



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 27, 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. Minutes of Town Council Meeting of February 27, 2023
2. Minutes of Town Council Meeting of March 13, 2023

D. Announcements from the President

E. 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 Related To Adjacent Historic Structures Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5

F. Public Comments/Discussions

G. Appointments

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

H. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

I. Town Manager's Report

J. Old/Unfinished Business

K. New Business

- [1.](#) Council Order 2023-013: Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills
- [2.](#) Council Order 2023-014: FY2023 Budget Transfer - ARPA Funds into General Fund
- [3.](#) Council Order 2023-015: Authorization for the Execution of Documents Relating to the New National Opioid Settlements

L. Correspondence

- [1.](#) Comcast: Changes to Xfinity TV Services
- [2.](#) Department of Public Utilities: Notice of Filing and Request for Comments
- [3.](#) Randolph Community eCookbook

M. Committee Reports

N. Open Council Comments

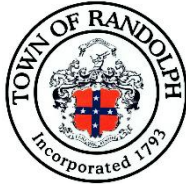
O. Executive Session

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.

P. Adjournment

Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 3 and 24
May 8 and 22
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, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Remote Meeting via Zoom

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

Roll Call – Council Members Present: William Alexopoulos, Christos Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer, James Burgess, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon, Katrina Huff-Larmond, Kevin O’Connell.

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: A moment of Silent Prayer was held in remembrance of the mother of Pauline Sullivan who works in the Treasurer/Collector’s Office, Margaret Sullivan and DPW Foreman Neil Crowley’s wife, Raquel Crowley who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences to their families.

Public Hearings:

1. 6:15 PM: Council Order 2023-005: Approval of Cable License Agreement with Verizon New England, Inc.

This is a continued Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was opened at the last Town Council Meeting of February 27, 2023. Council President Alexopoulos requested additional information regarding this Council Order from Town Attorney Griffin.

Town Attorney Griffin: We negotiated the Comcast renewal recently and each vendor basically insists that you match the contracts to each other so this contract is very similar to the Comcast license agreement that we negotiated last term. It has a five-year term and it contains a variety of capital payments, as well as a 4.3% annual gross revenue to the Town to support Community access. It’s been reviewed by folks at the Cable Access Program as well as internally it is consistent with what was done with Comcast.

Town Manager Howard: It is a five-year contract and does add an upgraded service for an HD channel which Community Television is starting to see more of. The financials are a paid grant of \$175,000 spread out over three installments and the consistent annual funding that Attorney Griffin just went over. It has become abundantly clear that more people don’t have cable and are using alternative streaming options that don’t provide revenue to the Cable Access Program. In the long run, legislative changes will have to be made to be able to support this type of programming in the future.

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public comments of the Public Hearing.

Joe Burke, of Hills Street: Where does the money we receive from Comcast and Verizon go? Town Manager Howard: It goes to funding and operation of the Local Community Access Corporation which runs the paid channels. Mr. Burke: So if we get more money will they reduce their rates? Town Manag

Howard: I think it's very clear, that even with increased competition, they will not be reducing rates.

There were no additional public comments. Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Councillor Burgess: Who participated in the negotiations for this contract? Is it a 10-year contract? If I'm a cable customer and my cable goes out, am I paying for the month even if I didn't have a month's worth of cable? They used to credit the users for interruptions in service. This contract states that "all cable has to be out" which I think is a change to the previous contract. How many cable subscribers do we have for Verizon? If it's 50 cents per subscriber how much will Verizon get? Town Manager Howard: Myself, the Town Attorney, and a representative from Verizon participated in the negotiations. Randolph Community Television was not directly involved in the negotiations but they provided advice and certainly signed off on this agreement. Verizon only issues 5-year contracts. Town Attorney Griffin: We weren't invited to negotiate the particular term relating to "all cable needing to be out" since that's a term in their contract statewide now. They were unwilling to negotiate any specific differences for our local cable users that didn't match with their statewide contracts so that wasn't on the table for us to negotiate. The negotiations were primarily about what the relationship between the Town, the PEG access entity, and Verizon would be. Anything related to Verizon's direct contractual relationship with its customers they want to keep consistent across the state and so they were not interested in any discussions about changing the terms of its direct contractual relationship with its customers. They were negotiating with us about their contractual relationship with us. The way I read the term "all" it reads "if all cable service is interrupted to an individual subscriber for 24 hours or more, they will grant the affected subscribers a rebate," so it has to be 24 hours. I would have to speak to the representative to make sure we're reading it right. Council President Alexopoulos: We can talk about it to get clarification. Town Attorney Griffin: They're supposed to pay us \$175,000 in capital costs and 4.3% of their annual gross revenue. Councillor Burgess: If it's .50 cents per subscriber, how much is local cable going to get? Town Attorney Griffin: They're going to get the PEG access fee which is 4.3% of the annual gross revenue. We don't know what the future gross revenues will be in a year. Councillor Burgess: How much do we RCTV get from Verizon now? At some point, the balance on that scale is going to tip dramatically and not in the favor of public access. We want to make sure everyone has equal access to community television.

Councillor Gordon: I think it's an interesting discussion regarding when the tipping point away from cable is coming, but for now we're all invested in having RCTV in Randolph and I think we have some examples of investment from our neighbors in the local cable television. I recently went to visit Stoughton Media Access Television and they have a lovely new studio paid for with the same funding source. I think we should follow their model and update our service rules. There are a couple of things we can do to make that happen. 1. Do we separate out our town subsidy of RCTV. I'd like to make it clear that the Town subsidizes our TV station, as we should. 2. I'd like to invite RCTV to the small business subcommittee in order to discuss how we can update their service to be more like the SMAC service which has a lot of important access. For example, anyone can come in with a thumb drive of a video to air on the community channel, and students can also come in to do projects for their own social media.

Motion to approve the contract made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos. A discussion was held regarding providing a list of subscription numbers and providing the current funding numbers which are produced by Verizon on a quarterly basis, RCTV's capabilities as well as its policies and procedures. Additionally, a discussion was held regarding the current municipal buildings that allow access to cable and potential changes for this in the future. Lastly, a discussion was held regarding Randolph's Schools' contract with RCTV.

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

Public Comments:

1. Kathleen Crogan-Camara, of 52 West Street: I have been working with Councillor Gordon regarding walkways trails, and open space. I commend Jesse for collaborating and pushing forward with the community preservation commission and the conservation commission and I encourage the other Town Council members to foster these efforts. Randolph is a majority/minority Town and many individuals have chronic health issues. As a registered nurse, I know that by offering many parks and walkways in Randolph we would be facilitating a healthy lifestyle. Small local parks increase a sense of belonging and strength within the community. I would like to advocate for environmental justice in our community and make this a priority to contribute to the health and safety of our neighbors.
2. Sandy Cohen, of Bittersweet Lane: In following up on Kathleen's comments on open spaces- at the end of Highland avenue we have a park that has boulders. You can't get in there and I have no idea what's going on but I think the boulders should be removed and made more user-friendly so that we can walk around this neighborhood and meet some of our neighbors. Secondly, What is going in the Westbound side of 139- they've been doing a lot of construction in that area 3. Does the building where "Not Your Average Joes" was have a tenant going in there?
3. Joe Burke, Hills Street: Are we going to see any discounts on the new cable contracts?
4. Joe Herosy: I want to reiterate what we spoke about during the last meeting where we had ceiling collapses, rodent infestations, lack of water, and basic living conditions. It goes back to way before the recent cold snap. We're talking about the Rosemont Square, or the Waterton Cooperation, and the other apartment complexes that are in Randolph.
5. Gladys McClain, of 14-106, Chestnut West At Rosemont Square: There are no handicap signs in the ground for the parking spaces and I'm wondering if we could get some on the ground. The heat is not working right because the doors are not sealed correctly. There was also a shooting here a couple of nights ago and they're advising us to be aware of our surroundings but the doors don't even lock and the rugs are not placed in like they should have been.
6. Izabel: I stand in solidarity with the residents of Randolph. We need to attack racism. Instead of putting fees for trash, we have fined them in other ways. They are increasing the rent on tenants because of the fines and that's not right.
7. Pamela Kelly, of Woodview Apartments, 49 Highland Glen Drive: I come in agreement with everything that has been said about the fees and living conditions afforded to us living in Randolph. There is no rent control in Randolph. I was told if I can't afford the rent then I should go live somewhere else and we are being faced with eviction. I've been over to Randolph Housing Authority because I applied for section 8 which will help reduce my rent and they told me they are not issuing any more section 8. This is not a good quality of life. I have been living in this apartment for so many years and I have had so many issues with management.
8. Kianna, Highland House: I am preparing to move out of Randolph but I wanted to come and support everyone else who is here. We have had bad rodents, the property managers don't do anything or fix anything, no heat, and no ac. I don't understand why Randolph doesn't care about its Residents. I want to know what you all are going to do to improve that.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2023-008: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings for Joint Board Operations

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-008. Town Manager Howard gave a brief explanation further describing the purpose of this Council Order.

Councillor Burgess: When do we think we'll get to the eight filters? I know this is a delicate dance because the water treatment plant is so old. Town Manager Howard: My understanding is that the testin

phase is approximately three months and then at that point environmental partners would pick up the program to do the height. It is important to note that other than the original first hit, the Town and Holbrook have been in compliance. For example, the latest number is 14.5. The goal is to do this program so we can eliminate any future points of going over that. Councillor Gordon: Can you touch on the new blue drop at Saint Bernadette's and the recent fire at Clean Harbors and any concerns you may have? Town Manager Howard: Now that we've reached an agreement with Saint Bernadette's that will allow us to use their facility, we will order a new unit, and they will build it to suit our needs. That will be another spot in Town for us to have a secondary unit, giving folks in North Randolph easier access. As far as what occurred in Braintree, there does not appear to be any impact to Randolph or any of the other communities that abut Braintree. If we learn anything else, we will take action as necessary. At this point, we are not aware of any remedial efforts that will be required based on the incident at Clean Harbors.

Councillor Gordon: I think it is great to start the GAC fill. First, regarding the issue of the water equipment being fragile, I agree it's very old and very fragile. We learned from the Braintree experience that their GAC filters got filled up a lot sooner than they thought, and we can anticipate the same for Randolph. I did have a proposal about finding the source of PFAS that's in our groundwater now. We started a program where the state tested seven different sites and I'd like to see more sites tested. I'm not sure where we are on that, but I would like an update. Town Manager Howard: We can pass along your thoughts on that. It would be great for them to conduct additional testing. There is no hot spot that you would point to based on the data that we've seen so far.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Do you know where the testing happened in Randolph? Town Manager Howard: We do. Councillor Huff-Larmond: We are putting a lot of work and money into making sure our water is what it should be and that surrounding towns are having similar issues and our PFAS numbers are lower than some of our surrounding towns. Town Manager Howard: If you read in the local papers, you will read that surrounding towns are dealing with the issue in a much higher concentration than we do. There are many communities in the state of MA trying to figure out their way around the new regulations that were issued last year. Councillor Huff-Larmond: When we look at the additional funding, could you explain more about that to the community? Town Manager Howard: The joint water Board factored in some percentage increase in their budget however they did not build in a large enough number to cover the increased costs of utilities based on what occurred with the rates and to deal with the water treatment chemicals necessary for the water. They are also still struggling to get certified water treatment plant operators so they are having to keep people longer and work overtime to cover those shifts. There are just not enough people with that certification so it's an extremely tight market.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a Motion on this Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-008 as presented made by Council Vice President Brewer, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

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

Motion Passes.

2. Council Order 2023-009: Transfer from Reserve Fund for Town Hall/Police Station Water Heater

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-009. Town Manager Howard gave a brief explanation regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a Motion on this Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-009 as presented made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Clerger; Absent During Vote: Councillor Egan)
Motion Passes.

Section C, Item 1.

3. Council Order 2023-010: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings for Unidirectional Flushing Plan

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-010. Town Manager Howard gave a brief explanation regarding the purpose of this Councilor Order.

Councillor Burgess: Since these have been certified, were there any issues that came up? And I believe we are waiting to schedule a meeting to talk about why we are short in free cash. Town Account/Finance Director Janine Smith: Councillor Burgess questions about retained earnings for the water sewer enterprise- there were no challenges it was easily certified. What he is referring to is our estimate of free cash, which is the general fund/savings account, and the number that we forecasted to be certified, when it was reviewed and reported was unfortunately millions of dollars less due to lots of school grant deficits. We can schedule a meeting to go through the details.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a Motion on this Council Order.

Motion to approve the Council Order 2023-010 as presented made by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

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

4. Council Order 2023-011: Authorization and Approval for Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) for New Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Randolph, MA and the SEIU Local 888 Randolph Town Hall and Library Workers (“Union”)

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-011.

Town Manager Howard: Thank you to Liz Larossee for her assistance throughout this process. The percentage portions are 3%, 2%, and 2%. The 3% this year mimics what the other unions have in their contract. In particular, some of the keys of this contract I think will be very helpful to the daily operation of the town are 1. The Library custodian and Randolph Intergenerational Community Center custodian can rotate back and forth, especially during vacations and sick days so this will be a tremendous help. 2. There was a change to the overtime schedule for the library. We’ll be able to use emails and automated text messages to expedite the process. 3. We are adding FMLA language to ensure we are in compliance with the law. Some of the terms were quite old. 4. It formalizes the probationary period. is critical to ensure the new hires are meeting the needs and the goals of the new position. Other unions in the town have probationary periods and this union did not also have an annual review to help develop goals. The SEIU consists of the clerical staff in Town that you will likely see on a day-to-day basis when you walk into Town Hall for example.

Councillor Burgess: This is eight pages and it seems to me it used to be longer. Town Manager Howard: We included the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which only speaks to the portions of the contract that were changed. Areas of the contract that were not changed are not reflected in the MOA which is consistently how we’ve done it. Councillor Burgess: I’d like to have a full copy of the contract before we vote on it and I don’t feel like I can do myself justice when I don’t have all the information.

Additional discussion was held regarding the provision in the contract regarding potential changes to Town Hall’s hours.

Council President Alexopoulos: Council Order 2023-011 will be continued to the Council Meeting on March 13, 2023.

Correspondence:

1. Randolph High School Social Studies Teacher reached out to the Council regarding an upcoming Civics Action Community Project led by 10th-grade students. The goal is to promote a student's ability to analyze complex issues, consider different points of view, and engage in civic discourse. It is taking place on March 15, 2023, from 9:00-10:00 AM at Randolph High School.
2. Correspondence from Attorney Kevin Reilly concerning the proposed project at 16 Fencourt Avenue. The Applicant consents to the continuance of the public hearing to April 3, 2023, at 6:15 PM. By way of separate correspondence, an update on where the Plan Review Authority stands will be sent to the Council. By way of email, Attorney Reilly also consented to the continuance of the site plan design and review to the public hearing taking place on April 3, 2023, at 6:15 PM.
3. The PRA for 502 South Main Street received updated landscaping plans and will be meeting on Wednesday March 8, 2023.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Master Plan Implementation Committee: We met with the Department of Public Works chair about what the DPW has been doing on Master Plan-oriented items. I think of most interest is about dead-end pipes. I think that the motion that we voted on about pipe flushing is relevant to that. It has cut down on the amount of brown water. I think we should address some of the dead-end pipes and it has been suggested that ARPA money may be dedicated to that.
2. Human Services/Seniors/ Subcommittee: The next meeting will be on Monday, March 6, 2023. It will be a hybrid meeting. The topics include: 1. Losocis conservation area- yes we are putting a sign there and removing the boulder. 2. I met with the Board of Recreation about doing a park survey to explain where there is currently park usage and where park usage is required. 3. Lastly, we'll be speaking about health violations. There were photos to be displayed to highlight the issues and the solutions.
3. Councillor Brewer: Public Safety Subcommittee will be meeting this Thursday at 4:00 PM regarding the complete streets proposal that needs to be submitted before April 1st.
4. School Committee: The School Building Committee chose a new contractor for the Lyons School Project and we'll have a kickoff meeting to showcase that and have a groundbreaking ceremony.

Open Council Comments:

1. Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Randolph Police and Fire departments will hold their "Hold the Line" charity game. This year it will honor fallen officers Mike Beal and Jeff Chaplin on March 11 at 1:00 at the Zapustas Ice Rink. The \$5 donation will go towards children attending summer camp this year.
2. Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. held an oratory art competition. Randolph High School students and other high school students in our service area participated. It was a wonderful event used to have their voices heard. 2. Randolph Woman's Club will have its Annual Woman's Day Event on March 5, 2023. It's \$40 if you buy your ticket now. They are going to have great speakers. Last month, the Woman's Club had a nice event at the Blecher House for Heart Disease and had the Randolph Health Department come to provide information. Look out for more information on Facebook regarding upcoming events. 3. Randolph Youth Council will have their next meeting on March 12, and will likely be virtual. If you want to tune in or participate feel free to call 617-240-0106 so we can make that happen.
3. Councillor Burgess: 1. The question came up regarding what was going on in Warren Street and I am surprised that that site was allowed to be clear-cut. There is nothing left on the site as far as vegetation goes. That has to be a violation of our rules. Can we have the Building Commissioner, Town Planner,

and Planning Board respond as to why they were allowed to clear-cut the entire lot? I know trees on it but what were the issues? 2. It came to my attention that the public is not invited to our public meetings in Chapin Hall, however as an elected public official, any meeting that I attend as a Town Councillor, any member of the public is invited to sit in this Town Hall with me.

4. Councillor Gordon: 1. Recreation Subcommittee is meeting on Monday March 6, 2023. We will read into the record the letter including the photographs that were submitted to the Town Council by Randolph Tenants Association. 2. I'd like to thank Kathleen Crogan Camara for raising the issue of opening the parks. I've done a series of tours of the parks and I'll present the maps during the next meeting as well. 2. How do we change the Council's rules so that we can make it so that the public is officially invited as part of the Town's ordinances? 3. The issue that was supposed to be raised is that we increase the fines and that the Board of Health has the policy to enforce the fines to the maximum amount possible. My reading is that the law allows up to \$500 per day for each violation. Councillor Huff-Larmond: I do agree that residents should be allowed to come here. I don't push it to say COVID is over because it is not over and I am sensitive to that especially with this being a majority-minority community. In my opinion, is to at least have a hybrid model so those who would like to tune in from home can do so, and those who want to come in person can do so. Council President Alexopoulos: My intent is starting next month to go back to being in Town Hall under a hybrid model. The reason the public was not invited in person today is because the meeting has been advertised as a remote meeting only. If a certain group of individuals were allowed, and others were not, that would not be fair to those that wanted to come but couldn't.
5. Councillor O'Connell: Recently I've had residents reach out within my district regarding the blasting that's occurring in Avon. I want to keep asking those residents to reach out to me. I'm trying to put together a group to go to the Avon Select Board. I have met with the Town Attorney and Town Manager and I will fight with you guys on this, I just need you to get behind me. Please reach out to me by email at KOConnell@Randolph-ma.gov. I will try to get a meeting date together and send everyone the details.

Councillor Clerger entered the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.
 Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Councillor Egan Absent During Vote)
 Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.



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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 13, 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: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (By Zoom), Natacha Clerger (In-Person), Ryan Egan (By Zoom), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of Town Council Meeting January 23, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting on January 23, 2023, made by Councillor O’Connell, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

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

Motion passes.

2. Minutes of Town Council Meeting February 6, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting on February 6, 2023, made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

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

Motion passes.

Councillor Gordon entered the meeting via Zoom at 6:06 P.M. He indicated that he had heard the meeting up to that point but had been unable to vote because of a technological issue, and asked that he be recorded as a "Yay" vote for the prior two votes.

Council President Announcements:

1. Town Council Meetings are now hybrid. As you may have noticed, there have been a few changes to the room. There is now a podium in Chapin Hall for Public Comments. We weren’t not coming in because of covid; a lot of it dealt with schedules. The Councillors are volunteers and sometimes it works better with work schedules. Councillors will continue to have the option to come in or attend the meeting remotely.

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 Relatde to Adjacent Historic Structures Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5**

This is a continued Public Hearing. This Public Hearing was opened at the Town Council Meeting on February 6, 2023. This item was referred to Planning, and we have received a report back. It was also referred to Ordinance. The Ordinance Subcommittee will be meeting this Wednesday, March 15, 2023 to discuss this Council Order. Therefore, to give them time to meet, this Public Hearing will be continued to March 27, 2023, at 6:15 pm.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- 1. Council Order 2023-011: Authorization and Approval for Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) for New Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Randolph, MA and the SEIU Local 888 Randolph Town Hall and Library Workers (“Union”)**

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-011. We will be taking this out of order. It was Rule 21'd by Councillor Burgess when it was introduced in the February 27, 2023 Council Meeting. The MOA has been attached to the agenda packet including the topics that have been changed within the contract.

Town Manager Howard: At the last meeting I explained the MOA and described a few key things I find to be very helpful. We'll now be able to move the custodians at Randolph Intergenerational Community Center and the Turner Free Library for coverage during sick and vacation time. We'll also have the ability to schedule the library employees through a single email blast versus calling every one individually which will be a tremendous help and expedite the process. It also formalizes a probationary period and an annual review where the employees and the department will have an opportunity to discuss goals going into the new year. I want to thank the SEIU who are the front staff when visitors come into this building.

Motion to approve Council Order 2023-011 made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor O'Connell.

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

Motion passes.

Public Comments:

1. Joseph Heresy, Jackson Street, Quincy, MA: I am here representing Randolph Tenants United. We represent the tenants of Randolph and are here to follow up on a letter we submitted on February 6, and Feb 22, 2023, about dangerous and unhealthy conditions that still exist in apartment complexes, especially in Thomspson Drive, Woodview, and Rosemont Square. The tenants experience daily issues of insect and rodent infestation, mold, lack of heat and hot water, broken appliances, code violations in wiring, fire safety, inlighted common areas, broken doors, and more. I also have pictures that we submitted as a result of flooding incidents. We're calling on the Council to take action to hold landlords accountable for violations by enforcing existing ordinances that exist in the Town and creating new fines at levels that landlords will take seriously. We refer you to the flooding of Rosemont Square that occurred earlier this year in February, security failures, and outside doors not being locked because of improper carpentry.

2. Gladys McClain, Rosemont Square: How do we get help during the weekend when we can't anyone in management? Joe Herosy has something on his phone with vouchers. Who do we go to if nobody is on call? Council President Alexopoulos: I will get that information for you. I'm sure during the weekend there is an emergency phone number. Town Manager Howard: On a regular basis, you have to go through management. We have only done that in an emergency situation. On a weekend basis, you need to reach out to the management of the particular apartment complex. McClain: We have called management and there is no answer or they don't get back to us. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Thank you for coming to us with your concerns. You also came to us last week at the Human Services Subcommittee meeting. Health Commissioner Gerry Cody spoke about the fines and the number of fines that this city fined at this particular property. Once we heard about the health violations, Gerry said he is going to look into that but that was only last week. Just as Mr. Cody and the Town Manager have done much work to make sure the needs of all residents are being met within their power, I have all faith that they will do the same for health violations within the boundaries. There was another suggestion which was how the residents come together as a group and make a huge presence at the court. How do you do that at a place where they have the power to make certain decisions? Doing that could be very effective. There are a couple of other opportunities for action including contacting neighboring towns with similar needs and doing some sort of class action lawsuit.
3. Izabel, 59 Pleasant Street: I hear you guys but we need to make fines for health and safety. They're not fixing apartments and then they're not passing our voucher because there have been no improvements. I need you guys to take action and take this seriously. The whole system is talking about anti-racism but nothing is being done about it. Please help us.
4. Pamela Kelly, Woodview Apartments: I got a text message from RMV letting me know that they were canceling my appointment at 9:20 AM due to the weather. If this happens, what are they expecting is going to happen to the tenants at Rosemont? At this time, we have a voucher for hotels but we don't have a way to obtain rooms for the disabled. We have a voucher telling us to go to the hotel, how do proceed to go to the facility because right now many of them are still in that situation? Town Manager Howard: We do not open shelters unless there are specific circumstances that require it but there are no open vouchers. If there is a need that calls for it, the Town has always responded. We are not in the business of giving out vouchers for nonemergent events. We knew there was a weather event that would cause havoc and we responded appropriately. With that said, there will hopefully be a change in the law that would require the owner of the property to do that. The regulations will come out in the spring.
5. Sandy Cohen, Bittersweet Lane: I want to thank Natalie for getting back to me with information after the last meeting. I'd like to follow up on one of the answers regarding the car wash going in at Mazzeo Drive. We already have car washes in Town and I'm wondering what the impact will be especially with water bans. Is there someone that can address the issue or someone from DPW? Council President Alexopoulos: It was approved by the Planning Board, and it's an allowable use in that area. Ms. Cohen: Was the lack of water taken into consideration? Council President Alexopoulos: Water is not a reason to deny somebody a permit to build. Town Manager Howard: If someone feels the market can benefit from a particular business then they have a right to build.
6. Joe Burke, Hills Street: Did you get in touch with Blue Hills regarding the budget? Town Manager Howard: Yes, they provided me with a physical copy and a PDF version late last week. It is very favorable to the town.

Councillor Burgess entered the meeting in person at 6:20 P.M.

New Business:

1. Discussion and Approval of Contract Amendment for the Town Finance Director/Town Accountant

Council President Alexopoulos introduced the new contract for the Town Finance Director/Town Accountant. The Finance Director/Town Accountant came to me to change her contract due to

additional responsibilities in her role. The subcommittee met various times to negotiate the amended agreement and reached a decision.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We met a few times and the final decision after negotiating with the Finance Director/Town Accountant was to increase her salary by \$7,500 due to her additional duties such as supervising payroll and in addition to that, supervising the finances in the school department within the context of the law. Council President Alexopoulos: Like other towns, the school finance department has been short, and Ms. Smith has been kind enough to provide guidance and support where it's permitted which will greatly impact the town. So we agreed on an additional sum of money retroactively as of September 1, 2022, which will be paid weekly.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a motion to approve the Town Finance Director/Town Accountant's amended Contract.

Motion to approve the Contract Amendments as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Nay: O'Connell)

Motion Passes.

2. Council Order 2023-012: Project Prioritization List for Complete Streets Program

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2023-012.

Chairman of the Public Safety Subcommittee, Councillor Brewer, described the purpose of this Council Order. We met on March 2, March 6, and March 9, 2023, to discuss the project prioritization list for the Complete Streets Program. We discussed the list the Planning Director Michelle Tyler had gone through, and the Council Orders that have been issued in the past, and thought that the ten projects we prioritized gave us a good base to get going on this five-year plan. I think it hits a lot of the different areas, a little bit of traffic calming (even though it's not called that), and a bit of the bump-outs. The three members rated them and hope the Council will accept the rating and get it going. In five years we can readjust.

Town Manager Howard: I attended the meetings and I thank the Subcommittee for the hours upon hours that were put in. As the community did on the block grant, I really wanted to get Randolph into the program. Generally, if you do well with the program you get to stay in the program. I thought it was critical that Randolph attacked those resources. It was clear in conversations with BETA and the Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent that even with the list you currently have if something changes in the next year or two, you will still have an opportunity to submit those proposed changes to MassDOT. You can't add anything new, but you possibly have the ability to shift things. A number of these projects on their own may cost \$500,000 and any project going over that would need capital funds. What you currently see in this list are just concepts of what the projects could look like and they have not been sent to an engineer yet.

Councillor Burgess: Do we have the list of ten? Council President Alexopoulos: The presentation has 26 projects listed in order from the top-rated project to the least-rated.

DPW Superintendent Pellitteri: We will submit the top ten plus an additional group and we'll be able to pick out of that list as our priorities change. We'll want to hit the ones at the top first and if funding helps us out, we can squeeze in some of the smaller projects to make sure we use the money.

The Council briefly reviewed each of the top ten projects.

Councillor Gordon: I think this level of detail is appropriate for the subcommittee. I think voting on tonight is 1. accept the Public Safety's prioritization, and 2. Accept Randolph is officially a part of the Complete Streets program. Is the funding of \$500,000 for five years? I'd like to hear how we can get more in the future. Town Manager Howard: The legislature would have to put more money into the program. Last week, the MMA presented its plan for a significant increase in Chapter 90 funds in general. It was been level-funded and because of that, purchasing power has gone down. What used to be \$200M worth of funding is essentially \$68M today. Town Manager Howard: There was a big push in that meeting last week in hopes that the legislature and the governor to increase the funds. The short answer is it would take legislative action to put more money into that program. Councillor Gordon: So now would be the time to seek to increase funding in the program.

Town Manager Howard: Getting an update to Chapter 90 would have far greater impacts for us because we'd have far greater flexibility. Randolph has used Chapter 90 funding mostly for road work and I think there are other things related to transportation that Chapter 90 funds can be used for. We haven't used them in that way but other communities have. We've just been using it for road specifically because it's been a top priority.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a motion to accept Council Order 2023-012 made by Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion Passes.

Town Manager's Report:

1. It's going to be a tight year regarding the budget. I did not tap into the part of the ARPA funds, which is the loss revenue category, so we do have some flexibility. A lot of communities went right to do that the first year but I structured the budget differently with the council's vote. The hard thing about Randolph is that state aid comprises 25-35% of our budget so when we get a cut from state aid it hurts a lot more. I reached out to our state legislation because there's still a lot of work to be done. We've seen some changes over the last few years. We're working towards crafting a budget that allows us to maintain a lot of the things we've done over the last four-five years. We're working on it and department heads are aware that as they craft the budget we're working on what I call a level-function budget.
2. There was a nice turnout at the Fire and Police hockey game that happened over the weekend. The Fire Department won by a goal. The event was done in memory of Officer Mike Beal and Jeff Chaplin. They raised enough to get ten kids to attend the Randolph summer program that may have not been able to otherwise. To be able to do that in the memory of two police officers is tremendous. Thank you to the police and fire departments, the staff at the Randolph Intergeneration Community Center, and the public who attended, and bought raffle tickets, shirts, etc. It was a great success!
3. Councillor Huff-Larmond was kind enough to get my car parked so I can get into the Blue Devils basketball game. They made it to the elite eight which was a massive accomplishment. This team has a lot of things going against them this year and it did not stop them. A big tip of the cap to the Randolph Blue Devils for a great season. They finished first in their division. They're a tremendously talented team. It was nice to see the size of the crowd for the Randolph kids. I tip my cap to the coaches, parents, and cheerleaders. even though they did not win, they played a game of sportsmanship and pride.

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 Randolph Intergenerational Community Center is proud to present an All-Ages Spelling Bee Tournament on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 1PM-3PM. Register by 4/1/2023 at: bit.ly/RandolphSpells

3. Attorney Kevin Reilly provided the Council Members with an update regarding the 16 Fen Application for a Special Permit. One meeting was held with the Plan Review Authority and following comments made during its course met with DPW Superintendent Pelletieri, Fire Chief Cassford, and Captain Austrino. The development will be taken up by the Conservation Commission at its next meeting and assuming that the process with Conservation Commission is limited to a single hearing and that its decision is promptly forthcoming after that, they will then coordinate further meetings with the Plan Review Authority.
Councillor Brewer requested more updates from Plan Review Authority regarding the project's meeting with various Boards and Committees. Council President Alexopoulos: Natalie, can we make sure that if that project is meeting then the Council is informed?

Subcommittee Reports:

Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee: Councillor Gordon provide an update regarding a recent meeting that was held. I'd like to summarize what Mr. Cody and Ms. Montlouis said at the meeting so we're clear about where we're going next. There are three different programs involved. The first one is trash ticketing which we have been doing. The second program is to take management companies to court which has been done as well. That's what we do for internal violations. Coming up next ticketing for internal violations. Could we ask for a plan on what will be done based on the meeting from last week? Town Manager Howard: We can certainly ask for an update. In speaking with the Health Commissioner, they find much more success with the court route than anything else. I also know that looking at the opportunity, (Stoughton or Canton) may be setting up a housing court option that may be easier to access. The inspections are very detailed and if they don't comply with any of the items then they go to the housing court to ensure those things get done. I believe Health Commissioner Cody invited folks to attend the next board of health meeting so hopefully folks will take that opportunity. On the Recreation side: We dealt with the soon-to-be new version of the Shuttle Bus Petition. And park signs are coming soon.

Economic Development/Small Business/Real Estate Subcommittee: Councillor Huff-Larmond will hold a Small Business Subcommittee meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.

School Committee: Council President Alexopoulos provided an update regarding the School Department. Included in the agenda packet is a 36-page report from the School Department on various programs and achievement levels of the School. I will ask Town Manager Howard to upload the report to the Town's website.

Open Council Comments:

1. Councillor Gordon: We're going to restart the Petition for Shuttle Bus in Randolph. The goal is to make it so we have a Town Council vote sometime in May and then assuming it's rejected that we have a larger petition to take place in June or July and then get it on a November ballot. The idea is to bring a shuttle bus that runs around Randolph to all the housing complexes, their workplaces, shopping centers, and stuff like that. This would make living in Randolph possible for everyone including those without a vehicle.
2. Councillor Brewer: It was nice to see everyone at the Hold The Line charity event. It was a pleasure to watch the game. Those men and women do a great job. Thank you very much to everyone who put it together.
3. Councillor O'Connell: The Hold The Line Tournament was a great turnout. You felt the pride. They played hard and it was an awesome game to watch. I'm just proud to be a part of that. St. Patricks Day is coming up, please don't drink and drive. Call an uber or taxi and get yourself home safely from establishments.

4. Councillor Clerger: In regards to health violation issues, in the past Councillor Driscoll has good at helping with housing issues and almost always finds a solution. You can contact him at William.Driscoll@ma-house.gov. Haitian Flag Day is coming on May 18, 2023. We'll have three soccer teams with Soley Levey, the Randolph Police/Fire, and a Haitian Soccer Team. The day begins with a Haitian Flag Raising at Town Hall at 10 A.M. and ends with a celebration at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center.
5. Councillor Huff-Larmond: The Randolph Women's Club had a recent luncheon and it was fabulous and meaningful. The executive director of the Greater Boston Food Project, and our new state auditor Diana DiZoglio were there as guest speakers. Thank you for doing this work Randolph Woman's Club. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Randolph Police Department has been working together which I'm really excited about. At some point, we're going to come out with a program to talk about diversity and equity. Alumni from Randolph/Holbrook Pop Warner are putting a scholarship out there if you want to go to College. Connect with me through kmhuff2@aol.com and we can talk about the paperwork. I want to echo the Town Manager's comments on the Blue Devils. They did a great job and I'm so proud of them. Lastly, my sorority Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated will have a walk and stretch program at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center at 10 A.M.
6. Council President Alexopoulos: Thank you to RCTV for continuing to do such a great job and putting together the events throughout the town and providing live coverage. I also want to thank them for being able to integrate our meeting with Cable and Zoom- a lot of time was put into this project. Thank you, Bill Clark, thank you, Natalie, thank you DPW, and everyone that helped us come back. It's great to be in chambers. It feels like home again.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Council Order 2022-056

Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
December 5, 2022

Request for the Town Council to Initiate
An Amendment to the 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

That the Town Council of the Town of Randolph hereby initiates an amendment to the 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, Section 5, and hereby amends Section 200-28(A) of the Zoning Ordinance as indicated below:

§ 200-28 Front yards.

A. Residential districts.

- (1) In a residential district, no building shall be erected within twenty-five (25) feet of the side line of any street, except as follows:
 - (a) No building shall be erected within forty-five (45) feet of the center line of any street which is less than forty (40) feet in width.
 - (b) No building shall be erected within forty (40) feet of the side lines of South Main Street or of the side lines of that part of North Main Street south of the Pond Street business area.
 - (c) **If a residential lot abuts a lot with an historic structure, the front yard setback may be reduced to that of the historic structure but not less than ten (10) feet.**
- (2) No building in a residential district need be set back more than the average setback of the residence buildings on the abutting lots. A vacant lot, a lot occupied by a nonconforming use or a building set back more than the required distance shall be counted as though occupied by a building set back at the prescribed distance for the purpose of determining said average.
- (3) No outdoor play area (an area designed or set aside for children in a child-care facility for recreation or play) shall be located closer to the street than the minimum requirements of this section.



Town of Randolph
PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT

~Clerk's Use~
Date referred to Planning ____/____/____
Order # _____

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO TOWN COUNCIL BY (check one)

- ☐ TOWN COUNCIL ☐ BOARD OF APPEALS ☒ PLANNING BOARD
☐ SUBJECT LAND OWNER(s)*

PETITIONER'S NAME Planning Board & Historical Commission

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE/CONTACT (if any) Michelle Tyler & Henry Cooke

ADDRESS 41 South Main Street

PHONE 781-961-0936 EMAIL mt Tyler@randolph-ma.gov

REASON FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT (attach additional justification as warranted) _____

See the attached narrative for the recommendations from the
Planning Board and Historical Commission based on the objectives
of the Comprehensive Master Plan

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE Michelle R Tyler DATE 11-15-2022
*all parties must sign

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (if applicable)

ARTICLE(s)/SECTION(s) 200-28

☒ **REQUIRED:** attach proposed ordinance TEXT using exact wording. Use strikethrough to show text to be deleted and bold to indicate text to be added

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (if applicable)

PROPERTY LOCATION/STREET ADDRESS _____

CURRENT ZONING _____ TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE REZONED _____

PROPOSED ZONING _____

ASSESSOR'S MAP(s) & PARCEL(s) _____

CURRENT USE(s) _____

ANTICIPATED USE (if known) _____

DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING LAND USES OF SURROUNDING AREA _____

☐ **REQUIRED:** attach MAPS clearly showing existing & proposed zoning districts, including parcel lot lines (8.5 x 11" preferred size)

The Natural and Cultural Resources section of the Comprehensive Master Plan outlines recommendations for amendment to Zoning Ordinances and General Ordinances as they relate to historic properties. Specifically, objective NHC2 suggests:

- *Amend Residential District Setback Provision, Section 200-28. A (2), and allow for relief from strict adherence to the 25' setback to match the setback of adjacent historic houses.*

Objective NHC2 suggests:

- *Change threshold of Demolition Delay Ordinance to the national standard of 50 years old or older, and extend the delay period to nine months or more.*

The Planning Board and the Historical Commission, through meetings of the separate boards and through a joint meeting of the two boards evaluated both recommendations and the impacts of adopting such amendments.

The boards collectively recommend the amendment to setbacks and provide the proposed amendment to **Zoning Ordinance section 200-28 Front Yards**.

The boards collectively disagree with amending the threshold for demolition delay from the current 100 years to 50 years appreciating the significant impact it would have on a large number of parcels in the community. They recommend retaining the threshold at 100 years but modifying the length of time to receive a demolition permit from six (6) months to nine (9) months by amending **General Ordinance 87-3 Procedure**.

Public Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice

Town of Randolph, MA

Council Order 2022-056

The Randolph Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:15 PM via ZOOM on 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, Section 5, as follows: Add the following language after § 200-28 (A)(1)(b), “(c) If a residential lot abuts with an historic structure, the front yard setback may be reduced to that of the historic structure but not less than ten (10) feet.”

Additional information on this Council Order may be found on the Town of Randolph website and is also available through the Randolph Town Clerk’s Office. The link to connect to the meeting/public hearing may be found on the Town of Randolph website on the website meeting calendar.

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PLANNING BOARD Report to Town Council

Order: 2022-056

Petitioner: Planning Board

Date referred: December 14, 2022

Date hearing opened: February 7, 2023

Date hearing closed: February 7, 2023

Date of report: February 8, 2023

PETITION

To amend Chapter 200 of the General Code of Randolph pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 to amend the Town of Randolph Zoning Ordinances concerning front yard setbacks as they relate to adjacent historic structures.

BACKGROUND

Zoning Ordinance section 200-28 provides specifications for front yard setbacks in residential districts. The Comprehensive Master Plan of 2017 includes a recommendation in the Natural and Cultural Resources section to “*amend residential setback provision, section 200-28.A and allow for relief from strict adherence to the 25’ setback to match the setback of adjacent historic houses*”.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board voted 4-0-1 to **RECOMMEND** adoption of order 2022-056 with an additional amendment as indicated in **RED**. The recommended language for adoption is:

*(c) If a residential lot abuts a lot with an historic structure, **as defined in section 87-2 of the Town of Randolph General Ordinance**, the front yard setback may be reduced to that of the historic structure but not less than ten (10) feet.*

DISCUSSION

The Planning Board and Historical Commission, through meetings of the separate boards and through a joint meeting, evaluated the recommendations of the Master Plan and the potential impacts of adopting such amendments. The Boards collectively agreed to recommend the amendment that would provide relief from a 25’ front yard setback if there is construction of a structure on a residential lot where that lot abuts another with an historic structure. However, in no case may be front yard setback be less than 10’.

During the Planning Board public hearing conducted February 7, 2023, the Board deliberated on how to define "*historic structure*". In that the term "*historic structure*" is used throughout the Zoning Ordinance and General Ordinance and, in that the term "*historic structure*" is included in definitions contained within the General Ordinance, the Board recommends including a cross-reference to the definition to provide clarity for those using and interpreting the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to construction and development plans.

March 17, 2023

Mr. William Alexopoulos
President
Randolph Town Council
41 South Main Street, 2nd Floor
Randolph, MA 02368

RANDOLPH
TOWN CLERK
03/17/2023

2023 MAR 17 PM 1:29

Dear Mr. Alexopoulos


On behalf of the Randolph Republican Town Committee (RRTC), I thank you for your continuing collaboration and effective communication on matters concerning the Town of Randolph and its residents. Pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law - Part I, Title VIII, Chapter 51, Section 15. We proudly submit the following three (3) members for consideration to serve as Election Board of Registrar to replace current Board of Registrar who's term expires on April 7, 2023.

Nominees:

- 1) Jim Buie
- 2) Jean Riguel Ulysse (Alternate)
- 3) Sue Curtis

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jean Riguel Ulysse
Chairman

RANDOLPH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda: Town Election Registrar

Location: Turner Free Library
Date: Thursday March 16, 2023
Time: 7:00PM

Attendees:
Jean Riguel Ulysse
Sue Curtis
Jim Curtis

1. Pledge of allegiance
Jean Riguel called to order the regular meeting at 7:05pm
2. Jim conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Sue Curtis, Jim Curtis, Jean Riguel Ulysse
3. Approval of meeting agenda
4. Members present voted unanimously to submit the following (3) members to the Town Councilors to choose (1) to replace Jim Buie who's term expires on April 7, 2023:

- a) Jim Buie
- b) Jean Riguel Ulysse (Alternate)
- c) Sue Curtis

5. Adjournment
Sue Curtis adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm
Meeting minutes submitted by: Jean Riguel Ulysse
Minutes approved by: Jim Curtis

RANDOLPH
TOWN CLERK
JIM CURTIS

2023 MAR 17 PM 1:29

Council Order: 2023-013

Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
March 27, 2023

Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$11,136.62 to pay certain prior year unpaid bills related to the General Fund as identified in the charts below:

GENERAL FUND			
SOURCE		USE	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
FY23 Inspectional Services Expenses	\$ 37.11	Staples	\$ 37.11
FY23 Utilities Expenses	\$ 10,531.67	National Grid	\$ 10,531.67
FY23 Highway Expenses	\$ 567.84	LocaliQ New England	\$ 567.84
TOTAL \$ 11,136.62		TOTAL \$ 11,136.62	

Explanation: These are transfers needed to pay bills from a different fiscal year. LocaliQ New England is Gateway Media (Ledger and Enterprise). The bill was for a legal ad to meet procurement requirements. LocaliQ New England is used by town boards (Planning, ZBA, Con Com and Town Council) for legal ads and public hearing notices on a regular basis. The National Grid bill is for a town account (street lights) that was mismatched by National Grid two years ago when they changed account numbers and did not have our tax id listed properly.

Council Order: 2023-014

Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
March 27, 2023**Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$149,270 from the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Revenue Loss to the various FY23 General Fund Operating Budgets, as shown below:

Department	Salary	Expense	Total
Street Lights		\$ 19,200	\$ 19,200
Legal		\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Town Council	\$ 17,100		\$ 17,100
Town Clerk		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
System Administration (Software) - Code Enforcement		\$ 17,970	\$ 17,970
System Administration (Software/Hardware) - Technology for Hybrid Meetings.		\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
TOTAL			\$ 149,270

Departmental Descriptions

Street Lights: \$19,200 - When the Town Council approves a prior fiscal year bill, it is paid from the current budget. This transfer will allow us to replenish the \$10,531.67 from Council Order 2023-013 and to have the necessary funds to pay this account until the end of the fiscal year.

Legal: \$45,000 - We have experienced multiple personnel matters over the past three months that have required outside counsel. In addition, we continue to negotiate with our three largest unions. Finally, some additional work has been needed on TLA – Holbrook. These funds should allow us to finish the year without needing an additional transfer.

Town Council: \$17,100 - The Town Council Clerk was budgeted as a part-time position. When the Town was getting limited responses to the advertisement, it was determined that we needed to make it a full-time position. These transfers are to fund the position until the end of the Fiscal Year.

Town Clerk: \$5,000 - The Town Clerk's copier/scanner is nearing the end of its useful life. It is 10 years old, and has made close to 250,000 copies to date. The copier has been repaired several times over the last year (especially with heavy use during election season) and each

time the tech makes repairs, it is harder and harder for him to get replacement parts as the copier is now obsolete.

System Administration (Software): \$17,970 - These funds will be used to purchase the Code Enforcement Module from Permit Eyes (Circle Technologies). We currently use the software for the Building Department and the Board of Health. These funds will be used for the initial purchase and installation of the software and the yearly service and hosting fee. This software will allow for the issuance, tracking, and payment of any code violations. This is currently done manually. Last year code enforcement had approximately 1,000 issues to track. The department receives requests by phone, email, See Click Fix, in person at the counter, and from other Town Departments.

System Administration (Software/Hardware): \$120,000 - These funds will be used for the purchase of equipment to enhance our technology for the introduction of full hybrid meetings for all boards going forward. We need additional monitors, laptops, internet access points, wiring, microphones, and more to ensure we can adapt to expected changes in the open meeting law. This is for Chapin Hall, the Washington Room, and Lincoln Room.

Council Order: 2023-015

Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
March 27, 2023

**Authorization for the Execution of Documents
Relating to the New National Opioid Settlements**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will authorize the Town Manager to execute the Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Forms, in substantially the forms attached hereto, and to take any other necessary actions, in order for the Town to participate in the five new national opioid settlements (“New National Opioid Settlements”) that have been reached with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart (“Settling Defendants”) by the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office to settle any claims the Town may have against the Settling Defendants relating to the national opioid litigation, as described in the attached settlement documents, and further in order to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility as part of the settlements, and hereby additionally authorizes the Town Manager to execute any other related agreements or documents necessary to receive settlement or abatement funds from these settlements. The chart below reflects the estimated, maximum annual distributions for Randolph, by settlement, for each of the Settling Defendants.

	# of Annual Payment	Total Payments
Municipal Allocation of Walmart Abatement Funds, by Payment	6 Annual Payments	\$86,935.95
Municipal Allocation of Teva Abatement Funds, by Payment	13 Annual Payments	\$116,059.54
Municipal Allocation of Allergan Abatement Funds, by Payment	7 Annual Payments	\$69,142.75
Municipal Allocation of CVS Abatement Funds, by Payment	10 Annual Payments	\$153,519.92
Municipal Allocation of Walgreens Abatement Funds, by Payment	15 Annual Payments	\$166,936.84

New National Opioids Settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart
Opioids Implementation Administrator
opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

RANDOLPH TOWN, MA
Reference Number: CL-386345

TO MASSACHUSETTS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Participation Deadline: April 18, 2023

Five new proposed national opioid settlements ("*New National Opioid Settlements*") have been reached with **Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart** ("*Settling Defendants*"). This *Participation Package* is a follow-up communication to the *Notice of National Opioid Settlements* recently received electronically by your subdivision or special district ("*subdivision*").

You are receiving this *Participation Package* because Massachusetts is participating in the following settlements:

- **Teva**
- **Allergan**
- **CVS**
- **Walgreens**
- **Walmart**

This electronic envelope contains *Participation Forms* for Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, including a release of any claims.

The *Participation Form for each settlement* must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before April 18, 2023, in order for your subdivision to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility.

Based upon subdivision participation forms received on or before April 18th, the subdivision participation rate will be used to determine whether participation for each deal is sufficient for the settlement to move forward and whether Massachusetts earns its maximum potential payment under the settlement. If the settlement moves forward, your release will become effective. If a settlement does not move forward, that release will not become effective.

Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly receive the settlement funds, even if the state and other participating subdivisions are receiving settlement funds. Any subdivision that does not participate may also reduce the amount of money for programs to remediate the opioid crisis in Massachusetts. Please consult the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement (available at

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-4-2022-ma-subdivision-agreement/download>) for information on how settlement funds will be allocated in Massachusetts. Charts reflecting the estimated, maximum annual distributions to participating subdivisions from the proposed settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart are available here: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/municipal-abatement-payments>.

You are encouraged to discuss the terms and benefits of the *New National Opioid Settlements* with your counsel (if applicable), the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, and other contacts within the state. Massachusetts is implementing and allocating funds for these new settlements in the same manner as it did for prior opioid settlements with McKesson, Cardinal, Amerisource, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen.

Information and documents regarding the *New National Opioid Settlements* can be found on the national settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. This website will be supplemented as additional documents are created. Additional information about the *New National Opioid Settlements*, including how the funds will be allocated within Massachusetts, can be found on the website of the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-ags-statewide-opioid-settlements>.

How to return signed forms:

There are three methods for returning the executed *Participation Forms* to the Implementation Administrator:

- (1) *Electronic Signature via DocuSign*: Executing the *Participation Forms* electronically through DocuSign will return the signed forms to the Implementation Administrator and associate your forms with your subdivision's records. Electronic signature is the most efficient method for returning *Participation Forms*, allowing for more timely participation and the potential to meet higher settlement payment thresholds, and is therefore strongly encouraged.
- (2) *Manual Signature returned via DocuSign*: DocuSign allows forms to be downloaded, signed manually, then uploaded to DocuSign and returned automatically to the Implementation Administrator. Please be sure to complete all fields. As with electronic signature, returning manually signed *Participation Forms* via DocuSign will associate your signed forms with your subdivision's records.
- (3) *Manual Signature returned via electronic mail*: If your subdivision is unable to return executed *Participation Forms* using DocuSign, signed *Participation Forms* may be returned via electronic mail to opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please include the name, state, and reference ID of your subdivision in the body of the email and use the subject line: Settlement Participation Forms – [Subdivision Name, Subdivision State] – [Reference ID].

Detailed instructions on how to sign and return the *Participation Forms*, including changing the authorized signer, can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>. You may also contact opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

The sign-on period for subdivisions ends on April 18, 2023.

If you have any questions about executing these forms, please contact your counsel, the Implementation Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com, or the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell at MAOpioidSettlements@mass.gov.

Thank you,

National Opioids Settlements Implementation Administrator

The Implementation Administrator is retained to provide the settlement notice required by the respective settlement agreements referenced above and to manage the collection of settlement participation forms for each settlement.

EXHIBIT K
Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation forms for the Allergan and Teva Settlements at this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: RANDOLPH TOWN	State: MA
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Agreement dated November 22, 2022 ("*Allergan Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Allergan Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Allergan Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Allergan Settlement as provided therein.
2. Following the execution of this Settlement Participation Form, the Governmental Entity shall comply with Section III.B of the Allergan Settlement regarding Cessation of Litigation Activities.
3. The Governmental Entity shall, within fourteen (14) days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, file a request to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the MDL Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
4. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Allergan Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions and Special Districts as defined therein.
5. By agreeing to the terms of the Allergan Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
6. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Allergan Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



7. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Allergan Settlement.
8. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Allergan Settlement as provided therein.
9. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Allergan Settlement, including, but not limited to, all provisions of **Section V (Release)**, and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Allergan Settlement are intended to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Allergan Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
10. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District as set forth in the Allergan Settlement.
11. In connection with the releases provided for in the Allergan Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Allergan Settlement.

12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Allergan Settlement, to which the Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Settlement Participation Form is interpreted differently from the Allergan Settlement in any respect, the Allergan Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Settlement Participation Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Exhibit K
Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form

Governmental Entity: RANDOLPH TOWN	State: MA
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Agreement dated November 22, 2022 ("*Teva Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Teva Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Teva Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Teva Settlement as provided therein.
2. Following the execution of this Settlement Participation Form, the Governmental Entity shall comply with Section III.B of the Teva Settlement regarding Cessation of Litigation Activities.
3. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, file a request to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
4. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Teva Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
5. By agreeing to the terms of the Teva Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
6. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Teva Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
7. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Teva Settlement.



8. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Teva Settlement as provided therein.
9. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Teva Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section V (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Teva Settlement are intended by Released Entities and the Governmental Entity to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Teva Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
10. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District as set forth in the Teva Settlement.
11. In connection with the releases provided for in the Teva Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Teva Settlement.

12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Teva Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Teva Settlement in any respect, the Teva Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



EXHIBIT K**Subdivision Participation and Release Form**

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation form for the CVS Settlement at this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: RANDOLPH TOWN	State: MA
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated December 9, 2022 ("*CVS Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the CVS Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the CVS Settlement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the CVS Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the CVS Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the CVS Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the CVS Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the CVS Settlement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the CVS Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the CVS Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the CVS Settlement, including without limitation all provisions of Section XI (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the CVS Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The CVS Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the CVS Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the CVS Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the CVS Settlement.



11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the CVS Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the CVS Settlement in any respect, the CVS Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



EXHIBIT K**Subdivision Participation and Release Form**

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation form for the Walgreens Settlement at this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: RANDOLPH TOWN	State: MA
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated December 9, 2022 ("*Walgreens Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Walgreens Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Walgreens Settlement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Walgreens Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Walgreens Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Walgreens Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Walgreens Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Walgreens Settlement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the Walgreens Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Walgreens Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Walgreens Settlement, including without limitation all provisions of Section XI (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Walgreens Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Walgreens Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Walgreens Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Walgreens Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Walgreens Settlement.



11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Walgreens Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the Walgreens Settlement in any respect, the Walgreens Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



EXHIBIT K**Subdivision Participation Form**

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation form for the Walmart Settlement at this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: RANDOLPH TOWN	State: MA
Authorized Official:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("Governmental Entity"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated November 14, 2022 ("Walmart Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Walmart Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Walmart Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Walmart Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event within 14 days of the Effective Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Walmart Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Walmart Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Walmart Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Walmart Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Walmart Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Walmart Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section X (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Walmart Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Walmart Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Walmart Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Walmart Settlement.
10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Walmart Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Walmart Settlement in any respect, the Walmart Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____





March 13, 2023

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

Re: Programming Advisory

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:

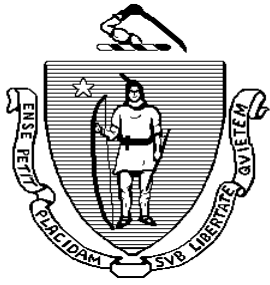
- Effective March 31, 2023, Band Internacional is ceasing operations and will no longer be available through Xfinity. The package Brazilian 4 Pack will be renamed Brazilian 3 Pack and will include TV Globo, SporTV (formerly PFC), and Record TV. The price of the Pack has been reduced from \$34.99 to \$29.99 per month, plus applicable taxes and fees.

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



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-26

March 14, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid, for Approval of their 2023 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect May 1, 2023.

On March 1, 2023, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (together, “Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval of their 2023 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors (“EERFs”), effective May 1, 2023. The Department docketed the Companies’ petition as D.P.U. 23-26.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The Companies propose the following EERFs for effect May 1, 2023: (1) 2.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers; (2) 0.302 cents per kWh for low-income residential customers; and (3) 1.129 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers. The proposed EERFs are designed to: (1) collect costs associated with the Companies’ 2023 energy efficiency program implementation in excess of other funding sources; and (2) reconcile expenses and revenues from the previous year’s program implementation.

If the Department approves the 2023 EERFs as proposed, a residential customer (R-1) using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$2.68 (or approximately 0.9 percent). A low-income residential (R-2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.43 (Massachusetts Electric Company) or \$0.44 (Nantucket Electric Company) (each approximately 0.2 percent). C&I customers will experience minimal changes to monthly bills. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Companies as shown below.

Any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday April 11, 2023**. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1) (March 4, 2002)); however, at this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission’s June 15, 2021 directive

related to modified filing requirements. Until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

All written communications or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpufiling@mass.gov and Krista.Hawley@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of any documents should be sent to the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., by email attachment to Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-26); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. All documents in the electric format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "23-26") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Krista.Hawley@mass.gov.

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