



## **Town Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 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:** President W. Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call - Members Present:** Christos Alexopoulos, William Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Kenrick Clifton, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon and Katrina Huff-Larmond (Absent: Councillor Burgess)

Pledge of Allegiance: Councillor C. Alexopoulos led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** In memory of two retired Town of Randolph Firefighters: Dep. Chief Albert “Hutchie” Hutchinson and Firefighter James Peters.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

December 6, 2021: At the request of Councillor Burgess at the last meeting, these minutes will added to the next agenda pending a correction.

January 3, 2022 and January 10, 2022: Councillor Huff-Larmond made a motion to take a vote collectively. Seconded by Councillor Gordon. A roll call vote was taken: 8-0-0 (Councillor Burgess Absent)

#### **Announcements from the President:**

1. Scheduled a special meeting for Monday, January 31, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 pm, at Councillor Gordon’s request re: Organizational Structure (review and recommendation of Finance Dept.) and Finances - ARPA Funding.
2. Received an email sent by the Finance Director, wishing to negotiate a new contract (current contract ends on June 30, 2022). President Alexopoulos appointed Councillors Egan, Huff-Larmond and Gordon to the committee to discuss a new contract.
3. Read from Council Rules and Regulations, Section 27 “Public Comments” - During the Public Comments portion of a meeting or during the Public Comments portion of any public hearing, each person requesting to make a public comment/discussion may be recognized by the President, and shall state his/her name and address for the record. Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes for each individual speaking. All remarks and questions shall be addressed to the Council as a whole through the President and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall enter into discussion either directly or through a member of the Council without permission of the presiding officer. No councilor shall speak during public comments without being recognized by the

President and no Councilor shall make public comments during this portion of the meeting or hearing. Any person, upon entering a council meeting or hearing for the purpose of participating, viewing, listening or testifying, grants permission to the Town Council to record and televise or otherwise publish their presence and testimony. Participants in the Public Comments portion of a meeting or hearing shall not use Public Comments: 1. To promote or oppose any candidate running for office. 2. For political purposes relating to an election. 3. To advertise for private commercial purposes or private monetary gain. 4. To make personal attacks on any resident, Town Council member or other elected or appointed Town official. Anyone making out of order comments or acting in an unruly manner shall be subject to removal from the meeting at the call of the President.

## **Appointments 2022:**

### Subcommittees:

Economic Development/Small Business/Real Estate: Councillors Burgess, Clifton, Gordon and Huff-Larmond

Human Services/Seniors/Recreation: Councillors C. Alexopoulos, Clerger, Gordon and Huff-Larmond

Ordinance: Councillors Brewer, Clerger and Egan

Public Safety: Councillors C. Alexopoulos, Brewer and Clifton

Finance Committee: Entire Town Council

### Appointments:

Town Council Representative to the School Committee: Councillor W. Alexopoulos

Turner Free Library Trustees: Councillors Brewer and Clerger

Veterans/Military Services Committee: Councillor Burgess

Community Preservation Committee: Councillor Egan

Joint Water Board: Christopher Pellitteri

Tri-Town Water Board: Councillor W. Alexopoulos

Master Plan and Implementation Committee: Councillor Gordon

Councillor Egan made a motion for collective action and ratification of the appointees to the Turner Free Library Trustees, Veterans/Military Services, Community Preservation Committee, Joint Water Board and Tri-Town Water Board. Seconded by Councillor Clifton. A roll call vote was taken: 7-0-0 (Brewer, Burgess Absent).

Councillor Alexopoulos asked that he is notified once the committees have organized and a chair is selected.

## **Public Comments:**

Joe Burke, Hills Street. Requested that Town Employees and Elected Officials or Board members are acknowledged at Town Council meetings when they pass away.

## **New Business:**

1. Ratification of the NEBBA, Local 18 – Dispatchers;’ Contract: After discussion, Councillor C. Alexopoulos made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councillor Brewer. A roll call vote was taken: 8-0-0.
2. Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to Randolph Redevelopment Authority. After a presentation by Member Sean Fontes and discussion of the Council, Councillor Brewer made a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Councillor Egan. A roll call vote was taken: 8-0-0.

### **Town Manager’s Report**

Over 3,000 at-home rapid test kits provided Saturday. Thanks to members of the MRC, Board of Health, Randolph Police and Randolph Fire, as well as several volunteers. An additional 500 were picked up at the Town Hall. Anyone who has not received test kits is encouraged to sign up online.

Thank you to Councillor Huff Larmond, Becky Robateau and Pastor Stephenson for the Martin Luther King event and making it available to all residents.

### **Councillor Comments:**

Councillor Clerger: Congratulated her colleagues for a beautiful MLK event. Expressed her condolences to her fellow Haitians with regard to the recent earthquake.

Councillor Gordon: Randolph Democratic Town Committee Caucus 2/5/2022, at 11:00. Republic Caucus will be held as well. Encouraged residents to write to the council with comments on how they would like to see ARPA funds spent.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Thanked staff at Randolph Town Hall who have come through. Former Staff who have come back and the staff that are there now. We could not continue to do the work that we do without the staff’s dedication. Received positive comments about the distribution of the at-home test kits. The MLK event was great. Thanked everyone for working through Covid-19.

Councillor Clifton: Echoed some of Councillor Huff-Larmond’s sentiments; continues to thank the Health Department Randolph Police, Randolph Fire, Medical Reserve and all the volunteers. Numbers appear to be showing a decline. Commended the Town for its ongoing work. Commended his colleague, Councillor Huff-Larmond, former School Committee Becky Robateau, and Pastor Ron Stephenson, for an amazing MLK event, the youth involved were spectacular – the dancing and the music that was played – it was a wonderful event. Commended everyone who participated in person or online. Informed the Town Manager that there was a very close 3-car (almost) accident at the corner of South Main Street and Center Street this afternoon. He continues to keep count of accidents or near misses over the years at the intersection of South Main and Center. There is a lot of work to be done with Phase III of the traffic study and believes that with close collaboration, we can achieve whatever we set out to do.

Councillor W. Alexopoulos: Thanked Councillor Clifton for filling in for him at the MLK event – he was under the weather. He appreciated the comments made on behalf of the Council and the Town.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn made by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos. Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0.