



# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall - Chapin Hall - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA  
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## AGENDA

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**A. Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Moment of Silent Prayer**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting March 27, 2023

2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting April 3, 2023

**D. Announcements from the President**

**E. Presentations**

1. Presentation of Gift by Mary Fernandes

**F. Public Comments/Discussions**

**G. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions**

**H. Town Manager's Report**

**I. Old/Unfinished Business**

## **J. New Business**

- [1.](#) Council Order 2023-023: Confirmation for a Date Modification for the Town Manager to Submit the Proposed Operating Budget for FY2024 to the Town Council
- [2.](#) Council Order 2023-024: Authorization By The Randolph Town Council To Petition The General Court To Enact Special Legislation Regarding The Status of The City Known As The Town Of Randolph As A Gateway Municipality

## **K. Correspondence**

- [1.](#) FEMA: Preliminary copies of Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- [2.](#) Comcast: Changes to Xfinity Channel lineup
- [3.](#) Main Street Farmers - Artisan Market 2023
- [4.](#) Randolph Community Partnership, Inc. 2023 Red Carpet Gala
- [5.](#) Haitian Flag Day Soccer Match and Celebration
- [6.](#) 2023 Memorial Day Events
- [7.](#) A Message From The Friendly Food Pantry: Randolph Postal Carriers Annual Food Drive
- [8.](#) Randolph Elder Services: 8th Annual Senior Olympics

## **L. Committee Reports**

## **M. Open Council Comments**

## **N. Adjournment**

Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates

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June 5 and 26

July 10 and 24

August 7 and 21

September 11

October 16 and 30

November 6 and 20

December 11



## Randolph Town Council

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Call to Order:** Council President Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call – Council Members Present:** William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (By Zoom), James Burgess, (By Zoom), Natacha Clerger (In-Person), Ryan Egan (By Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Clerger.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer and Moment of Silence held in remembrance of Irene Romano who passed away on March 9, 2023. She was a volunteer for over fifty years for the Town of Randolph serving on the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and more; and Donna DiCarlo who passed away on March 15, 2023. Donna grew up in Randolph and graduated from Randolph High School. She was a cafeteria worker at the Randolph Community Middle School. Our condolences to their families for their loss.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos entered the meeting, in person, at 6:05 PM.

### Approval of Minutes:

#### 1. Minutes of Town Council Meeting February 27, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting on February 27, 2023, made by Councillor O’Connell, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

#### 2. Minutes of Town Council Meeting March 13, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting on March 13, 2023, made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0(Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

### Appointments:

#### 1. Randolph Republican Town Committee (RRTC): Submission of Members for Consideration to Serve on the Election Board of Registrars

Council President Alexopoulos read a letter from the Randolph Republican Town Committee

Motion to reappoint Mr. Jim Buiel as a Registrar made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond)

Motion passes.

## Public Hearings:

### 1. **6:15 PM: Council Order 2022-056: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to Randolph Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph - Concerning Front Yard Setbacks As They Relate to Adjacent Historic Structures Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5**

This is a continued Public Hearing. Council Order 2022-056 was introduced by Town Manager Howard on December 5, 2022, and at that meeting, Council Order 2022-056 was referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Subcommittee. The Public Hearing was opened at the Town Council Meeting on February 6, 2023, and the legal advertisements were read at that meeting. Both the Planning Board and Ordinance Subcommittee have met regarding this Council Order.

Town Planning Director, Michelle Tyler, is present with us this evening.

Ms. Tyler: This council order was generated jointly by the Planning Board and Historical Commission following recommendations outlined in the comprehensive master plan of 2017. It specifically spoke about front yard setbacks in residential districts when they are adjacent to a historic property and this amendment will allow some flexibility in front setbacks if they are adjacent to a historic structure. Once the amendment was proposed, the Planning Board received comments from the Town Council regarding the definition of historic structures, which is outlined in the Randolph ordinances and this further amended the proposed zoning amendment. The additional amendment is referenced in the report submitted to the Town Council on February 8, 2023.

Councillor Clerger: The Ordinance Subcommittee met and discussed this Council Order and voted unanimously in favor of Council Order 2022-056. I was also voted chair so I am pleased to serve in that capacity.

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public comments portion of the public hearing. There were no public comments. Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened the discussion up to the Council.

Councillor Burgess: I appreciate the Planning Board taking into consideration the amendment. I think it's important and provides clarity.

Motion made by Councillor Burgess to approve Council Order 2022-056 with the Planning Board's amendments, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Huff-Larmond)

Motion Passes.

## Public Comments:

1. Kathleen Crogan-Camara, 52 West Street Randolph: I'd like to float the idea of having an information session in Randolph for the purpose of obtaining volunteers. The purpose would be to let them know what the different boards and committees do and what vacancies are open. I looked on the website and saw some of the committees and boards and had difficulty finding out just what spots are open. I

propose an evening that is run by the residents where they can ask questions of elected Town and people serving on boards.

2. Sandy Cohen, Bittersweet Lane: I heard that the vaccine center will be closing. I'm wondering when and if it's going to be put on our website. Town Manager Howard: At the end of the month the state is shutting down the Stop The Spread sites. Those seeking PCR testing have dwindled significantly and people have transitioned to using at-home test kits. I will be getting a plan from Health Commissioner Gerry Cody. They're doing flu and vaccine clinics at the same time and Randolph will move to do that a few dates a month.
3. Dave Mulligan, 3 Pond Lane: There was an article in the Patriot Ledger regarding bodies of water that people fish in and it was recommended that fish shouldn't be used for human consumption because of PFAS in the water, and they were only recommending fishing in lakes and ponds for human consumption. We have signs on Oak Street and a couple on Pond Street and there are still people fishing there, and there is concern that people consuming the fish there are consuming high amounts of PFAS. Also, is the state lowering the PFAS level? Town Manager Howard: The State sent out an advisory regarding Houghton's pond. As far as the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the EPA put out recommend numbers and that still needs to go through a hearing process to be approved. They are lower than what the DEP currently has and I think the MA DEP will match what the EPA does. Fortunately, we are building a new Water Treatment Plant and will be able to keep up. There are many communities dealing with the issue of PFAS and we are fortunate to be able to have the new Water Treatment Plant that is adaptable to any emerging contaminants. This is a country-wide issue but the current recommendation of EPA is 75 parts per trillion and they're expected to come out with lower numbers. Mulligan: There was also a reference in the Patriot Ledger that because the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) has lifted their connection fee because of PFAS, does that benefit the town by going that route as opposed to continuing on with the water bans? Town Manager Howard: We're passed that. The council spoke about this, with Braintree and Holbrook, and they were all united in wanting to control their own destiny and build a new Water Treatment Plant, as opposed to being subject to the specific whims of the WMRA and you have no say on your water rates.

Councillor O'Connell: I attended the Citizens Academy a few years ago and it was great. I graduated from it and found it so helpful. I think that is something that should be pushed forward again and would be beneficial to our community. Town Manager Howard: The Citizens Academy is definitely something you have to be in person for. There are a lot of interactive components and you want to see the apparatus and attend the tours. There were a few participants that went on to become a part of various boards and commissions. The short answer is yes, we'll be introducing that shortly.

Councillor Gordon: The proposal by Kathleen Crogan-Camara was not talking about so much of a deep dive, but that the Town Manager would officiate an evening and let everyone know which boards and commissions have vacancies.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Council Order 2023-013: Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-013. Town Manager Howard provided additional information about the Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-013 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos. Discussion was held regarding the electric bill portion of Council Order 2023-013.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond)

Motion Passes.

## 2. Council Order 2023-014: FY2023 Budget Transfer - ARPA Funds into General Fund

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-014. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Councillor Burgess: Is the copier a purchase or a rental? Town Manager Howard: A purchase.

Councillor Burgess: I appreciate the technology for the Code Enforcement Department. Is there a hardware component to the software- how are we going to fund that? Town Manager Howard: We may be able to cover it with the current budget number, but if not we may have to come back before the Council and request additional funds.

Councillor Huff-Larmond entered the meeting via Zoom at 6:47 PM.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-014 as presented made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion Passes.

## 3. Council Order 2023-015: Authorization for the Execution of Documents Relating to the New National Opioid Settlements

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-015.

Town Manager Howard provided an explanation of the purpose of this Council Order. The deadline to accept this is April 18, 2023. The funds will go into the special revenue for the opioid settlements fund which the Town set up at the previous vote. The first one was for the opioid distributors and this one is against the manufacturers. It will require a vote of the Town Council to release the funds from this revenue source so the Council still has an opportunity to approve how these funds are used. In a nutshell, these funds can be used for counseling services, recovery options, treatment and recovery centers, services and training for those who respond to opioid scenes, school-based services, mental health services, and public safety diversion programs. We'll be setting up a committee with the Police and Fire Chiefs, Public Health Commissioner, representatives from the school department, and Councillors so that there is an opportunity to develop a plan on how to use these funds. We're looking for the council to approve these settlements so we can get this paperwork back to the state.

Councillor Burgess requested clarification on the payment distributions of the six settlements.

Councillor Gordon asked about previous executive sessions and why this specific settlement is not in the executive session. Town Attorney Griffin provided an explanation regarding the terms of these settlements that have been made public by the Attorney General's office and so we were instructed that this vote should take place in public session. Councilor Gordon: So this is not the last one, this is just another set of settlements, is that correct? Town Attorney Griffin: That is correct. There were multiple defendants: distributors, manufacturers, and pharmacies primarily. A large group of distributors was the first group to settle, and here you have some manufacturers and pharmacies. There are still a few defendant groups who have not settled yet. I don't want to make any representations that there may or may not be more money but there are more defendants so it's possible we'll have additional settlement agreements.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-015 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion Passes.

## Correspondence:

1. Effective April 2, 2023, the monthly subscription for HBO and HBO Max will increase from \$14.99 to \$15.99 per month. All customers are also receiving notice of the change in their bill.
2. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities submitted a Notice of Filing and Request for Comments on National Grid's Petition for Approval of their 2023 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect May 1, 2023. Written comments may be submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Instructions for submitting written comments can be found on the Notice of Filing and Request for Comments that is attached to the agenda packet.
3. Randolph's H.E.A.R.T program, through the Community Wellness Plan, is initiating a Randolph Community eCookbook. Please send in your favorite recipes by scanning the QR code in the attached flyer. For additional questions and information, you may send an email to [TasteOfRandolph@gmail.com](mailto:TasteOfRandolph@gmail.com).
4. Randolph Rabies Clinic is on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 9 AM - 11 AM. Please bring proof of where your pet's rabies status. Dog licensing will be provided by the clerk's office on-site.
5. Randolph Spelling Bee is on Saturday, April 9, 2023, from 1 PM - 3 PM. The deadline to register is April 1, 2023. The age groups are 0-11, 12-24, and then 25+. There were 80 participants last year, and this year there are over 120 participants so far.
6. Spring Time curb yard waste session is on April 15, 2023, May 13, and May 27. They send out additional trucks that day so be sure to and on May 13 and May 27. You may contact the Board of Health for questions at 781-961-0924
7. Town Wide Clean-up is on Saturday, April 22, from 8 AM-12 PM at Town Hall. Please register in advance.

## Subcommittee Reports:

**Public Safety Subcommittee:** Council Vice President Brewer provided an update. There will be a Public Safety Subcommittee meeting this Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 PM to discuss the Tier three road work and projects we all voted on at the last meeting.

Councillor Clerger: What are the updated Covid-19 numbers? The reason I ask is because it is no longer mandatory to wear masks but some businesses are still requiring it. Town Manager Howard: Of the communities with the highest percentage positivity rate, Randolph is number 175 so we're doing well there. And the case rate, on a daily average, we're at 5.1. In the daily incident rates, we're number 181. We have plenty of test kits, so if you need any please visit the Board of Health. We're moving to a flu/covid vaccine program. You can still have PCR testing through Walgreens, CVS, and your medical health provider.

## Open Council Comments:

1. Councillor Burgess: A few weeks ago, the land for the Water Treatment Plant was being cleared for archeological finds, where do we stand on that? Town Manager Howard: Environmental Partners has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers who then works with the State, the tribes, and the MA Historical Commission. If everything goes well they will be resuming operation in 2 weeks but are still waiting on a final agreement. There will be a program in place where they clear down to 21 inches and have representatives from each tribe on site and representatives from the MA Historical Commission to be sure that there aren't any items of note and significant in nature. It did have cost factors so it is bleeding into the contingency for the project. It does slow it down a little bit but the Army Corps has the final say.

Councillor Burgess: Are you going to take a look at the entirety of phase three? Council Vice President Brewer: I think we'll get two or three projects submitted and have BETA start engineering them because

if they don't engineer them then we can't move forward with the process to bid the work. E understand looking at prioritizing that list that was given the other day but I'm talking about the phase three traffic study. Council Vice President Brewer: What I mean was the projects we voted on from Tier Three, we'll pick three or four of those to get engineered and have BETA submit them to the State, and see if we can get them done in the priority they were listed. Councillor Burgess: Brian, where do we stand on phase 3? Howard: That will be coming up through a Council Order potentially at the next meeting. We'll get it done.

Council Vice President Brewer: The Library's annual poetry contest opens on April 1st. Poets of all ages can submit their poetry at the library or online. There are lots of activities for the upcoming school vacation week, from cupcake wars to teen career and college prep, there is something for everyone. If you're looking for ways to make your home more energy efficient, The Green Energy consumer alliance is hosting an event on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:00 PM. I just wanted to say to the Town Manager: Vehicles and large box trucks are parking on the streets of Plunkett Circle and Pacella Park. It's an eye soar and it's become like a parking lot for them.

Councillor Clerger: Haitian Flag Day is coming up. There is a soccer game being scheduled between a local soccer team and the Randolph Police and Fire departments. Then there will be a Haitian Flag raising on May 18, 2023, at Randolph Town Hall. 2. I want to put the spotlight on the cleaning crew who helps keep our facilities clean. Thank you, Mr. Carlos, and Mr. Walker. I've seen them and anyone else who helps keep Randolph clean, in action and I want to thank them publicly. 3. Applied Leadership held its Annual Gala at the Baptist church in Randolph, Applied Leadership is an elite protestant community. We have another Haitian event on April 8, 2023, a famous band named Tropicana is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Power 102.1FM which is a local Haitian radio station. They take information from the website and post it periodically.

Gordon: I attended the Randolph community band event at Lombardo's over the weekend. Everyone kept asking what would be replacing Lombardo's and I hope that we receive an update on that soon. 2. I've mapped out a couple of welcome signs that will be installed throughout the Town. 3. We have started obtaining signatures on the new bus petition. This one ought to pass to come before the Town Council. There will be a feasibility study of a mobility hub throughout Randolph which will aim to help those living in apartment complexes and homes for senior living.

Councillor O'Connell: The Small Business Subcommittee met and we voted Councillor Huff-Larmond to be the Chairperson of the Subcommittee. We started brainstorming ideas on how to better our businesses in town.

## Executive Session:

Council President read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) relative to potential litigation strategy concerning the Town's claims in its opioid litigation as well as the PFAS Multi-District litigation, and the JUUL/Vape lawsuit based out of the Northern District of California. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

The Chair so declared.

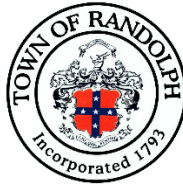
Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond).

The Council President announced that the Council would enter Executive Session and would not be returning to public session after the Executive Session.



The public portion of the Town Council meeting concluded, and the Council entered an executive session at 7:27 PM.

*Section C, Item 1.*



## Randolph Town Council

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Monday, April 3, 2023, 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 President Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call – Council Members Present:** William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (By Zoom), James Burgess (By Zoom), Natacha Clerger (By Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Moment of Silent Prayer held.

#### Announcements from the Council President:

1. I received a letter from Town Attorney Griffin requesting that the Town Council enter discussions about extending her employment contract as town attorney for the town of Randolph. I will be appointing a negotiating committee. Councillor Burgess: When does it expire? Council President Alexopoulos: June 30, 2024.

#### Public Hearings:

1. **6:15 PM: Special Permit Application and Site Plan and Design Review for a Proposed Development located at 16 Fencourt Avenue**

Council President Alexopoulos: This is a continued Public Hearing. Council President Alexopoulos read correspondence from the applicant requesting an additional continuance of the public hearing due to additional meetings being scheduled with the Plan Review Authority. I am going to continue the Public Hearing to the first meeting in June which will be June 5, 2023, at 6:15. The Town Council Clerk will send a letter to Attorney Reilly confirming the continued Public Hearing.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos entered the meeting, in person, at 6:07 PM.

#### Presentations:

1. **Plan Review Authority (PRA) Chairman Tony Plizga Updates**

- A. 502 S Main Street Updates by Chairman Tony Plizga: By way of background, this special permit was approved by the Town Council in December 2020. It included 14 duplexes, 24 garden-style condos, and 10 townhouses for a total of 60 units. It also included 1 new commercial building.

The first question was about the general progress of the project. They have nearly completed the duplexes, and as of this last weekend, they have 3 additional seller holes for the duplexes ready and open for the placing of the foundation. At a recent meeting held with the PRA on landscaping, they indicated that they plan to complete the 13 duplexes by the end of 2023. Based on that, I did remind them that later this year they would have to come before the Town Council to ask for an extension as the initial construction period was 3 years. One of the reasons they may have been going slower than people hoped for is they had a lot of issues getting electrical hookups in which was completed late last fall. Gas hookups are still not in.

The second question was, is there a new commercial building in the works? The straightforward answer is no. There is an existing commercial building on that parcel. When the original application was submitted to Town Council, there was always a plan for one commercial building.

The last question was, will the driveways or roadways remain private? The answer is yes. This is all one parcel so it will all remain private.

When the PRA met with the applicant in 2022, the applicant was instructed to meet with the Town Engineer regarding the numbering of the units because they knew the Town Engineer typically assigns a unit number to apartment numbers. What I didn't know at the time was that street names can only be provided by Town Council or Planning Board- whoever the permitting body is. Late last fall, the applicant called me personally and stated he had legal documents for the condos with street names on them that he had chosen. He understood that the Town would not approve those street names, however, there were already legal documents with these street names. I suggested that he contact the Town Attorney. At this point in time, this remains an outstanding issue.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: What is the process for street names? Town Attorney Griffin: We're in a little bit of a complicated spot. Typically, if a subdivision is being laid out then that means the Planning Board is overseeing the creation of an actual road and the road then can be named through a planning board process, or it can come before the Council and be asked to become a public way. This is not a subdivision; this whole property is a condo and so when the plans came through to the council it was treated as if each of the roads seen on this plan are a driveway- not a public or private way. So, the anticipation when this was approved through the council is that they would continue to be treated as if they were driveways. As the project has progressed it sounds like the developer started referring to the driveways by various names that have worked their way into some of the documents and now there is some confusion about whether those addresses are addresses of a road or informal names being used for driveways. They are officially still just driveways because the Town has not designated them as anything else. The important thing is that all the maps match.

Councillor Burgess: Do we have the names that were suggested? Chairman Plizga: We do not know what they are. Councillor Burgess: My next question would be are we opposed to any of those? Lastly, I would ask that we go back and look at Jasper Lane and Thompson Drive to see how we handled those developments which are similar to this.

Councillor Gordon: What is the address of the parcel? Is it just one parcel? Chairman Plizga: 502 South Main Street. It is one parcel.

Councillor Burgess: If we call them private ways and stop calling them streets and check out what the names are so they're not something crazy and we all agree on them, why not call them whatever names they may be for fire purposes? Council President Alexopoulos: That's a good

point. We can take a look at that and see what we can do. Town Attorney Griffin: Pl do have a particular legal status and so if the Council wants to convert them all to private ways that is one solution. The way this development was presented and approved by the Council is that these are driveways. That would require us to update the documents but certainly that's a path we can take if the Council wants to do so.

- B. Fencourt Ave Project Updates by Chairman Tony Plizga: We'll have our second meeting next Wednesday. We are currently waiting on updated drawings. I've given them a cut-off date of 1 week before the meeting or we will not be able to proceed. They added a sidewalk on the main entrance coming in on the right, they've eliminated the emergency road behind one of the buildings where it abuts Truelson Avenue, they've provided a gated driveway to Castleton Street for emergency fire department access, and they've looped the water main throughout the project instead of making it a dead-end. Those changes were made based on comments from the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works.

Councillor Burgess: Have they gone to the Conservation Commission yet? Chairman Plizga: They have and I think they are still waiting on a decision.

### **Public Comments:**

1. Joe Burke, Hills Street: How are we making out with that Street by Devine? Council President Alexopoulos: I will take a look at that and inquire with the Planning Board.
2. Sandy Cohen, Bittersweet Lane: I have a question about the Seth Man House that's on the Corner of North Main Street and Pleasant. There are always all kinds of cars and trucks parked there. It looks like a junkyard. It's a historic house.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Council Order 2023-016: Transfer of Free Cash and Enterprise Retained Earnings into OPEB Stabilization Account**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-016. Town Manager Howard provided additional information about the Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-016 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos. Discussion was held. Councillor Burgess: regarding the Town's commitment to bring retirement costs down. I appreciate the Town Manager and Town Accountant's efforts to accomplish that goal.

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

Motion Passes.

#### **2. Council Order 2023-017: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to Stabilization Fund**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-017. Town Manager Howard and Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-017 as presented made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Burgess. Discussion was held regarding the importance of maintaining the Town's Financial Policy of requiring a minimum of 6% of the prior year's net operating revenues in the Stabilization fund. Town Manager Howard: The town has an aggressive policy to ensure that funds are available for emergencies.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Egan)  
Motion Passes.

**3. Council Order 2023-018: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to FY 23 Health Department Expenses**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-018. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-018 as presented made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Egan)  
Motion Passes.

**4. Council Order 2023-019: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings to Water Treatment Stabilization Fund**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-019. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-019 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos. Discussion was held regarding previous votes of funds that were moved into the Water Treatment Stabilization fund.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Egan)  
Motion Passes.

**5. Council Order 2023-020: Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-020. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-020 as presented made by Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Clerger. Discussion was held regarding which projects were submitted for the Complete Streets Policy. Town Council Clerk listed the projects: Project 1 is South Street and Center Street (intersection at Lynnwood), project 3 is Highland Ave and Memorial Parkway (crossing improvements), project 5 is Chestnut and High Street (intersection improvements), and Project 6 is Oak Street sidewalk and intersection improvements.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Egan)  
Motion Passes.

**6. Discussion of Free Cash**

Town Manager Howard: The council had asked that when we bring forward the transfers of free cash we explain how it works. The Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith put together a presentation for the council.

Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith displayed a presentation on the Town of Randolph's free cash calculation.

Councillor Burgess: So, when we look at those grants, which are broken down into three categories: one being reimbursement rent- can those be subtracted? Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith: I have not done that but it is something I can report back on. Councillor Burgess: Well we have specific

department heads who handle the grants for their department and the school department has. My understanding is that we have hired an accounting firm to do our school finances. My other understanding is that the company that was hired is not entirely in tune with the requirements for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and hasn't been as aggressive in making sure we have applied for the grant reimbursement. Am I correct? Town Manager Howard: There is a statewide drain on financial services. Ultimately there is compliance with the law we have to go through for free cash, and in addition to that, you need to follow how each town records its funds and transactions.

Councillor Burgess: What is the attempted communication between the Town Accountant/Finance Director and the accounting firm in the school department? Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith: I'll be doing what I can for an independent review and send email communications of what I notice to be deficits or ask questions. Discussion was held regarding the Town Accountant/Finance Director's communications with the School Department and its accounting firm and deficits in the School Department's finances. Councillor Burgess: I am disappointed that the School Committee is not with us to have this discussion so we can all be on the same page. Superintendent Thea Stovell: I am not here to make any excuses. We have had a really tough year for a lot of reasons and I am comfortable saying to the Council that every one of those grants is now in the town's bank accounts. It has just been a matter of us getting someone to keep up with the work and unfortunately, the gap occurred when there was a lot happening and we now have someone tracking expenses. We are still looking for a Director of Finance. This was not an ideal situation but we are going a different route now, which is going through a recruiter. I do think at some point that is worth a conversation as well on how Munis works for the school. I think we have fixed everything we could so the numbers you are seeing on the screen have been drawn down. And a majority of it has gone to the town and if it hasn't yet it is on its way.

Council President Alexopoulos to Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith: When you correspond with the accounting firm in the school, can you please include the School Superintendent in the emails so she can help make sure the school department meets deadlines that have been set?

## **7. Council Order 2023-021: Authorization and Approval for Memorandum of Agreement for Patrol Officers**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-021. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding the proposed contract.

Town Manager Howard and Chief Marag were present to provide additional information on the Council Order and answer questions.

Town Manager Howard: Some of the key aspects of this agreement include: 1. Authorization for the Local 18 Union to remove themselves from civil service, 2. It gives the Police Chief flexibility to look at the shifts based on the needs of the town and staff those shifts appropriately. 3. There will be paid details in a competitive range with the surrounding area, 4. The clothing allowance goes up \$100 a year in particular due to the body camera program because you have to adapt the clothing and this allows for additional funds for those clothes. 4. The number of sick days that you can buy back are increasing from 20 sick days to 40 sick days.

Police Chief Anthony Marag: I echo what the Town Manager mentioned. The negotiations went well on both sides, there was mutual respect and it was not adversarial. In regards to what was achieved to help the department and help the community, really civil service and minimum manning were the two big asks on our end. I wanted to build flexibility in the department. Also, I need the flexibility to manage my shifts based on intelligence and call volume. The civil service has been a problem for us and will be a big problem for many communities throughout Massachusetts. There is a greater ability to hire quickly

and get quality candidates. Overall, I think it's a good thing for everyone and it's a forward contract.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We've been having the conversation for years to create a system that is equitable but due to the civil service system it was hard to put police officers of color in leadership roles. I know we still have a process to go through but it will be more flexible for officers to climb up the ladder. Town Manager Howard: This contract is specific to patrol officers. We are nearing the process for superiors but that still continues. The key we're trying to accomplish, as the chief says, can't be just about the test, it's being able to weigh that person and how they fit into the organization with the skills that are necessary that go far past a test. This will provide the tools necessary to the Police Chief to look at the whole candidate.

Councillor Clerger: How do the officers of color, how do they feel? Chief Marag: It was supported heavily by the department. Town Manager Howard: I believe the vote was 43-2. It was overwhelmingly approved by the body of patrol officers. Councillor Clerger: Are you guys planning on hiring more officers of color? Chief Marag: We hopefully are getting five candidates three black females and two black males soon. Clerger: I hear tremendously positive feedback on the patrol officers since they're the ones on the front lines and residents interact with the most. Chief you are doing very well and I hear lots of good things coming from every direction but I think we need more higher-ranking officers of color.

Councillor Gordon: So, the clothing allowance will allow the officers to purchase the necessary clothing to pin the body cameras onto their lapels? Town Manager Howard: That is correct. Gordon: We've used a linguistic requirement in the job description for the purpose of overcoming the civil service lack of a method for recruiting candidates of color. Is that right? Town Manager Howard: Civil service is a broken system, it's old. No matter what, this will allow Randolph to create its future.

Councillor Burgess requested additional information regarding the next steps for formally removing civil service and how the cameras have been working with the police department. Town Manager Howard explained that next steps for finalizing the removal of civil service are still being researched. Chief Marag: The rollout of the body cameras has been very smooth.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: I think this agreement will greatly benefit the community and the police department.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-021 as presented made by Council Vice President Brewer, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

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

Motion Passes.

## **8. Council Order 2023-022 Acceptance of M.G.L. c. 41 §110A to Move Last Day Local Election Deadlines to the Friday Prior to the Election**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-022. Town Manager Howard provided an explanation regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Town Manager Howard: When the law was changed in 2022, a mechanism was put in place because the days before the election were shortened from 20 to 10. Randolph's statistics show that fewer individuals are coming in on the Saturday before a local election to come in and register to vote. At least fifty communities in the State have already adopted this law. It's clear that people register to vote through other means and registering online. The question becomes whether or not to open on a Saturday for potentially one voter, with the costs it incurs, as a service that statistics show people prefer to do online.

Town Clerk Cheryl Sass: Automatic voter registration is probably the driving force behind this. Anyone is registered to vote no matter what they do at the registry, anything they do regarding MassHealth or Transitional Assistance. We get at least 50-60 voter registrations from the registry and online voter registrations from the secretary of state's office every day. People registering to vote in person are few and far between. Enacting this law, it would make it so that instead of being open from 9 AM to 5 PM on a Saturday, voter registration would close at 5 PM on Friday. If we were to adopt this law, I would offer to stay open late one night and advertise that the last day to register to vote is on that Friday but that we have additional hours if anyone needs it.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: I think this takes away the rights of our residents. Those who cannot vote online, maybe those who work from 9 AM to 9 PM and cannot make it to register to vote. If we vote for this we are taking away individuals right to vote. I know towns that have a majority of folks of color who are not doing this. We know that for whatever reason, the folks who are not voting are folks of color. There is lots of movement to help people understand their right to vote and with those efforts, we need for the Town to work with us.

Councillor Gordon: I also oppose this Council Order and want to remind the Council we had this conversation years ago when we decided to have voting open from Saturday and Sunday for voter registration, but it's also a voting day. We called it, "Souls to the Polls." I'd like to say that we should have funding to keep Town Hall open on Saturday 10 days prior, on Sunday 9 days prior, and on Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 days prior to the election.

Councillor Clerger: What is the reason we should adopt this? Town Clerk Cheryl Sass: This is not going to affect anyone's ability to vote for purposes of in-person early voting. This would be specific to folks' opportunity to register to vote on Saturday which would change from Saturday evening to Friday at 5 PM. Town Hall would still be open for state and federal elections for purposes of in-person early voting.

Council President Alexopoulos: Questions for the Town Clerk: The Saturday and Sunday before an election? Town Clerk Sass: This is only for local elections. Council President Alexopoulos: Is there early voting in local elections? Town Clerk Sass: Typically, yes. We do Saturday or Sunday for local elections, we can do Saturday and Sunday too, however, we'll just do 3 or 5 hours as opposed to 8. Council President: So, this only pertains to folks' ability to register to vote, it does not preclude people from voting on those days.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: This is voter suppression. The government starts with local elections. We depend on local elections in order to be heard nationally. So absolutely local elections matter.

Councillor Burgess: This is for the local election correct? Local elections occur on Tuesday. Early voting. When someone comes in to you to register in person, what is the process? Town Clerk Sass: They show an ID and register to vote. Councillor Burgess: Do you have to enter them into the state database? Yes, after they leave. It would pull them from whatever city they were in and moves them into ours. We all know there are times you have someone who wants to come to support us by voting and can't because they didn't register to vote for whatever reason. I think it's incumbent on us to ensure residents know about deadlines. I don't see this as voter suppression. We get to a point where you have to look at the data and if the data isn't supporting something then we should move the funds elsewhere. If we want more people to vote and this small data point is saying we're not reaching a lot of individuals then maybe we can go another avenue to get more people to vote. Voter registration is not the problem.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: This is not a 2023 issue. This has been an issue for years in making sure that we take responsibility to make sure we encourage our residents to register to vote and to vote. The point that Burgess is making is to put resources in other areas. People have been doing this for years by



standing outside in various locations, when we talk about putting resources in other areas to vote- what does that look like? We have a lack of effort in that area. When talking about equity and equality we are not looking at the data, we are looking at opportunity. This continues to be an issue and this is voter suppression.

Town Manager Howard: I brought this forward for the Town Clerk based on the data and, in listening to the conversation, we don't want to send the wrong message and will withdraw 2023-022 at this time.

Council Order 2023-022 was withdrawn by Town Manager Howard. No further action will be taken.

### Correspondence:

1. Randolph's Department of Public Health is hosting a Health and Wellness Expo occurring on Saturday, April 29, at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center from 11 AM - 2 PM. There will be lots of great services available.
2. Randolph is hosting its Annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8 AM -12 PM. Everyone will be meeting at Town Hall and materials will be provided. Please register in advance for a Fun T-Shirt!
3. There is a new beginner Line Dance Series taught by Mr. Paul Hughes at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center on Mondays. They are \$10 a class and registration is encouraged.
4. The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is hosting a Mental Health First Aid course on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the First Congressional Church, 1 South Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368. Registration is required- you may contact Ms. Jean Brewster by accessing the contact information listed on the flyer attached to the agenda packet.

### Subcommittee Reports:

**Small Business Subcommittee:** Councillor Huff-Larmond provided an update on this Subcommittee. We met recently and thought of lots of creative ideas to highlight and advertise small businesses, for example, connecting with RCTV in hopes that we will have some sort of partnership.

**Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee:** Councillor Gordon provided an update regarding this Subcommittee. 1. The park survey is online- created by myself with the Board of Recreation. It is accessible online at [Bit.ly/RandolphParks](https://bit.ly/RandolphParks). That's the first step of the open space and recreation plan. 2. A coalition of groups has kicked off the shuttle bus petition. We participated in a walk to the nearest bus from Rosemont Square Apartments. It was about a 20-minute walk. The petition is now available. Our hope is the coalition will submit the petition three weeks from today at the Town Hall. The idea is to create a shuttle bus service that goes from all of the big apartment complexes to resource centers, shopping plazas, and transit locations.

**Public Safety Subcommittee:** Council Vice President Brewer provided an update on the Public Safety Subcommittee. We met on March, 30 at 5 PM and discussed which projects to submit to BETA. We will be submitting project numbers 1, 3, 5, and 6 of the prioritized list made by the Subcommittee.

### Open Council Comments:

1. Councillor Gordon: 1. I spoke with the Town Planning Director of Canton about a sidewalk from the Randolph border on Randolph Street in Canton to the Ponkapoag Pond swimming area. The way I phrased it then was walking from Prine Hills to the beach. I brought this up to the state when they were discussing the Route 24 rehab and rejected it as the Department of Conservation Resources (DCR) prerogative and they said we defer to the Town of Canton. The Town of Canton is willing to invest in a sidewalk from route 24 to the entrance of the park but they mentioned that students from the Donovan

School and students who live in North Randolph that walk to the Blue Hills School would sidewalk. Canton is submitting that plan to DCR. If people want to submit their support as residents of Randolph, please email me and I will submit your comments.

2. Councillor O'Connell: Happy Easter to those who celebrate. Community Programs Director Liz Larossee is putting together an Easter Parade with the fire department on Saturday, April 8, 2023, starting at 11:30 AM. If you need a church to visit, come see me at Grace Church- everyone is welcome.
3. Councillor Huff-Larmond: There is a physical and mental health conference we will be doing at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center on May 6, 2023. This conference is predominately about suicide prevention. We will have speakers and panelists there speaking about mental health. 2. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is hosting a rock climbing event at the Central Rock Climbing Gym in Randolph. Every month we have done some sort of physical exercise channeling physical health. 3. Southshore Caribbean Connection has a scholarship under the name of Ken Clifton. The first annual education scholarship raffle for Randolph High School students. Ken did a lot of work with the school and made sure our students had the best of the best.
4. Councillor Clerger: The soccer game being held in celebration of Haitian Flag Day is scheduled for May 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Belcher Park. May 18, 2023, will be the Haitian Flag Raising at 10 AM at Town followed by a celebration at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.  
 Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Egan Absent During Vote: Burgess)  
 Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

**Council Order: 2023-023**

**Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard  
May 8, 2023**

**Confirmation for a Date Modification for the Town Manager to Submit the  
Proposed Operating Budget for FY2024 to the Town Council**

In accordance with Section 5-2 of the Town Charter of the Town of Randolph and past practice, the Town Manager is granted an extension to submit the proposed operating budget for FY2024 to the Town Council, until 05/31/2023.

Order 2023-024

Introduced By: Councilor Jesse Gordon  
May 8, 2023

**Authorization By The Randolph Town Council**  
**To Petition The General Court To Enact Special Legislation Regarding**  
**The Status of The City Known As The Town Of Randolph**  
**As A Gateway Municipality**

The Randolph Town Council hereby authorizes a petition to the General Court to enact special legislation regarding the status of the City Know As The Town of Randolph as a Gateway Municipality, said special legislation to be in a form that is substantially as presented below, and authorizes the Town Manager to take any action necessary in connection with the submission of said petition, and further authorizes the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form to the proposed special legislation:

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STATUS OF THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH AS A GATEWAY MUNICIPALITY.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

“Gateway municipality”, a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000 with a median household income below the commonwealth's average and a rate of educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or above that is below the commonwealth's average, as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws.

“Town”, the city known as the town of Randolph.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town shall henceforth be deemed a gateway municipality for all purposes under the General Laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_.



# FEMA

April 7, 2023

William Alexopoulos, President  
Town Council  
Town of Randolph  
Town Hall  
41 South Main Street  
Randolph, Massachusetts 02368

Prelim-EAP  
Community Name: Town of Randolph,  
Norfolk County,  
Massachusetts  
Community No.: 250251

Dear President Alexopoulos:

We are pleased to present your community with Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Norfolk County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions) for your review and comment. The enclosed FIS report for Norfolk County describes the flood hazard information updates made to the FIRM and FIS report and the source information used in making the updates. We have revised only those FIRM panels with updated flood hazard information.

We are sending the Preliminary copies at this time to give your community an opportunity to review them. Additionally, in an effort to assist you in circulating the information, FEMA has posted digital copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report materials to the following website: <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. We will contact you shortly to schedule a formal community coordination meeting (a “Consultation Coordination Officer [CCO]” Meeting) to discuss the revised flood hazard information, ordinance adoption, and other frequently asked questions and concerns. In the meantime, we encourage you to circulate the enclosed copies as widely as possible among elected officials, staff, and other individuals and organizations within the community that would have an interest in the FIRM and FIS report so that they will have the opportunity to review them thoroughly before the formal community coordination meeting. The review period provides community officials and citizens in the affected communities with an opportunity to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information, such as corporate limits, road names, and stream names on the FIRM or in the FIS report. Comments may be sent to Gardner Bent, Project Manager, U.S. Geological Survey, 10 Bearfoot Road, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532. Please submit comments (digital format such as shapefiles preferred) no later than 30 days from the date of this letter. All comments and changes received during this review period will be incorporated, as appropriate, before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document previous Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment [LOMAs], Letters of Map Revision [LOMRs]) that will be superseded when the FIRM becomes effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the FIRM; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the FIRM because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the SFHA as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the FIRM because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based is being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots of structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above.

LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the FIRM and will become effective one day after the FIRM becomes effective.

For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the FIRM becomes effective upon request.

Your community should be aware that recently approved LOMCs, specifically LOMRs, may have been issued for your community. The LOMR process is dynamic and FEMA is reviewing LOMR applications regularly. To complete production of the Preliminary FIRMs which includes incorporating the effects of “mappable” LOMRs issued since the last map effective date, a specific cutoff was established. FEMA will address any approved LOMRs issued after the cutoff date when the final SOMA is distributed. If your community has concerns regarding a specific case, please submit the LOMR case number, as well as any appropriate documentation, to our FEMA Regional Office at 99 High Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 before the end of the comment or appeal periods discussed below to assist us in keeping the map up to date.

After the CCO meeting, we will initiate a statutory 90-day appeal period for certain communities within Norfolk County. A statutory 90-day appeal period is required when FEMA adds or modifies Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, SFHAs, flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the Preliminary FIRM. If your community is identified as requiring an appeal period, we will send you a letter approximately 2 weeks before the start of the 90-day appeal period to detail the appeal process. The letter will forward information regarding notifications to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and local newspaper(s) and will provide the first and second publication dates. The appeal period will start on the second publication date. Additional information concerning the 90-day appeal period will be provided during the CCO meeting.

After the 30-day review and appeal periods have ended and we have addressed all comments/appeals, we will initiate final preparation of the FIRM and FIS report. The new FIRM and FIS report for your community will become effective approximately 7 to 10 months later. Before the effective date, you will be notified in writing of the official FIRM and FIS report effective date and asked to adopt floodplain ordinances or modify existing ordinances as necessary that correspond with the new FIRM or FIS report. If you or other community officials have any questions regarding floodplain ordinances, you may raise them with our FEMA Regional Office or you may discuss those issues with your State NFIP Coordinator. Several months before the effective date, we will mail one set of printed copies of the finalized FIRM and FIS report and digital copies of the map and report products.

Your community’s comments on the Preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report are an important part of our review process, and we will consider them carefully before we publish the FIRM and FIS report in their final form. If you have any questions regarding the Preliminary copies of the FIRM and FIS report, please contact me, the FEMA Consultation Coordination Officer designated for your community, at (617) 956-7576 or by email at [kerry.bogdan@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:kerry.bogdan@fema.dhs.gov). If you have general questions about mapping issues, please call our

FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or email our FMIX staff at FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Kerry Bogdan  
Risk Analysis Branch Chief  
Mitigation Division  
FEMA Region 1

cc: Michelle Tyler, Director of Planning, Town of Randolph  
Brian P. Howard, Acting Town Manager, Town of Randolph (w/o enclosures)  
Jean-Pierre Louis, Town Engineer, Town of Randolph (w/o enclosures)  
Joe Dunn, Conservation Agent, Town of Randolph (w/o enclosures)  
Keith Nastasia, Department of Public Works Superintendent, Town of Randolph (w/o enclosures)  
Ronald Lum, Building Commissioner, Town of Randolph (w/o enclosures)  
Joy Duperrault, State NFIP Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Gardner Bent, Project Manager, U.S. Geological Survey



April 3, 2023

Town Council  
Town of Randolph  
41 South Main Street  
Randolph, MA 02368

Dear Members of the Council:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following change to the Xfinity channel lineup provided in your community:

- *Effective May 12, 2023, ShopHQ will no longer be available with Xfinity.*

Customers are receiving notice of this change in their bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at **Catherine\_Maloney@comcast.com**.

Very truly yours,

*Catherine Maloney*

Catherine Maloney, Sr. Manager  
Government Affairs



April 14, 2023

Town Council  
Town of Randolph  
41 South Main Street  
Randolph, MA 02368

Dear Members of the Council:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following change to the Xfinity channel lineup provided in your community:

- The programmer carried on Leased Access channel 1098 has terminated their agreement effective May 9, 2023. Leased Access will no longer be available on Xfinity channel 1098 as of May 9th.
- The programmer carried on Leased Access channel 1094 has terminated their agreement effective May 12, 2023. Leased Access will no longer be available on Xfinity channel 1094 as of May 12th.

Customers are receiving notice of these changes in their bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at **Catherine\_Maloney@comcast.com**.

Very truly yours,

*Catherine Maloney*

Catherine Maloney, Sr. Manager  
Government Affairs

April 21, 2023

Town Council  
Town of Randolph  
41 South Main Street  
Randolph, MA 02368

Dear Members of the Council:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following change to the Xfinity channel lineup provided in your community:

- *Effective May 23, 2023, HBO Max will be renamed Max*

Customers are receiving notice of this change in their bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at [Catherine\\_Maloney@comcast.com](mailto:Catherine_Maloney@comcast.com).

Very truly yours,

*Catherine Maloney*

Catherine Maloney, Sr. Manager  
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# 6th Annual Randolph Haitian Flag Day Celebration

Town Councillor Natacha Clerger,  
Humanitarian Focus Foundation,  
Union Progressive Haitians for the Change of Haiti,  
Concerned Citizens of Randolph  
Cordially invite you to a day of celebration.

***Entertainment:  
EJ Mix & Rara Bel Poze***

**Thursday, MAY 18, 2023**

**10:00 AM: Breakfast & Flag Raising Ceremony at Town Hall**  
**5:00 PM: Celebration with Food, Music, Performances &  
Award Ceremony at Randolph Intergenerational Center.**





# HAITIAN FLAG DAY SOCCER MATCH



**THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY  
VS  
RANDOLPH POLICE & FIRE  
DEPARTMENTS**



**BELCHER PARK  
60 PLEASANT STREET  
RANDOLPH, MA 02368**

**MAY 13, 2023 AT 1:00 PM**

## The Town of Randolph & Randolph Veterans Council Announces 2023 Memorial Day Ceremonies



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Town Manager Brian Howard, Director of Veterans' Services Kevin J. Cook, and the Randolph Veterans' Council are proud to announce the Town of Randolph Memorial Day Weekend Ceremonies for Memorial Day 2023. The public is invited to participate in our remembrance of those who died in military service to our town and nation.

**Flags and flowers** will be planted on Veterans graves at St. Mary's & Central Cemetery on **Thursday, May 25th 2023 from 08:00 – 12:00** by residents, students from Randolph Public Schools, Recruits from the Randolph Police Academy, along with Sailors from the USS Constitution who have volunteered to be part of our town's remembrance of our fallen Veterans. The public is welcome to assist us in honoring our fallen. Meet up at 30 Seton Way at 08:00 am for flags and directions.

On **Sunday, May 28th**, there will be a Veterans Sunday Service at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church at 519 North Main Street at 10:00 a.m. A ceremony will be held at Oakland Cemetery at 12:00 pm and then followed up with a ceremony at Lindwood Memorial Park (490 North Street) at 1:00 p.m. in remembrance of our Jewish Veterans.

On **Monday, May 29th**, we will conduct our Memorial Day Ceremonies. All are welcome to join us and remember all our fallen.

8:30 a.m. Randolph Elks will have a ceremony at the Memorial in front of Town Hall.

9:00 a.m. - Town of Randolph & Veterans Council Ceremony at the War Memorial – Our featured speaker will be **US Navy Commander John Benda**. He was **76th in command of USS Constitution**, our nation's flagship from FEB 2020 - FEB 2022. He was born in Boston and grew up in Dedham MA. He currently serves at the Navy Leadership and Ethics Center in Newport, Rhode Island.

Upon conclusion of the ceremonies in Crawford Square, all units will meet up at the parking lot next to Zapustas Rink for a march to St Mary's and Central Cemetery. No March down North Street is planned but units will march from the parking lot over to the two cemeteries.

10:15 a.m. Ceremonies held at Central Cemetery (Time is approximate)

10:45 a.m. Ceremonies held at St Mary's Cemetery (Time is approximate)

Upon conclusion of ceremonies, all units will march to the Zapustas Ice Arena parking lot and depart from there to AMVETS Post 51 on AMVETS Lane for refreshments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kevin Cook  
617-251-7767  
[kcook@randolph-ma.gov](mailto:kcook@randolph-ma.gov)



# A Message From the Friendly Food Pantry

Section K, Item 7.



NATIONAL PARTNERS



The Randolph Postal Carriers will be collecting for their Annual Food Drive next **Saturday, May 13th**. Please leave a bag of non-perishable food items by your mailbox and your carrier will bring them to the Friendly Food Pantry. Most needed items are **cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and spaghetti sauce, canned fruits and soups**. Our number of clients has doubled since Covid began and we could really use your help!! Thank you so much in advance for your generous donations. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 339-987-5577.





# 8TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPICS

MAY 12TH - 19TH

# REGISTER NOW!



Seniors! Come be a part of Randolph's 8th Annual Senior Olympic Games!

This weeklong event is filled with fun events, laughter, competition, camaraderie, sportsmanship and of course medals! If you've never participated before, make this the year you join in on the fun!

There is a \$5.00 participation fee which will get you entry into all events and your official participant T Shirt! We have a VERY EXCITING "offsite" location this year for a couple of our events!

Applications for registration are available now at the front desk of the  
RICC Mon - Fri 8:30am - 2:00pm.





# 8TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPICS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday



6:00pm - Opening Ceremony @ RICC

6:30pm - 1/2 Mile Walk @ RICC

Monday



11:00am - Basketball Free Throw @ RICC

1:00pm - One Mile Walk @ RICC

Tuesday



9:00am - Two Mile Walk @ Gillette Stadium

9:45am - Softball Throw @ Gillette Stadium

Wednesday



12:00pm - Bowling @ Timberlanes

Thursday



12:00pm - Cornhole @ RICC

Friday



9:00am - Pickleball @ RICC

6:00pm - Closing Ceremony & Medal Presentation