



Town Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 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, and Jesse Gordon

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of silent prayer held in remembrance of Mrs. Jane Glassy who was a long-time resident of Randolph.

Announcements from the President

1. Discussion and Appointment of New Councillor to Fill Vacant Town Council District One Seat

Councillor Huff-Larmond entered the meeting at 6:15 PM.

There were two applicants for the vacant Town Council District One seat. Yahaira Lopez and Mr. Kevin O'Connell. We will allow the applicants three minutes to address the Council, there will be no question and answer period, and then the Council vote on who will be appointed.

Ms. Yahaira Lopez and Mr. Kevin O'Connell each addressed the Council.

A roll call vote of the Council was taken for who will be appointed to the vacant Town Council District One Seat.

The following members voted in favor of Ms. Yahaira Lopez: Clerger, Gordon, and Lopez

The following members voted in favor of Mr. Kevin O'Connell: C. Alexopoulos, W. Alexopoulos, Brewer, O'Connell, and Egan.

Councillor O'Connell has been appointed as the District One Town Councillor.

Public Comments/Discussions

Sandy Cohem, 63 Bittersweet Lane: I've encountered speeding situations on Bittersweet Lane and Perly Evens Drive. Something has to be done about this. We need a speed bump.

Joe Burke, 54 Hill Street: I see people constantly speeding in the area between North Main Street and Pond Street, and cars parked in the area causing issues. Can we get a “No Parking” sign in that area?

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

1. Resolution 2022-004: Concerning Chapter 90 Money and Unaccepted Street

Councillor Gordon introduced Council Order 2022-004 and provided additional information regarding this Resolution.

Councillor Burgess asked about the status of applications for street acceptance from developers in Randolph that have been submitted recently. Town Attorney Christine Griffin provided an update. Councillor Burgess also expressed concerns regarding Resolution 2022-004 and how

Council President Alexopoulos: I would like to refer this to the Public Safety Subcommittee for review and to iron out the language.

Town Manager’s Report:

1. I’m looking to appoint Barry Reckley to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Reckley is now retired and previously worked for Northeastern University and ended his career at MIT School of Management. He is very involved in the community and has done work with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion to approve the Appointment of Barry Reckley to the Board of Assessors made by C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

Councillor Burgess asked about the Town’s policies on handling unruly parties and loud noise. Town Manager Howard: The Town Council has voted on different noise ordinances and one of the key components in upholding the ordinance is that residents need to call the police department when the issue occurs. Chief Marag has put together a multilayered process within the department to address this issue.

New Business

1. 2022-032: Year-End Budget Transfers for FY 2022

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-032 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-032 with the following amendment: In the table under “Enterprise Fund,” the column on the left should be titled “Transfer To,” and the column on the right should be titled “Transfer From,” made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

2. 2022-033: Assignment of Police Officers to Election Locations

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-033 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-033 with the following amendment: There will be 14 FTE's over a full election day cycle, as described in the attached letters from the Town Clerk and Police Chief, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

3. 2022-034: Request for New Traffic Signs from the Police Chief

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-034 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-034 as presented made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-1-0 (Nays: Burgess)

Motion passes.

4. 2022-035: Approval of Contract for Police Body Cameras

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-035 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-035 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

5. 2022-036: FY23 Water/Sewer Rates Presentation

Town Manager Howard was joined by Douglas Gardner to present the proposed fiscal year 2025 water and sewer rates. Data was presented to reflect what a 0% increase, 2% increase, or 4% increase would look like in the water and sewer rates. The Councillors had an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the presentation.

6. 2022-037: Annual Reports Regarding Chapter 90 Money and Unaccepted Streets

Councillor Gordon introduced Council Order 2022-037 and provided additional information regarding this Council Order.

Council President Alexopoulos: This Council Order will be referred to the Public Safety Subcommittee for their review.

Correspondence

1. Thank you letter from the Clifton Family: Town Attorney Griffin read the letter submitted by the Clifton family expressing gratitude for the support received from the Town on the passing of former Councillor Kenrick Clifton.

2. Letter from State about Keno: The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission intends to install a KENO monitor at the following location: Richdale Town and Newspaper, 27 Warren Street, Randolph, MA. If

you object to these agent(s) receiving a monitor, you must do so, in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter. If applicable, please address your written objection to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Legal Department, 150 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125, and send via email to cporche@masslottery.com or by mail. Should you have any questions regarding this program or any other issues relative to the Lottery, please call the Lottery's General Counsel, Greg Polin, at 781-917-6057 or via email at gpolin@masslottery.com.

Committee Reports

Councillor Huff-Larmond: The Economic Development/Small Business/Real Estate Subcommittee will be meeting this week.

Councillor Gordon: The Master Plan Implementation Committee submitted their report to the Town Manager and I believe that will be coming to a future Town Council meeting in the near future.

Open Council Comments

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Can the School Department implement a Business and Marketing Class? I think it would be an extremely successful and wonderful opportunity for the students attending the school. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Juneteenth celebration. I am wearing green today in support of reproductive justice rights and need to have our voices heard.

Councillor Clerger: Thank you to the Town Manager and Police Department for their help with a constituent over the weekend.

Councillor Brewer: The Turner Free Library has a program this summer where you can earn a raffle ticket by attending the library programs, participating in the summer reading programs, writing book reviews, and more. The drawings for the raffle programs are done weekly and monthly until August 6th. Kids eat free at the Turner Free Library through Project Bread Lunches which will be served between 12 and 1 PM Monday through Friday. There are many other programs and you can get more information by going to the Turner Free Library website.

Councillor Gordon: There is a Community Preservation Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for July 20 at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Burgess: Can we please get a list of who's on the Community Preservation Committee? Can I also get a copy of the approved landscape plans for the property on the corner of Warren and Highland?

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM