



Randolph Town Council

Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Monday, September 8, 2025, 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 Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), James Burgess (In-Person), Natacha Clerger (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 Councillor Clerger.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Deacon Jack Burke, a member of our community and celebrating his 25 years of ministry.

Presentations

1. Presentation by Fisher Associates & Planning Department regarding the Zoning Update Project
 - a. Town Planner Michelle Tyler and consultants Chris Kushel and Ralph Willmer were present to give an overview of the 18 month project to update our zoning. The Zoning bylaws were adopted at town meeting back in 1936 and since 2024 we have been working with Fischer Associates to complete our zoning and recodification. The recodification will enhance the process, policy, user friendliness and functionality.

Announcements from the President: None

Public Comments/Discussions:

- a. Ira Green questioned why the town does not hang banners on the light poles like other surrounding towns do. We could use them to display for events and/or holidays. This could generate income if businesses used them. He also thanked the council and town for the paving of Center Street. He then thanked Councilor Burgess for the yard work done at the old VFW.
- b. Sandy Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Ln, asked if the park at the end of Highland could be cleaned up, that it is overgrown. Ms. Cohen stated that Mr. and Mrs. Zak wanted to give thanks for repaving the road.
- c. Eva Letts, 39 Consetta Sass Drive, expressed concerns over water drainage on her property with the main complaint being mosquitos. Town Manager Howard stated that DPW Superintendent Neil McCole is aware of the property concern. Councilor Burgess advised to call Norfolk County Mosquito Control to have them drop pellets into the water to help. He also offered to go look at the drainage site and check for a clog. Council President Alexopoulos will have someone come out and look at the property.

- d. Guerlince Semerzier, 60 Mill St, brought concerns of speeding on Mill St to JFK.
- e. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St, amid the financial struggles that are predicted, he is in disagreement with paying elected officials. Mr. Burke does not believe there should be a 3% cost of living adjustment for elected officials when the town staff do not get 3%.

Proclamations: None

Appointments:

1. Town Council Clerk- Emily Lorgeree

- a. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked why the interview committee believed she was a good fit? Council President Alexopoulos mentioned that she had worked in other communities performing similar tasks and will be plug and play into the position.

Moved by Vice President Brewer and seconded by Councilor Clerger, to approve the appointment of Emily Lorgeree as Randolph Town Council Clerk.

Roll Call: 8-0-0 (Absent: Egan)

Motion passes.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions: None

Town Managers Report: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Council Order 2025-065: Approval to Place Question on Fall 2025 Town Election Ballot Concerning Various Updates to the Randolph Town Charter
 - a. The Randolph Town Council has petitioned the state legislature, via home rule, to make several clarifying updates to the Randolph Town Charter. The updates will not take effect unless approved by the State legislature and the voters. This Council Order is to approve adding Question 1 to the local ballot to be voted on by residents in November seeking their approval for the charter updates.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-065 made by Katrina Huff-Larmond, seconded by Jesse Gordon.

Roll Call: 7-1-0 (Nays: Gordon, Absent: Egan)

Motion passes.

- 2. Council Order 2025-066: Amendment of the Traffic Rules and Regulations of the Town of Randolph Regarding Traffic Calming Measures
 - a. This was introduced at tonight's meeting. Councilor Gordon mentioned that he will be bringing an amendment to the council order when it comes back for a vote at a later meeting.
- 3. Council Order 2025-067: Amendment to the General Ordinances of the Town of Randolph To Add Chapter 70 Concerning Annual Salaries For Elected Town Officials
 - a. Monica Lamboy gave a brief overview of how these figures for the salaries were determined which included similar government style and population size. Town Attorney Griffin then stated that the elected officials are not deemed by GIC to be eligible for health insurance through the Town due to these officials not being scheduled to regularly work 19 or more hours per week.

Town Attorney Griffin then stated that the elected officials would have to petition to join Norfolk County Retirement. Town Attorney Griffin also stated that this requested amount is less than 1% of the annual town operating budget.

Councilor Gordon announced that he will be presenting amendments when this is brought forward for a vote, which include removing stipends and having an attendance requirement.

Councilor Thompson agrees that if you do not show up to meetings, that you should not be paid.

This matter will be on a future agenda.

4. Council Order 2025-068: Updated Acceptance of Gift of Real Estate Located on North Street in Randolph, As Described in Council Order 2022-048.
 - a. These are the Little League Fields.

Moved by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Brewer, to approve Council Order 2025-068 as printed.

Roll Call: 7-0-0 (Absent for vote: Huff-Larmond; Absent: Egan)

Motion passes.

5. Discussion: Possibility of Offering Incentive to Residents to Participate in Town-Wide Clean Up, Possibly In The Form Of a Reduction in Trash Fee or a Reduction in Trash Barrel Fee
 - a. Councilor Thompson introduced this topic and proposal, which is to reward residents for participating in town clean up initiatives.

Councilor Burgess believes people will still be littering but that it is a great initiative.

Councilor Clerger mentioned the Beautification Committee or Adopt a Street or an Island.

Council Vice President Brewer asked what the reward would be? Councilor Thompson is still working out the details and building a system.

Councilor O'Connell mentioned that residents could have punch cards to track progress.

Councilor Gordon brought back up the Adopt a Street initiative which was a program set in place a few years ago.

Councilor Thompson is going to touch base with the Board of Health to narrow down the details.

Correspondence: None

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Councilor Burgess apologized for a term used during a Public Safety Subcommittee meeting.

Open Councilor Comments:

1. Councilor O'Connell- Can we get lights with electricity at belcher park, possibly funded through grants? CPA? Also want to protect the football fields. Belcher park doesn't get used. Protect the football fields

by using this instead. Asking for help with councilors, Councilor Burgess instructed staff to review the will by which the Town obtained the property and the youth soccer agreements. The land use is specific to the will. Active recreation. Asked town attorney Griffin to dive in further. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked about the hayride that we used to do at Belcher Park.

2. Councilor Gordon went to Avon Planning Board meeting in regards to blasting, including dust, noise and vibration. Councilor Gordon says the town is now aware of these concerns from our residents. Councilor Gordon also mentioned speed bump criteria which he would like to include whether it is a cut through street, has a lot of traffic, and neighbor requests. Councilor Gordon then went on to explain his proposed amendments for the traffic calming measures council order from earlier.
3. Councilor Burgess wants to remind residents that not all drains are the responsibility of the town. Emily Jeffers has a swell that runs from her development, we have been down to clean this a few times already. This keeps getting filled in and it has been noted that the town will charge to clean it out. The Ellen Bennet Fund will and expenses were given to the Assistant Town Manager, and he was asking for a running balance of the money in that fund as well as what and where the money has been allocated too.
4. Councilor Brewer says that catch basins do hold water and drain when the level gets to a certain point. With Mrs. Letts, the property is privately owned and Norfolk Country may not come out to the property. Councilor Brewer would still like to help with the stagnant water.
5. Councilor Huff-Larmond thanked the Paul Fernandes family for their donation following the Golf Tournament done in his memory. Councilors will be serving lunch at the Community Center from 1-3PM one day this week. Suicide Awareness event is coming together, the community will be able to share stories. Randolph Youth Council has their first meeting next Sunday, reach out to Katrina Huff-Larmond if you want more information. Bill Sherman Scholarship golf tournament at DW field in Brockton on October 20th.
6. Councilor O'Connell really appreciates the efforts Katrina Huff-Larmond, police and library are doing for the suicide awareness event. Councilor O'Connell apologizes for mixing up James Burgess' name while giving out a proclamation
7. Councilor Burgess spoke on his reasoning behind helping to clear up the VFW which was mainly to help the appeal of the property. Councilor Burgess wants the code enforcement officer to help with properties that are not kept tidy. He also mentioned that if you are physically unable to keep up the maintenance to reach out the town and we can see if there is any assistance we could provide.
8. Council President Alexopoulos announced that on 9/11 there will be a remembrance at the Elks starting at 9am. The Blue Devils have their opening game Friday at home. There will be a tailgate 2 hours beforehand, no alcohol is permitted.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Council President Alexopoulos and seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call: 8-0-0 (Absent: Egan)

Motion passes.

Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 29	November 24
October 6 and 20	December 8