



**Randolph Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, January 12, 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 (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O'Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person)

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Brewer.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in memory of an earthquake that killed thousands of Haitians in 2010 as well as the recent passing of Marina Baker.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2025
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2025
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2025
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2025
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025

Council President Egan requested that collective action be taken when making the motion to approve the above meeting minutes.

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos motioned to collectively approve the meeting minutes of June 23, July 18, July 28, August 11, August 24 and December 8, 2025. This motion was seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President:

1. Thanked his colleagues for their trust to be president of the Council. President Egan asked that the council treat each other kindly, fair and impartial as we face the upcoming year.

2. Subcommittee surveys have been circulated to councilors for their preferences.

Presentations: None

Correspondence:

1. Xfinity Notice- The Town Council received a notice of an increase in billing. This increase is due to sales tax now being charged on leased equipment. Customers will be made aware of this change with their January bills.

New Business:

1. Approval of Town Council Meeting Dates
 - a. President Egan asked for discussion on the meeting dates.
 - b. Town Attorney Christine Griffin stated that the school committee is aware of these meeting dates. President Egan added that there are four joint meetings with the school committee in this proposed schedule.
 - c. Councilor Burgess expressed concerns over the workshop meetings not being televised or recorded. He asked the Council President if they could be recorded and televised to remain consistent. President Egan stated that these meetings will have minutes taken and the public will be invited to attend.

This discussion was paused and will continue after the public hearing.

Public Hearings:

1. 6:15 PM - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY26 - Authorization to Submit Application
 - a. Town Planner Michelle Tyler was present to ask for the Council's approval to apply for the grant again this year. Alicia Boyd was also present to give an overview of what this grant has been able to accomplish. The CDBG grant helps with housing rehabilitation via loans for low and moderate income residents. Lead paint removal and getting residential spaces up to code is a big part of this program. Another great benefit of this grant is that funds can be used for childcare. CDBG is a federally funded program which has been very successful.

The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing

- b. Guerlince Semezler, 60 Mill St; asked about the criteria for residents to participate in this program. Alicia Boyd stated that there is an income component to the program.

There were no further Public Comments. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

- c. Councilor Gordon asked how to get more funds for Randolph. Mrs. Boyd stated that there is no formula for the money but that in order to qualify there is a population stipulation.
 - d. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked about the amount per household? Mrs. Boyd stated that \$50,000 or \$70,000 with lead paint.
 - e. Councilor Brewer asked if the low income rental units count towards our 10% affordable units required by the state, which was answered with a no.

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos moved to submit an FY26 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the grant application and associated forms. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Public Comments/Discussions:

1. Guerlince Semezier, 60 Mill St: Congratulations to all members of the council and the newly appointed Council President. Mr. Semezier asked for the Council to support the voiceless members of the community given the recent nationwide events.

Proclamations: None

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders and Resolutions: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Continued

1. Approval of Town Council Meeting Dates (*Continued*)

Motion: Moved by Councilor Alexopoulos to approve the 2026 Town Council meeting dates as presented. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Approval of Proposed FY2027 Budget Schedule
 - a. President Egan went over the proposed dates and deadlines in regards to the budget.
 - b. Councilor Burgess asked how this schedule falls within the budget schedule in the Charter. Town Attorney Griffin stated that the goal of this schedule is to meet all the guidelines laid out in the Charter.
 - c. Councilor Gordon asked if the Budget Subcommittee was going to meet again?
 - d. Councilor Burgess would like clarification on the intentions of this schedule. Council President Egan wanted to take what was spoken on in the Budget Subcommittee meeting and create a schedule that would align with the expectation of the town manager, school committee and town departments.
 - e. Councilor Gordon would like to have the chance to make his priorities known for the FY2027 budget.
 - f. Councilor Burgess asked about when/if the department heads would be coming in front of the Council to explain the needs in their budgets. Council President Egan believes that the budget questions should be directed to the Town Manager.
 - g. Councilor Huff-Larmond thanked President Egan for having this discussion on the budget meeting schedule. She then asked if the Town Manager has received department budgets as stated in the proposed schedule. President Egan will inquire with the Town Manager.

- h. Councilor Burgess asked how capital planning fits into this proposed budget schedule. President Egan states it is not listed on this chart but it could be amended with capital improvements if preferred. President Egan asked for the Town Managers input on dates that we could add to this proposed schedule for capital improvement plans. Town Manager Howards says that a capital plan in late summer would make the most sense.
- i. Town Accountant Janine Smith states that if we need a capital plan in August, we cannot use free cash for those projects. Free Cash would not be available until early/mid October, once free cash is certified. If we do the capital plan in August as mentioned then this would have to be funded by borrowing.

Motion: Councilor Gordon motioned to approve the calendar with the amendment of adding two CIP meeting dates, one in August and one in September as well as a November meeting to discuss the future budget. This motion was seconded by Councilor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

- 3. Council Order 2026-004: Municipal Aggregation-Authorization for the Establishment of Electricity Aggregation Program
 - a. Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy gave a presentation displaying what Municipal Aggregation is, our next steps and other communities who participate in aggregation. There is a public meeting being held on Wednesday for residents to gain more information. There will be a 30 day window for comments from Residents.
 - b. Councilor Gordon asked about the savings in other communities due to aggregation. Councilor Gordon asked if residents can opt out. Assistant Town Manager Lamboy stated that all residents will get a card that will allow them to check a box to opt out. Councilor Huff-Larmond clarified that replying is opting out.
 - c. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked how long until residents see the potential savings. Mrs. Lamboy will research and forward information to Councilor Huff-Larmond.
 - d. Councilor Alexopoulos asked if this creates the need for a municipal light board? Town Manager Howard states that this does not.

Motion: Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-004, seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent at vote: Clerger)

Motion passes.

- 4. Council Order 2026-006: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Contract with BETA Engineers To Provide MS4 Year 8 Consulting and Engineering Services
 - a. Councilor Burgess asked about the storm water and what they are doing to make sure it is staying clean. Town Manager Howard will reach back out to Councilor Burgess with more information after speaking with the DPW.

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-006, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

5. Council Order 2026-007: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings To Bring Water Tanks Into Structural and Safety Compliance

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-007, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

6. Council Order 2026-008: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to the FY2026 Operations Expense Budget
 - a. These funds would be used to provide maintenance to the water tanks. We need to ensure the safety and compliance of these water tanks. This could potentially allow us to extend their service.
 - b. Councilor Burgess asked if another tank was being talked about. Town Manager Howard mentioned that Deer Park is being looked to see if a booster station would help with water pressures. Councilor Burgess then asked if Pond Street's water tower will be kept. Town Manager Howard stated at this time there has been no decision on whether or not this tank will be staying.
 - c. Councilor Gordon wanted confirmation that these funds were not being used for the Pond Street tank since there is a high possibility that the tank will not be needed with the new water treatment plant.

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos moved to approve Council Order 2026-008, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Councilor Alexopoulos left the meeting at 7:58 PM.

7. Council Order 2026-009: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to the FY 2026 Community Programs Expense Budget and the FY 2026 Library Expense Budget
 - a. A discussion was held on extending the hours and programs at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (RICC), Councilor Huff-Larmond and Councilor Gordon would like to explore the possibility of this.

Motion: Vice President Brewer moved to approve Council Order 2026-009, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (absent at Vote: Alexopoulos)

Motion passes.

8. Council Order 2026-003: Proposed Amendment To Town Council Rules Pertaining to Committees and Suspension of the Rules

- a. President Egan introduced the Council Order and stated that this would need to be at two Council meetings before any action can be taken. The hope is for this Council Order to be at the January 26th meeting for a vote of the Council. This amendment will help streamline the process and policy for subcommittees. President Egan went on to detail the proposed changes to the Council Rules pertaining to subcommittee meetings. This amendment includes removing, adding and changing the names of a few subcommittees. The meetings under this amendment would require subcommittee meetings to be televised, recorded and follow a schedule.
- b. Councilor Clerger asked how the Proclamation process would be under these new rules? President Egan stated that there would be a further discussion on how this subcommittee would operate should the amendment be passed.
- c. Councilor Thompson asked if the Veterans Representatives would overlap with the Veterans subcommittee. Town Attorney Griffin stated that at this time there are no proposed changes to the council representatives.
- d. Councilor Burgess requested that the appointments be added to the next draft.
- e. Councilor Clerger asked how many subcommittees a councilor could sit on? Town Attorney Griffin does not believe that there is a number for that but there is a cap for how many you can be a chair of.
- f. Councilor Gordon asked if the Finance Committee will still be a 9 member committee. This is still the Council President's intention. Councilor Gordon then asked about the meeting minute timelines for residents. Town Attorney Griffin mentioned that meeting minute timelines are part of Massachusetts General Law.
- g. Councilor Gordon would like to propose an ordinance that public comments be allowed on all meetings, specifically the Tri-water board.
- h. Councilor O'Connell asked for clarification on the flow of items on an agenda under these proposed rules.
- i. Councilor Burgess asked about the process of posting a public hearing within a subcommittee. President Egan would like to have the public hearings held at a regular meeting for logistical reasons. Councilor Burgess' main concern is that residents have ample time to be made aware of happenings around their property.
- j. Councilor Huff-Larmond would like to ensure that resident requests are being answered accordingly and in a timely manner.
- k. President Egan is open to hearing any amendments from councilors before the next meeting.

Town Managers Report:

1. MLK celebration is on Monday January 19th at Stetson Hall.
2. The application for the CDBG is on the town website.
3. Gave thanks to Town Council Clerk Emily, Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy, Councilor Clerger, DPW, Police, Fire and the Stetson Trustees for all the hard work that goes into planning the Inauguration.
4. Recommended going to a concert put on by the Randolph Community Band. They put on a great holiday concert. There are events upcoming for the band.
5. Friendly Food Pantry is hosting an event in February.

Committee Reports:

1. Councilor O'Connell says the School Committee did meet. Joe Sexton is the new facility director and looks forward to seeing what he does for the schools. The school committee has appointed all the members for their subcommittees. Councilor O'Connell is trying to move up the tour at the North Randolph School.
2. Councilor Gordon would like to have a presentation done by the Redevelopment Authority. Councilor Burgess asked if they have the means to raise their own funds?

Open Council Comments:

1. Councilor Huff-Larmond: happy new year! Residents should take advantage of the CDBG if they apply. Thank you to residents for attending the holiday events. The annual Randolph MLK celebration will be held on Monday from 12-3PM at Stetson Hall. Registration is required for this event. Friday January 16th there will be MLK events in the Boston Commons. Councilor Huff-Larmond congratulated herself as one of the Municipal Elected Women Leaders.
2. Councilor Thompson: Spoke on the recent current events going on mainly the cruelty that is going on.
3. Vice President Brewer: Stetson Hall looked great during the Inauguration and thank you to everyone who made that night possible.
4. Councilor Burgess: will have a letter next meeting for a vote from the council
5. Councilor O'Connell: Inauguration was beautiful. The holiday decor around town was amazing as well. January 24th youth basketball is starting up at the RICC. Randolph Community Band is coming up.
6. Councilor Gordon: February 1st at Stetson Hall at 2pm is the Children's concert performed by the Randolph Community Band. March 28th a fundraiser will be held for the community band at the Tirrell Room in Quincy at 6pm. Tickets are required for this event. Councilor Gordon suggested a few items for the capital plan such as a budget for the Redevelopment Authority, community shuttle and to keep the paving budget at 4 million per year. These will be requested formally during those discussions.
7. Councilor Clerger: still handing out food to residents that are in need, please just reach out to Councilor Clerger via text with your name and preferences. This will continue as long as the resources are there. Councilor Clerger does not accept money for the food, if you would like to make a monetary donation, these can be made to the food pantry.
8. Councilor Egan: Food is Love dinner event is coming up on February 21st. This will be held at the Bluehills Ballroom (former Lombardos). The event starts at 5PM. Thanks to the Town Manager, School Committee, Town Attorney and Town Finance Director for the support over the past weeks. Council President Egan gave a special thanks to Assistant Town Manager Lamboy for the work she has done for Randolph during her employment.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clerger, seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 6-1-0 (Yays: Brewer, Clerger, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell, Thompson Nays: Egan)

Motion passes.

The Town Council meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Notification of Upcoming Council Meetings:

January 26

February 2, 9, 23

March 9 and 23
April 13 and 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