



Randolph Town Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday September 14, 2026 at 6:06 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: 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 Councilor Thompson.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2026

Motion: Councilor O’Connell moved to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of August 24, 2026. This motion was seconded by Councilor Burgess.

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

Motion passes.

Proclamations:

1. Salon Monte Carlo
 - a. Bruno Di Carlo was given a proclamation for Salon Monte Carlo which has been in business in Randolph for 50 years. The Council wished him continued success. The council invited Bruno and his family up for a photo.

Announcements from the President: None

Presentations: None

Public Hearings:

1. Council Order 2026-061: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance –Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph –Concerning Data Centers
 - a. This Council order was referred to the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee and the Planning Board. Zoning and Ordinance and Planning met, discussed and gave a positive recommendation

on this order. The Public Hearing notice was published in the Patriot Ledger on August 29 and September 5, 2026.

- b. President Egan opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. There were no virtual comments.
- c. Sandi Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Ln: Thanks the Council for their work on banning these.
- d. Councilor Burgess added that the amendments recommended from Comcast were taken into consideration but they did not agree with them for Randolph.
- e. Councilor Thompson agrees with the noise and environmental concerns.
- f. Councilor Huff-Larmond is in favor of banning the data centers.
- g. Councilor Gordon asked about the possibility of this coming back to the council if clearer guidelines become available. Town Planner Tyler and Councilor Burgess added that zoning can always be revisited.
- h. President Egan asked about the voting requirements for this order. Town Attorney Griffin stated this needs a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Motion: Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-061. This motion was seconded by Councilor Burgess.

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

Motion passes.

- 2. Council Order 2026-067: Request for the Town Council to Initiate an Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance- Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph- to Amend the Provisions Concerning Planned Residential Development
 - a. This Council order was introduced and referred to the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee and the Planning Board. Zoning and Ordinance and Planning have met and discussed this order. The Public Hearing notice was published in the Patriot Ledger on August 29 and September 5, 2026.
 - b. Town Planner Tyler went through the amends recommended by the Planning Board. These include changes to the housing styles, housing sizes, buffer areas, lot sizes, the permit granting authority, green space, parking and other language changes. Councilor Burgess read through the complete language of the order with amendments spoken on by the Town Planner.
 - c. President Egan opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. There were no virtual comments
 - d. Councilor Thompson asked why the fencing language was changed from "may" to "shall"; he prefers to leave this up to the property owner/developer.
 - e. Councilor O'Connell agrees with the amendments; adding this addresses the concerns that he had during the last hearing on a Planned Residential Development.
 - f. Councilor Gordon asked if the proposed projects at 86/92 Union Street or 217 Mill Street would meet these amended zoning requirements? The answer is no.

Motion: Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2026-067 with all amendments recommended by the Planning Board and to allow for renumbering of sections as needed. This motion was seconded by Councilor O'Connell.

- g. The Council debated over whether fencing should be required or not.
- h. President Egan asked about the Trash Collection?

Motion: Councilor Gordon moved to amend the main motion as follows: change Article 9.2, Section 5, Subsection 5 (a) to state: Internal Decorative fencing and screening may be used to delineate exclusive use

areas, screen parking areas and structures, community assets, trash and recycling areas. This motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 4-4-0 (Yays: Clerger, Gordon, Egan, Thompson; Nays: Brewer, Burgess, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell; Absent: Alexopoulos)

Motion fails.

- i. President Egan would like more time to review these changes. Specifically the change from the Special Permit Granting Authority switching to the Planning Board from the Town Council for Planned Residential Development. Councilor Burgess added that he feels the Planning Board would be better handling these projects/permits.

Motion: President Egan moved to amend the main motion as follows: change the chart in section 4.6, change article 9.2 section C, and retain section Q so that all sections revert back to the Town Council as the Special Permit Granting Authority. This motion was seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 4-4-0 (Yays: Brewer, Gordon, Egan, Thompson; Nays: Burgess, Clerger, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell; Absent: Alexopoulos)

Motion fails.

On the main motion, which was Councilor Burgess' motion to approve Council Order 2026-067 with all amendments recommended by the Planning Board and to allow for renumbering of sections as needed.

Roll Call Vote: 6-2-0 (Yays: Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell; Nays: Egan and Thompson; Absent: Alexopoulos)

Motion passes.

The Town Council meet recessed from 7:35 PM to 7:43 PM.

3. Council Order 2026-075: FY27 Randolph Community Preservation Projects

- a. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order, which includes projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee that the Council needs to give final approval for. Building Commissioner Ron Lum, Town Planner Michelle Tyler and Interim Assistant Town Manager Kevin Dumas were present for any questions regarding the projects. The Public Hearing notice was published in the Patriot Ledger on August 29 and September 5, 2026.
- b. There were no online or in person comments. The Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing was closed.
- c. President Egan is the Town Council Representative for the CPC and shared that he is in favor of all projects being presented to the Council on this Council Order.
- d. Councilor O'Connell asked about the location of the playground and if the project will go before the School Committee. Building Commissioner Lum stated that it would not.
- e. Councilor Burgess asked about the safeguards and restrictions for the funds being given towards the Violet Hills (217 Mill St) project. Town Attorney Griffin stated that the Town and the Applicant would enter into an agreement and create a schedule to release the funds. Town Attorney Griffin also stated that the Council can only approve, reject or send back the Council Order to the CPC.
- f. Councilor Brewer agrees that we need protection of the town funds.
- g. Councilor Burgess invoked Rule 21.

The Public hearing remained open and will be added to the September 28th Town Council Meeting.

Public Comments:

Council President Egan opened the public comments portion of the meeting.

1. Kathleen Crogen, 52 West Street: Shared her opposition to Flock cameras and shared information on Towns around Randolph who are ending their contracts with Flock.
2. Sandy Slavitz, Grove St: Shared her opposition on Flock cameras.
3. Sandi Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane: Against Flock Cameras. Asked for a speed bump on Pearly Evans saying the flashing stop sign is not helping the speeding on the street. Asked for more information on the override such as what cuts would be made.
4. Guerline Semerzier, 60 Mill St: Opposed to Flock cameras saying that we need to protect our residents. Mr. Semerzier shared information on a support group named Immigrant Family Service Institute (IFSI) who is in need of donations. These donations go towards helping families impacted by federal policies.
5. Chris Spears, 16 Doris Street: Opposed to Flock cameras and shared examples of Flock Cameras being used improperly. Would like to see the Police Department discontinue the use of these cameras.
6. Amanda Rutulo: Against ALPR (Automatic License Plate Readers) due to the availability of data being misused and/or abused. She also stated that 18 communities are in the process of cancelling their contracts.

There were no more public comments.

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions: None

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Council Order 2026-015: Acceptance of Gift of Historical Materials
 - a. This order was introduced back in March 2026. The order was continued until a complete list of materials was compiled. This order came back before the Council for a vote.
 - b. Councilor Burgess is the one who donated the items and added that articles being donated are relevant to the Town of Randolph.

Motion: Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-015A. This motion was seconded by Vice President Brewer.

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

Motion passes.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2026-080: Acceptance of Local Option Statute M.G.L. ch. 44, section 64 Regarding Payment of Unpaid Bills
 - a. Town Manager Howard introduced this Council Order which is a Statute on how unpaid bills are handled. Town Attorney Griffin added that the town has been following this process but never formally adopted/accepted.

Motion: Councilor O'Connell moved to approve Council Order 2026-080. This motion was seconded by President Egan.

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

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2026-077: Authorization for Payment of Prior Year Unpaid Bills

- a. Town Manager Howard introduced this order which included three bills from the prior fiscal year. This requires a vote from the council in order to pay them.
- b. Town Manager Howard added that the second vendor on the Council Order should say “Gas” not “Glass”

Motion: Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2026-077 as amended. This motion was seconded by President Egan.

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

Motion passes.

3. Council Order 2026-081: Amendment of Chapter 185 of the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph Concerning The Use of Automated License Plate Readers for Surveillance Purposes
 - a. Councilor Gordon gave an introduction to this order which would amend the ordinances around the use of plate readers and the access of the data, including a fine for mis-use. This order was referred to the Zoning and Ordinance Subcommittee.
4. Council Order 2026-082: Acceptance of Town Clerk’s Recommendation for In-Person Early Voting Hours for November 3, 2026 State Election
 - a. Town Manager Howard and Town Clerk Cheryl Sass introduce the order. This order will set the hours for in-person early voting.
 - b. Councilor Gordon mentioned that October 24th is the last day to register to vote.
 - c. Councilor Huff-Larmond spoke on mail in voting. Town Clerk Sass added that information on mail in voting is available on the Clerks website.

Motion: Councilor Huff-Larmond moved to approve Council Order 2026-082. This motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

Motion passes.

Town Manager’s Report:

1. Town Manager Howard spoke on the Town events over the weekend which were the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and grand opening of the Snack Shack at Belcher Park. Town Manager Howard thanked the Elks for their leadership on the event, stating it is critical we never forget. The grand opening of the Snack Shack is in honor of Jaylin Rainford; this was a heartfelt event.

Correspondence: None

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Councilor O’Connell shared that Friday September 19th will be the first football game on the new field.

Council Comments:

1. Councilor Clerger: Thanked the Elks for HTe September 11th Remembrance Ceremony.
2. Councilor Gordon: shared a memory around the unity of the country following 9/11. Shared information on the upcoming Halloween concert.
3. Councilor O’Connell: thanked Sgt. Morgan for the increased presence near the schools to help with traffic control. Gave thanks to DPW and MassDOT for the ADA sidewalks.
4. Councilor Burgess: asked the Town Council Clerk to inquire on a light in town that is inoperable.
5. Councilor Thompson: Seeing an increase in signs around town. November 7th is the Pack the Pantry event. Added that there is working being done regarding Flock and to reach out with questions.

6. Councilor Huff-Larmond shared that the Randolph DEI will be at the open houses to help register residents to vote. September 15th there will be a virtual DEI meeting; ZOOM link available upon request. Two proclamations were given out this weekend; one for the Family of Jaylin Rainford/Snack Shack and Paul Fernandes. Both families were honored for giving back to the community.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to adjourn made by President Egan and seconded by Councilor Clerger.

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

Meeting adjourned.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Notification of Upcoming Council Meetings:

September 28

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 23

December 7