



## **Randolph Town Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**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 Vice-President Brewer called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call – Council Members Present:** Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), James Burgess (In-Person), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Chris Alexopoulos.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Robert L. Connor.

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

##### **1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting June 13, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on June 13, 2022, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 4-2-0 (Abstention: O’Connell, Thompson; Absent: W. Alexopoulos, Egan, Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

##### **2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting July 29, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on July 29, 2024, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: W. Alexopoulos, Egan, Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

#### **Presentations:**

##### **1. Community Wellness Plan Civic Engagement Project**

Town Planning Director Michelle Tyler and Community Wellness Planner Christine Tangishaka were present to introduce the HEART interns for the Civics Engagement Project. Ms. Tangishaka: The Community Wellness Plan has been in place for several years and is grant-funded by the Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds. One of the goals of the Community Wellness Plan is “community”. It states we are to find ways to engage members of the community, particularly those populations that are usually not well represented including the youth. The HEART Internship is a response to that goal and started a few years ago as a way to invite youth into civic government. HEART stands for Healthy, Equity, Action by Randolph Teens.

Presenting the Civics Engagement Project are Thalia Bazile, Kylah Huggins, Nahlya Hall, Isabella Luu, and Ji'ai Gonzalez. We have designed a new Civics Academy titled HIVE which stands for Heart Interns Value Engagement. This program focuses on topics relevant to the youth such as community civics, history, and wellness. Our mission statement is to provide Randolph youth with roles of independence by highlighting the importance of community wellness involvement with topics most relevant to them. We did seven different workshops and they were centered around safety, government, culture, finance, wellness, career readiness, and history. The last workshop was a survey held at the RICC center. The survey had two components: an online component which had more concrete data on youth and a virtual component which had an interactive piece where we would put together a collage of different photos that highlighted what we wanted to feature in the workshop and what are the goals of the workshop.

The Councillors had an opportunity to ask the members of the HIVE Initiative questions about the program and their experiences.

### **Public Comments**

1. Guerlince Semezier, 60 Mill Street: Congratulations to the HIVE youth who just presented. This is a great program with great leadership and we just got to witness the future of Randolph.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Council Order 2024-043: FY2025 Randolph Community Preservation Committee Projects**

Town Manager Brian Howard introduced Council Order 2024-043 and provided additional information regarding this Council Order. Two projects are being submitted and they are for vital records and historic documents preservation, and the Oakland Cemetery Gravestone Restoration. This is an initial introduction of the Council Order, and the Council Order will return to the Council at the next meeting for a public hearing.

### **Correspondence:**

**1. Board of Registrars: In-Person Early Voting:** The Board of Registrars voted to set the hours for Early Voting for the September 3 State Primary Election as listed below. All in-person early voting will take place at Town Hall, 41 South Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368 in the Lincoln Room.

Saturday, August 24 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Monday, August 26th 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 27th 8:30 am – 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 28 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Thursday, August 29 8:30 am – 7:00 pm  
Friday, August 30 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**2. Randolph Hiking Adventures:** Randolph Recreation and Randolph Mass in Motion are hosting the last of the Hiking Adventures on Sunday, August 18, 2024 meeting at 1 PM at the Shea Memorial Rink, 651 Willard Street in Quincy.

**3. 2024 Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival:** Taking Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25. The hours vary so be sure to check out their website for more information regarding ticket entry and to learn about the different ways you can participate.

**4. Kayaking At Powers Farm through Sunday, August 25, 2024:** Kayaking at Powers Farm is available until August 25 from 12 PM to 4 PM! Feel free to stop by by yourself or with friends and family.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. Councillor Gordon provided updates on the following items: 1. I'd like to hear from the Council about what to do next regarding the shuttle bus. 2. At the last meeting we discussed using the Town's website to be more informational and include a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. I'd be more than happy to draft of questions and answers to send to the Town Manager. 3. I've heard from several residents regarding street needs and received specific input about installing speed bumps. A discussion between the Council and Town Manager was held regarding speed bumps and the needs of various streets in Randolph including Pearly Evens Drive, Flint Locke Road, and Dow Street. Additional discussion was held concerning the traffic pattern at the new North Randolph Elementary School.

#### **Council Comments:**

1. Councillor O'Connell requested that Acorn Drive be added to the list for a speed bump. A lot of residents have requested it.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Thompson.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent: W. Alexopoulos, Egan, Huff-Larmond)  
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.