



Town Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 23, 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, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon, and Katrina Huff-Larmond

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Brewer.

Moments of Silent Prayer: A moment of silent prayer held.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes 4-25-22

Motion to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting on April 25, 2022, made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Abstent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Presentations:

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

This presentation will be continued to a future date.

2. MetroCommon 2050 presentation by MAPC

Town Planner Michelle Tyler and Co-Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Eric Howe are present to introduce and discuss the MAPC MetroCommon Plan for Greater Boston's regional land use and policy plan.

Eric Howe: MAPC is governed by government representatives, gubernatorial appointees, state officials, and City of Boston officials. An Executive Committee composed of 25 members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 100 professional and administrative staff. Funding comes from a variety of sources including state contracts, federal transportation funds, municipal member assessments, and private foundations. The aims and aspirations of MetroCommon x 2050 are to develop a worthwhile long-term plan that is implementable, provide hope for the future balanced with an

accurate accounting of past and present, center equity and resiliency, and robust engagement and relationship building/strengthening.

Councillor Gordon asked about strategies to obtain funding for bicycle lanes within the Town of Randolph and the possibility of adding a connecting transportation service for people to get to the MBTA Commuter Station.

Public Hearings:

1. 2022-019 Amendment to Traffic Rules and Regulations

Council President Alexopoulos opened the Public Hearing on this Matter. Town Manager Howard introduced This Council Order on April 11, 2024. The legal advertisement was published in the Patriot Ledger on April 12, 2024. Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2022-019. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding the various projects in this Council Order.

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

1. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: The flashing stop signs are a great idea but nobody stops. We need a police officer to start tagging these people where there is a flashing stop sign.

Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened the floor to comments and questions of the Council.

1. Councillor Brewer: There was an accident that occurred this morning and this flashing stop sign could have possibly prevented it.
2. A discussion was held amongst the Councillors about the current locations of guardrails and flashing stop signs around the Town.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-018, after removing the word “guardrail” from the intersection of Cross Street and Grove Street, made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion Passes.

Public Comments/Discussions

1. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: There have been wild turkeys roaming and people are scared to leave their homes and go into their cars. Who should they call? Town Manager Howard: They can call the Board of Health for Animal Control or call police dispatch. Additional discussion was held regarding how the Town handles wildlife.

Appointments

1. Review of Nominations from Republican Town Committee and Appointment of Registrar

Council President Alexopoulos: We received a letter from the Randolph Republican Town Committee from Secretary James Buelle requesting for the Town Council to accept the submission to the Board of Registrar’s James D. Curtis for the three-year term, and Susan S. Curtis as an alternate, and Jean-Riguel Ulysse as an alternate.

Motion to approve the nomination of James D. Curtis to serve as the Democratic Nominee for the Board of Registrar for a three-year term made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion Passes.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions:

1. 2022-021- FY'23 Annual Municipal Operating Budget Submission

Council President Alexopoulos introduced and read Council Order 2021-021. We will discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Operating Budget during a public hearing at a Special Meeting on June 6, 2024. At that time we will go through each budget line by line.

2. 2022-022- Council Order- FY23 Randolph Community Preservation Budget and Reserves

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2022-022. Town Attorney Griffin read the Council Order. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order. This Council Order does not contain the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, however, the Town is required to set aside the appropriate line items before their recommendations come before the Council.

Councillor Gordon asked for additional information concerning what land is considered open space, historical, and/or recreation and how each category is funded.

Council President Alexopoulos: This is being introduced today and will be continued to a future Town Council meeting for a public hearing.

3. 2022-023- Council Order- Transfer from Retained Earnings for Water Works Maintenance, Improvements and Engineering and Master Planning Study

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2022-022. Town Attorney Griffin read the Council Order. Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-023 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2022-023 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion Passes.

4. 2022-024- Council Order- FY2023 Revolving Fund Spending Authorizations

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-024 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2022-024 as presented made by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion Passes.

Correspondence:

- 1. Letter from National Grid -** Advisory of the current Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and approved 2022 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) map. Additional information such as treatment locations

and maps, treatment period, and more can be found online at [mass.gov/doc/national-grid-vmp-2019-2023-download](https://www.mass.gov/doc/national-grid-vmp-2019-2023-download)

Town Manager's Report:

1. The annual rabies vaccine clinic will take place on June 4, 2022, in the back of Town Hall. You can also get your pet's rabies certificate there.
2. The last spring waste pickup is taking place on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Make sure you have everything outside by 7 AM.
3. Memorial Day services are taking place this Thursday, May 26, 2022, starting at 8 AM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee:** Councillor Gordon provided an update regarding this Subcommittee. We are looking for the Board of Recreation to be instated.

Council Comments:

1. Councillor Gordon: I am almost done with my analysis and preparation of documents for the unaccepted streets. There will be a Resolution discussing what the process might be for categorizing unaccepted streets and obtaining a report from the Town Manager regarding which streets are or are not accepted by the Town.
2. Councillor Huff-Larmond: I was able to attend the Haitian Flag Raising. Thank you Councillor Clerger for organizing the event with the Town. Juneteenth events will be taking place on June 18 at the Randolph Intergeneration Community Center from 11:30 to 1:30. There will be lots of black-owned businesses participating, entertainment, food, and lots of exciting things. Youth Council is in the process of putting together a video in which members of the Randolph Police Department were interviewed and answered questions.
3. Councillor Brewer: My family and the Randolph community is saddened by the tragic loss of Officer Michael Beal. He was a 35-year veteran of the Randolph Police Department, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend to all in the Randolph Police Department. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and members of the Police Department.
4. Congratulations to Town Manager Howard for all of his work. Thank you for all your help with the Haitian Flag raising. The funeral of Officer Michael Beal was so touching. There is still a vacant seat in the Town Council. Please submit your letters of interest to the Council President if you are a resident of District One.
5. Councillor Egan: I want to echo the sentiments of Councillor Brewer regarding Officer Beal. I was riding in the car one morning and his son Liam, called in a radio station and spoke very eloquently about his father. The service was wonderful. Our love and prayers go to his family.
6. Councillor C. Alexopoulos: I echo the sentiments of both Councillor Brewer and Councillor Egan. I send my condolences to the family of Officer Michael Beal.

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)(3) relative to potential litigation strategy concerning Town infrastructure. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Chair so declared.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter Executive Session.

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

The Council President announced that the Council would enter 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 7:35 PM.