



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Randolph Town Hall-Chapin Hall

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: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), James Burgess (In Person), Richard Brewer (In Person), Natacha Clerger (In-Person), Ryan Egan (Via Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor O’Connell.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer was held.

Approval Of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025
2. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes July 28, 2025

Motion: Councilor Burgess motioned to continue the meeting minutes of July 14 and July 28, 2025, this was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President:

1. Appointment of a Council Clerk Interview Committee
 - a. We have received about 20 applications all with diverse backgrounds. We have narrowed them down to 6 candidates. The interview committee will be Vice President Brewer, Councilor O’Connell and the Council President.
2. Appointment of a Contract Negotiation Subcommittee to negotiate with the Town Attorney
 - a. The Contract Negotiation committee will consist of Vice President Brewer, Councilor Egan and the Council President.
3. Randolph High Football will hold a family day on August 27th at Memorial Field.

Presentations:

1. The town of Randolph was able to have a summer intern program, which gave an opportunity to our high school and young adult residents. This consisted of community outreach.
 - a. A presentation was given by four youths who participated in this internship. They surveyed members of the public and identified areas where communication between the Town and

residents could be improved. Better communication is believed to increase community participation in Town programs. They also had the opportunity to tour the schools and hope to see maintenance performed within the building. At the end of the presentation a video of residents sharing what they love about Randolph was presented. The participants were grateful for the opportunity to intern with the town.

- b. Councilor O'Connell asked when the tour was done with the school.
- c. Councilor Burgess mentioned that some survey answers by residents were areas of improvement last year, he wished we could have done better. Thanks to them for an excellent presentation.
- d. Councilor Gordon also wished there were more accessible parks and walking trails.
- e. Councilor Clerger complemented the group of participants, saying the town will have a great future with them.

Public Hearings

1. 6:15 PM - Council Order 2025-061: FY2026 Capital Plan

The public hearing was noticed. The Public Hearing was opened by the Council President. The Council President opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

- a. Guerlince Semezler, 60 Mill St: asked if there was a surplus why are we borrowing money. He would like to see money used for community programs. Councilor Burgess asked Finance Director Smith to give the definition of Capital Plan and Operating Budget for the record. Guerlince then asked about the interest. Finance Director Smith was asked to reply. She stated interest is worked into the annual budget.
- b. Sandi Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane: Impressed by the capital plan. Asked what the town's rating was in terms of interest rate. Finance Director Smith stated we are rated AA+ which gives us a great interest rate. Sandi then asked about the vehicles being purchased. if they will be hybrid?
- c. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St: wants the town to think about fees for the RICC to help offset costs.

The public comments portion of the public hearing was then closed and the discussion was then opened up to Councilors.

- d. Councilor Gordon asked for a description of the vacuum sweeper being requested by DPW Superintendent Niel McCole. Pictures and a description were given.
- e. Councilor Burgess asked about the fire department's turn out gear, will it be PFAS free? Councilor Burgess asked Police Chief Marag if the cameras around town will be fixed. The Chief replied that it is a vendor issue and is being worked on.
- f. Councilor Burgess was surprised to see money being allocated to 1 Turner Lane. Planning Director Michelle Tyler gave an overview of the plan for this building which includes giving access to multiple resident resources in one location. Councilor Burgess thinks these resources should be at the community center and that this building would be better used for storage needs.
- g. Councilor Brewer and Michelle Tyler spoke on the renovations that were done to the building recently such as the first floor and the roof replacement.
- h. Councilor Burgess asked School Facilities Manager Paul Visconti about the boilers that are in the capital plan and which schools they are going to. Councilor Burgess believes that JFK and Young have newer ones installed. Finance Director Smith wanted to remind everyone that monies that are appropriated are project specific.
- i. DPW Superintendent McCole spoke on the trash barrels in the capital plan. Stating these barrels would have software that will show how full the barrels are. He also informed the council the big

belly trash truck will have the opportunity for advertisements on the side as well as a hands free component.

- j. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked about paving. DPW Superintendent McCole stated that since he has started here in Randolph the amount of streets being paved has increased. He hopes to continue with his aggressive paving approach. Saying the goal is to keep the paving vendor in town from April to November.
- k. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked about the old Lyons School. Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy stated the money in the capital plan will be used to do an engineering study. This will give us demolition costs.
- l. Councilor O'Connell is happy to see the ADA for Randolph High School.

The Council took a ten minute recess due to the weather making it difficult to hear in the meeting room. Then the meeting resumed.

- m. Councilor O'Connell asked about the software updates, zones and brands used in the HVAC capital planning. Paul Visconti also stated that the Honeywell software is no longer compatible.
- n. Councilor Thompson asked what brand of cruisers the police were buying, Tahoes due to the space needed in cruisers.
- o. Councilor Thompson then asked about the security features for the buildings: will it have cloud based monitoring and will the police have access to this system. Randolph School Superintendent Thea Stovell also added that increased security is needed in regards to email hacking attempts.
- p. President Alexopoulos asked Police Chief Marag why he chose Chevrolet over Ford? Police chief Marag stated that the cruisers have more equipment (like dash cams) and the explorers are no longer big enough. Council President Alexopoulos asked if they were staying with Harley for the motorcycles, which they are.
- q. President Alexopoulos then asked Fire Dept Chief of Ops Paul Frew which brand of vehicle he was going with? Paul is unsure at this time.
- r. President Alexopoulos went on to ask about the security system for the schools. Questioning key card access, who would have the credentials, and if the cameras can be shared with the police department.
- s. Councilor Burgess circled back to the old Lyons school and asked Town Planner Tyler if she has received any correspondence from Mr. Lee about subdividing his land. Councilor Burgess firmly stated that he wants to make sure the Lyons school is demolished.

Motion: Motion to Amend Council Order 2025-061 made by Councillor Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Burgess, to change the words "Big Belly Trash & Recycle Vehicle" to "Big Belly Container" In Line 11 of the table contained in the Order.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0.

Motion passes.

- t. Discussion about money for the upgrades to the Turner Lane Building. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked Councilor Burgess to state why he wants to eliminate the building and if we have to wait until the next capital plan to add it back. Councilor Burgess emphasized the need for storage around town.
- u. Councilor Burgess asked for clarification of the uses for the Corkin building.

Motion: Motion to Amend Council Order 2025-061 made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Clerger to delete Line 17 of the table contained in the Order and to thereby reduce the total appropriation contained in the Order by \$300,000.

Roll Call Vote: 1-8-0 (Yays: Burgess, Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Clerger, Egan, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell, Thompson)

Motion fails.

Motion: Motion to approve Council Order 2025-061, as amended, made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Yays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Clerger, Egan, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell, Thompson; Nays: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Public Comments/Disclosures

1. Ira Greene is informing the board of food distribution that is taking place at the RICC. He would like to see some councilors attend and hand out food.
2. Sandi Cohen, 64 Bittersweet Ln: September 22 is a Jewish holiday and requests the Council meeting schedule be reviewed to avoid conflicts with holidays. Thanks to the Public Safety subcommittee for the discussion on speed bumps.
3. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St: Astronaut and former Randolph resident Scott Tingle came to town and donated suits to the Blue Hills School. Mr. Burke said to keep in mind that there are capital plan requests that are less than the requested salary for the council.

Proclamations: None

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders, Resolutions: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence:

1. Cable License expires in 2028. The town manager is aware.
 - a. Councilor Burgess asked about the cable advisory committee.

New Business

1. Council Order 2025-063: Accept All FY2026 Grant Monies

Motion: Motion to approve Order 2025-063 made by Councilor Brewer, seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2025-064: Prior Year Unpaid Bills

Motion: Motion to approve Order 2025-064 made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Councilor O'Connell left the meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. Councilor Gordon stated we are not following the charter since we have not held four joint meetings with the school committee. The Town Council needs to set a schedule to have a budget conversation.
2. Town Attorney Griffin at Councilor Gordon's request was asked to draft a blasting ordinance. This has been sent out to departments to review.

Open Council Comments

1. Councilor Huff-Larmond is proud of the interns for the work they have done over the summer. Randolph Youth Council starts up soon. There is an upcoming Suicide awareness event that will be taking place at Powers Farm. Would like to pass out food as requested by Ira Greene earlier and would like to see other council members there as well.
2. Councilor Brewer stated the flowers look great around town. Thanks for the dog park.
3. Councilor Burgess asked if the recent special permit that was granted for the tattoo parlor had submitted the requested documents. Councilor Burgess would like them to be shut down tomorrow, if they have not. Town Attorney Griffin stated that Building Commissioner Ron Lum will visit the shop tomorrow.
4. Councilor Gordon has concerns over rock crushing that may be happening next, after blasting. Complaints have been sent to the Town of Avon regarding this matter. Councilor Gordon would love to increase the walkability around town.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Clerger to adjourn the meeting, this was seconded by Councilor Gordon.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Notification of Upcoming Meetings

September 8 and 29

October 6 and 20

November 24

December 8