



Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

The public is invited to attend this meeting remotely only, via phone or computer. In order to maintain safe social distancing guidelines, no physical presence will be allowed at this time. The Town website will be updated on the day of the meeting with the phone and computer access instructions.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Council President W. Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos, William Alexopoulos, James Burgess, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon and Katrina Huff-Larmond

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Burgess

Announcements from the President: The deadline to fill the vacancy of the District One Town Council Seat is June 30, 2022, at 4:30 PM. The instructions for how to apply for this vacancy are on the Town's website.

Moments of Silent Prayer: Moment of silent prayer held.

Public Comments:

Councillor Clerger entered the meeting.

Sandy Cohen, asked 63 Bittersweet Lane, asked about the redistricting of Randolph and how that will change who you vote for in the election; and if there is a way to secure recycle bins so they are not blown away on a windy day.

Joe Burke, of 54 Hills Street, asked when Council meetings will return to being held in person.

Presentations:

1. Presentation by Randolph, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition

Heather Hoi-Yi Ho, Malik Williams, and Leslie Braga were present today on behalf of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition (DEI Coalition) to introduce themselves and introduce the purpose of the DEI Coalition.

The DEI Coalition consists of a nonpartisan group of residents that reflect the diversity of Randolph, all from different racial, ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds. Together we believe our Community can thrive through the purposeful fostering of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The mission and objective is to celebrate the variety of racial and cultural backgrounds represented in Randolph and to ensure inclusion in the hiring and appointing process of individuals working in Randolph's various departments, or serving on the various Boards, Committees, Councils, and Commissions. We will be hosting a Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 18, 2024, at 2:30 PM. Come out and celebrate with us.

The Councillors each had an opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the presentation. A copy of the presentation slides will be circulated for those interested.

Public Hearings:

1. 2022-025: FY2023 Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-025 at the Town Council meeting on June 6, 2024. The legal advertisement for a public hearing was published on June 3, 2022. Town Attorney Griffin read the legal advertisement. Town Manager Howard gave additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

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

1. Joe Burke, of 54 Hill Street, asked about the procedure for setting the water and sewer rates.

There were no more public comments. Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened it to the Councillors for their comments.

Councillor Burgess asked how much money is in the stabilization fund and in the retained earnings.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-025 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent during vote: Clerger)

Motion passes.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Howard recommended the appointment of Anne Marie Carter, Coleen Burgess, Frank Larmond, Marcus Brown, Jr. Anthony Williams, and Pete Teveria to the Board of Recreation.

Motion to ratify the appointments of Egan, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

The Blue Devil Football team will have an academy kicking off June 29, June 30, and July 1, 2022, so if you have a child in grades 1-5 who is interested in playing football, please sign them up.

The Community Development Block Grant has some additional openings for child subsidy assistance so if you're interested in participating in the program, check out the Town News online for information on how to apply.

The water Treatment Plant will undergo maintenance tomorrow so residents in the area may experience reduced water pressure.

The Randolph Music Boosters will have events in the next month. Please check out our website and the School Department's website for more information on where they will be performing.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2022-030 Designation of Polling Locations

This Council Order was withdrawn.

2. Verizon - Initial Presentation From Verizon Prior to Submission of Special Permit Request

Representatives from Gehring & Associates, LLC were available to give a presentation regarding the anticipated submission of a Special Permit Application for a Wireless Communication Facility.

Councillor Burgess requested that the application and supporting materials be submitted physically and electronically, how many antennas will be on the roof of the site, and where at which location the antennas will be installed.

Council President Alexopoulos: If you have any questions regarding the submission of the application, you can certainly reach out to the Town Attorney

3. Council Order 2022-031: To Transfer A Sum of Money From Free Cash to Fund Town Hall Office Renovations

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-031 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order. Renovations will be made to the Treasurer/Collector's office, Building and Planning offices, and the Town Manager's Office to make space for an Assistant Town Manager. The Building Commissioner will oversee the construction of these projects.

Councillor Egan requested an update on the renovations being done to the exterior of the building which was budgeted for in the Community Preservation Act projects.

Councillor Burgess stated that many of the windows in Town Hall and flooring need to be replaced and requested that that also be a priority.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022--031 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

Subcommittee Reports:

Councillor Huff-Larmond requested information on the Small Business Subcommittee. Town Attorney Griffin will follow up by email.

Councillor Gordon suggested how the Master Plan Implementation Committee should be organized with regard to the Board of Recreation.

Council Comments:

Councillor Gordon: I will be hosting a water forum to discuss clean water and action related to PFAS. The forum is open to the public and I hope to have a member of the Braintree Council also participating so please join us.

Councillor Burgess: **When** are the Senior Olympic Ceremonies starting? Town Manager Howard: The opening ceremony is this Friday at 6:30.

Councillor Clerger: Can we figure out why I'm not getting emails?

Councillor Brewer: Congratulations to all the Randolph High School Graduates.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Juneteenth celebrations are happening this Saturday. The Town and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coalition are collaborating together to make this event happen. The efforts put towards the Randolph High School Graduates was great.

Councillor Egan: I was able to attend the Randolph High School Graduation Ceremony and it was very moving. There was also a Touch-A-Truck event that was done by the Police, Fire Department, and Health Department. Thank you for lending your vehicles and your wonderful staff that were great throughout the day.

Executive Session

Council President read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(6) relative to the possible purchase of real estate. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(6) permits a public body to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

The Chair so declared.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter an Executive Session. Motion to enter into executive session made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

The Council Vice-President announced that the Council would enter the Executive Session and would not be returning to public session after the Executive Session.

The public portion of the Town Council meeting concluded, and the Council entered an executive session at 7:45 PM.