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds to Various FY24 Budgets

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2024-005. Town Manager Howard introduced the Council Order and provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2024-005 as presented made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2024-006: Declaration that the Month of June Shall be Recognized in the Town of Randolph of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2024-006. The Town Council Clerk read Council Order 2024-006. Council President Alexopoulos provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: I think this is great and I think many similar Council Orders will follow. I think there is a lot more to be done in addition to just the flag-raising. Last year, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee made a very conscious decision to fly the Progress Pride Flag. The Local Cultural Grant came to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee directly and Community Programs Director Liz Larossee and her team and make sure that we spend those funds appropriately. There is a lot of great work happening.

Councillor Gordon: My wife was circulating a petition to achieve this same purpose and I think we can put the petition away. I'm very happy to see the Progress Pride Flag mentioned explicitly in this Council Order, which recognizes people of color, and people of other gender preferences.

Motion to approve Council Order 2024-006 as presented made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-1 (Abstention: Egan; Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

3. Council Order 2024-007: Request for the Town Council to Initiate and Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph - Concerning Mixed-Use and Mixed-Use Affordable Units - Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2024-007 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order. This Council Order will need to be referred to the Planning Board.

Motion to refer Council Order 2024-007 to the Planning Board made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

4. Councillor Gordon made a motion to add a Resolution entitled: "Resolution Concerning The Randolph Summer Youth Cleanup Corps" to an upcoming Town Council meeting agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We have had youth working for the Town and I would like to see this in an upcoming agenda to flush this out.

Council President Alexopoulos: This will get added to a future agenda.

5. Councillor Gordon made a motion to add a Council Order entitled: "Request for the Town Council to Amend the Town of Randolph General Ordinances to Add a New Section 56-2 Concerning Annual Reporting" to an upcoming Town Council meeting agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Council President Alexopoulos: We had an extensive discussion about this already at the last meeting. The Town Accountant/Finance Director has already compiled the requested data and sent us a preview of it. She has also committed to sending us an updated report with this information quarterly. This will also get added to a future agenda.

Appointments:

1. Town Manager Howard recommended the appointment of Neil B. McCole, MSF to serve as the Department of Public Works Superintendent.
Thank you to the hiring committee: Council Vice President Brewer, Building Commissioner Ron Lum and Town Engineer Jean Pierre-Louis for participating in the series of interviews. The individual has agreed to take the position and would be starting the Monday after February vacation. I'm excited we have found a new leader for the department and are able to move forward.

Motion to ratify the appointment of Neil B. McCole, MSF to the position of Department of Public Works Superintendent made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion Passes.

Subcommittee Reports:

Recreation/Seniors/Human Services Subcommittee: Councillor Gordon requested the availability of the other subcommittee members to schedule a meeting.

Council Comments:

Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. I had a very informative time today during Governor Healey's visit. I appreciate all that her and her administration are doing to ensure early education is seen and prioritized. 2. Randolph Youth Council is hosting a cooking class to celebrate Black History Month on February 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM. 3. I am really interested in Guerlince Semezier's event. It is very important for us to just sit and listen. Active listening should be the purpose of this meeting to ensure we are doing what we need to do for our community. 4. Super Bowl Sunday is coming! I'm excited to be in the environment and cheer on football.

Councillor O'Connell: It was an honor to listen to Governor Healey speak at the Young Elementary School today. She spoke about how well our students are doing. The Young School is in my district and I'm really proud.

Councillor Thompson: It was great having the Governor in Town today. Everything went smoothly.

Councillor Gordon: Yesterday the Randolph Community Band held a Children's Concert in conjunction with the Randolph High School Band. Our next concert is March 23, 2024 which is also a dinner on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Tickets are being sold at \$65 a person.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: It was fun being with the Governor today. It's nice that her administration is providing such a focus on early education. Hat's off to the Young School and the entire school district who are doing an excellent job with the new literacy program.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent during vote: Egan; Absent: Burgess)

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.