



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WITH RANDOLPH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall - Chapin Hall- 2nd Floor- 41 South Main Street
Randolph, MA 02368

AGENDA

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

B. Moment of Silent Prayer

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Reapproval of Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2022
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2026
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2026
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2026

D. Announcements from the President

E. Presentations

- [1.](#) School Department Presentation and Budget Review of FY26 and FY27

F. Public Hearings

G. Public Comments/Discussions

Public comments shall only be provided in person and shall not be provided remotely.

H. Proclamations

I. Appointments

J. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

K. Old/Unfinished Business

- [1.](#) Council Order 2026-003: Proposed Amendment To Town Council Rules Pertaining to Committees and Suspension of the Rules
- [2.](#) Discussion/Decision for Night Before the Fourth Parade

L. New Business

- [1.](#) Council Order 2026-015: Acceptance of Gift of Historical Materials

M. Town Manager's Report

N. Correspondence

O. Committee Reports

P. Open Council Comments

Q. Adjournment

Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 9 and 23

April 13 and 27 May 4, 11 and 18 - May 11th is Joint with School Committee

June 8 and 22

July 13 and 27

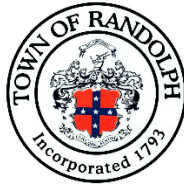
August 10 and 24- August 10th Regular and Joint Meeting with School Committee

September 14 and 28

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 23

December 7- Regular Meeting and Joint Meeting with School Committee



Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 06, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

The public is invited to attend this meeting remotely only, via phone or computer. In order to maintain safe social distancing guidelines, no physical presence will be allowed at this time. The Town website will be updated on the day of the meeting with the phone and computer access instructions.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Council President W. Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos, William Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon, and Katrina Huff-Larmond

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

Moments of Silent Prayer: A moment of silent prayer held in remembrance of former conservation commission member James McGonnigal. He was a member of the Conservation Commission for many years.

New Business:

1. Town Finance Director/Town Accountant’s Contract through FY 2025

Councillor Huff-Larmond: I want to thank Councillor Gordon and Councillor Egan for participating in this process of the Contract Negotiation Subcommittee for Town Accountant/Finance Director Janine Smith. We worked effectively with Ms. Smith to ensure she is happy with what she is receiving and taking the Town into consideration as well. The major changes include FY2023 starting with a salary of \$162,500, and then a 3% increase in FY2024 and FY2025. We also want to make sure that evaluations are a common practice throughout Town Hall so that everyone working in municipal government has all the support they need. The third thing we discussed was buying back up to vacation days a year since she rarely takes a vacation. Many contracts also included bereavement and jury duty coverage pursuant to the personal bylaws which went out of effect in 2010 when the form of government changed. The benefits are the same but it’s just updated. We felt this was a fair contract.

2. Town Manager’s Contract through FY2027

Council President Alexopoulos: The Contract Negotiation Subcommittee for Town Manager Brian Howard consisted of myself, Councillor Brewer, and Councillor Clifton. Due to Councillor Clifton’s passing, we added Councillor Clerger to that team.

Councillor Brewer: We met twice to discuss the Town Manager’s contract. During the first meeting, we ironed out dollar amounts, included some of the standard legal language that was missing, and made sure the Town Manager would tackle big issues and delegate smaller stuff to staff. In the second

meeting, we brought Councillor Clerger up to speed. Some of the changes in the contract increase each year, in the event the Town Manager is terminated without cause a severance package of one year's salary would be included and if the Contract Subcommittee did not meet before the end of the contract term date then it would automatically renew for another year.

Councillor Gordon asked about the Assistant Town Manager position. Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about supervisory and/or leadership position meetings.

Councillor Burgess entered the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Motion made by Councillor Egan to ratify the Town Accountant/Finance Director's contract through FY2025 and Town Manager's contract through FY2027, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion passes.

Public Hearings:

1. 2022-021: FY2023 Annual Municipal Operating Budget

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public hearing on Council Order 2022-021. Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-021 to the Town Council during the meeting of May 23, 2024. Town Attorney Griffin read the legal advertisement and Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2022-021.

Council President Alexopoulos: We will go through each department's budget and if you have any questions, you may request a "hold" so we can discuss that department's budget. With this being a public hearing, we will open the public hearing to public comments.

Joe Burke, 54 Hill Street: Are tax rates being set tonight? Council President Alexopoulos: No, that takes place in November.

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

Town Council: Councillor Burgess asked about the Council Clerk position and making it a full-time position and the duties that would be assigned to a full-time Council Clerk. Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the expense line item for Councillors Allowance.

Town Manager's Budget: Councillor Burgess asked about the Assistant Town Manager position and traffic camera maintenance. Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position.

Law Department: Councillor Burgess asked for a breakdown of what is spent on outside Council.

Town Clerk: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about funding for voting during elections and the census.

Licensing Board: Councillor Burgess asked about the salary for the clerk of the licensing board.

Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals: Councillor Burgess asked about the revolving fund in this account and the salary and duties of the Conservation Agent.

Planning Department: Councillor Gordon asked about salaries for additional administrative grant management. Councillor Burgess asked about two employees who often sit in the Council office and potentially reorganizing the space to fit all of the Planning Department so they can all be together.

Police Department: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the number of police officers currently employed versus the number of police officers needed and whether or not the difference is included in the budget, and community policing.

Fire Department: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the number of firefighters currently employed versus the number of firefighters needed and whether or not the difference is included in this budget.

Inspectional Services: Councillor Burgess asked about code enforcement policies and enforcing the ticketing process.

Animal control/Animal Inspector: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked for clarification concerning the position in this department.

Randolph School Department: Councillor Gordon asked about a presentation of the School Committee regarding their budget.

Blue Hills: Councillor Gordon asked for additional information on the Blue Hills budget.

DPW/Highway Department: Councillor Gordon commented on the additional staffing that was added to this budget and asked about funding for road re-pavements. Councillor Burgess asked about the GIS position and what the role will entail.

Elder Services: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the positions in the Elder Services department.

Community Programs: Councillor Burgess asked about the funding source for the Director of Community Programs position.

Stetson Hall: Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the functionality of Stetson Hall.

Motion to approve Conservation/ZBA budget as presented made by Councillors C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 7-1-0 (Nays: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Motion to accept Council Order 2022-021 made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-1-0 (Nays: Burgess)

Motion passes.

2. 2022-022: FY2023 Randolph Community Preservation Budget and Reserves

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-022 to the Town Council during the meeting of May 23, 2024. Town Attorney Griffin read the legal advertisement that was published in the Patriot Ledger on May 26, 2022, and Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2022-022.

Council President Alexopoulos opened the public comments portion of the public hearing. There were no public comments. The public comments portion of the public hearing was then closed.

Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding the purpose of this annual Order.

Councillor Gordon asked about open space and recreation and the restoration and rehabilitation of open spaces such as parks within the Town.

Motion to amend Council Order 2022-022 by adding the words “as well as for rehabilitation and restoration of land and recreational use” after the phrase “122,015 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space and land for recreational use,” seconded by Councillor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent during vote: Burgess)

Motion passes.

New Business (continued):

3. Tri-Town Joint Powers Agreement

Council President Alexopoulos introduced the Tri-Town Joint Powers Agreement for the Tri-Town Water District. The Tri Water Board has been working diligently on this for two years. We had special legislation enacted by the state legislature and signed by the governor, creating the new Tri-Town Water District which allows the communities to build a single water treatment to supply the three towns. Last week the Tri-Water Board met and voted on the Joint Powers Agreement. Now it has to go back to all three communities to be voted on by the Randolph Town Council, Braintree Town Council, and Holbrook Board of Selectmen. Along with the Tri-Town Joint Powers Agreement is the Randolph-Holbrook inter-municipal agreement which spells out what happens between now and the end of the joint board and what happens once the joint board no longer ceases to function. It is all incorporated into the new Tri-Town Water District. This is one of the last steps needed to finalize the process before we can submit it to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Motion made by Councillor Burgess to ratify the Joint Powers Agreement and Randolph/Holbrook Intermunicipal Agreement, seconded by Councillor Egan.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes.

4. 2022-025: FY2023 Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget

Council President Alexopoulos introduced and read Council Order 2022-025. Town Manager Howard provided additional information regarding the purpose of this routine Council Order.

This Council Order will be continued to a future Town Council meeting for a public hearing.

5. 2022-026: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Prior Year Unpaid Bills

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-026 to the Council and provided additional information regarding each the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to accept Council Order 2022-026 as presented made by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos

Roll Call vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

6. 2022-027: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Snow & Ice Deficit

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-027 to the Council and provided additional information regarding each the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to accept Council Order 2022-027 as presented made by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

7. 2022-028: FY22 Budget Transfers

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-028 to the Council and provided additional information regarding each of the budget transfers.

Motion to accept Council Order 2022-028 as presented made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

8. 2022-029: Transfer from Reserve Fund

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2022-029 to the Council and provided additional information regarding the budget transfer from the FY22 Reserve Fund to the Treasurer/Collector Salary.

Motion to accept Council Order 2022-029 as presented made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

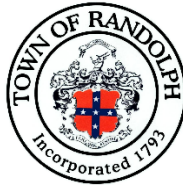
9. Councillor Gordon: I would like to introduce a Council Order for making an Annual Report and a Resolution detailing accepted and unaccepted streets.

Adjournment:

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

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent during vote: Burgess)

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM



Joint Meeting of Randolph Town Council & Randolph School Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:06 p.m.

Stetson Hall-Second Floor- 6 S. Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368

This is an in person meeting only. The Public is invited to attend this meeting in person.

Call to Order: Council President Ryan Egan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Richard Brewer, James F. Burgess Jr., Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon, Kevin O’Connell, Brandon Thompson. Natacha Clerger and Katrina Huff-Larmond arrived after roll call.

School Committee Members Present: Beverly Coles-Roby, Ida Gordon, Abdi Ibrahim, Lisa Millwood, Natalie Oliveras. Kirby Christian arrived after roll call.

Introduction: President and Chair

1. President Egan welcomed all to the meeting and went over his intentions for the meeting which was to bring both boards together and build the relationships. President Egan requested that members raise their hands to ensure a structure is maintained throughout the meeting.

Katrina Huff-Larmond arrived at 6:09 PM

2. Chairwoman Millwood thanked both boards for being present tonight and hopes this meeting is the first of many. The goal being to create productive communication.

Kirby Christian arrived at 6:10 PM

Communication:

1. President Egan announced that there will be leadership meetings periodically with the Town Council President and Vice President, Chair and Vice Chair of the School Committee. Superintendent and Town Manager. The purpose of these meetings is to help with shared goals.
2. Chairwoman Millwood would like to refrain from comments that criticize or undermine others, instead handle them with professionalism. Chairwoman Millwood would like all to be committed to communicate concerns with each other first instead of going to a public outlet. Issues can be given to the Chairs and Presidents for further assistance if needed.
3. Councilor O’Connell is requesting mutual communication. Councilor O’Connell then mentioned that he feels stuck in between a rock and a hard place with executive sessions. Chairwoman Millwood requested that if Councilor O’Connell has something he can not share due to executive session that he states that and they will accept the reasoning.

4. Councilor Gordon believes a growth in communication is needed. He then asked for clarification on what he can and cannot share between the School Committee and Town Council during these sessions to Town Attorney Christine Griffin. Town Attorney Griffin said that there could be a vote for Councilor O'Connell to share information to either Town Council or School Committee in an Executive Session.
5. Coles-Roby asked about the Open Meeting Law and when minutes are supposed to be available to the public. Town Attorney Griffin stated that it depends on the subject of the executive session; some never need to be released.

2026 Joint Meeting Overview & Discussion:

1. There was a joint meeting calendar shared among all members. With the next joint meeting being February 23rd, this is a single topic meeting on finance. This meeting will take place in the Council Chambers. An additional meeting was recommended in May. The joint meetings in May, August, and December will be held at Tower Hill as of now. These meetings will be recorded as well as have a public input opportunity.
2. Councilor O'Connell asked that when there are proposals that are school related that a full estimate is provided. Coles-Roby asked what information in particular he is looking for. Chairwoman Millwood mentioned that a procurement process is being implemented. Ms. Oliveras encouraged Councilor O'Connell to attend a Facility Subcommittee meeting for more information. Ms. Oliveras stated that she would be happy to relay information or quotes to him at his request.
3. Vice President Brewer states that the Council is just looking for a clear scope.
4. Chairwoman Millwood stated that they will create a plan and learn the expectations of the council.
5. Councilor Burgess mentioned that Councilor O'Connell is the representative to the School Committee but all requests should be fully explained.
6. Councilor Thompson stated that school walk throughs are important.

Audits:

1. President Egan stated the request to review the audits is mutually agreed upon with the intent to create an Ad-Hoc Committee. Chairwoman Millwood states the Ad-Hoc Committee would get down to the nitty gritty within the audits. The Ad-hoc committee would then draft a corrective action plan and follow up often to ensure compliance with the plan. The Ad-Hoc committee would consist of Superintendent, Town Manager, and some town council and school committee members.
2. Councilor Burgess believes that the Town Council should take the charge on this committee. Councilor Burgess would also like to review these with Town Attorney Griffin, Town Manager Howard and Finance Director Janine Smith. President Egan stated that we could still review them with the above parties and have this Ad-Hoc Committee simultaneously.
3. Chairwoman Millwood stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee would operate similarly to the Master Plan Implementation Committee. Councilor Burgess then asked when the last time a formal report was submitted to the Town Council from the Master Plan Implementation Committee. Councilor Burgess reiterated that the Town Council should take the charge on this.

Councilor Burgess left the meeting at 7:03 PM

4. Councilor Gordon asked how many audits there have been? He then asked if these audits are public record? They are a public record and the Council Clerk will work on creating a link on the Town Council page to the audits.
5. Councilor Huff-Larmond would like to hold off on a vote tonight but is in agreement with the creation of a committee.
6. Councilor O'Connell asked what the goal would be? Chairwoman Millwood replied with accountability.

- 7. Councilor Huff-Larmond then questioned how this impacts the Town Council and how to implement it?
- 8. Ms. Oliveras is happy to see the collaboration and wants to make sure that reports are being handled in a timely manner. Stating that money was spent to have the reports done.

Councilor Thompson left at 7:22 PM

- 9. President Egan agrees with the other councilors that the council should meet to discuss further.

Motion: Chairwoman Millwood motioned to create an Ad-Hoc Committee which will draft a corrective action plan to address all recommendations outlined in the financial audits of the Town and School Finance Departments; consisting of Town Council President, School Committee Chair, two Town Council Members, two School Committee Members, Town Manager, School Superintendent, Town Finance Director and School Finance Director. This motion was seconded by Oliveras.

Roll Call Vote: 12-0-0 (Yays: Brewer, Clerger, Egan, J. Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O’Connell; Millwood, Christian, Coles-Roby, I. Gordon, Ibrahim, Oliveras; Absent at vote: Burgess, Thompson)

Motion passes.

Town & School FY26 and FY27 Budget Discussion:

- 1. Chairwoman Millwood informed everyone that the Town Council will be invited to the upcoming budget presentations for the schools. February 23rd joint meeting will be to discuss finances.
- 2. President Egan added that the School Committee has agreed to follow the budget schedule that was presented at the last Town Council meeting.
- 3. Town Manager Howard spoke on the prior year school budget which had an 11.5% increase. Town Manager Howard expressed that what happened last year to fill the budget gaps will not be able to happen again this year. We need to hold on to as much as we can with the funds we have. Town Manager Howard agrees that following this budget timeline will be useful in the event an override is needed. This would allow ample time for discussions. Chairwoman Millwood expressed that they are trying to keep the cost down.

Study for Consolidation of Services Discussion:

- 1. President Egan would like to use Free Cash for a Consolidation Study. The most common ones are finance, facilities, human resources, procurement and information technology. The first step is to perform a feasibility study. If we choose to move forward with consolidation it would require a vote by the Town Council.
 - a. Town Manager Howard says this is a long process and the vote should take place during an open budget process. He also mentions that the MOU needs to create a clear and detailed understanding. Town Manager Howard would like to hear feedback from other communities who have consolidated services.
 - b. Councilor O’Connell mentions that the town has done many studies and no action has been taken following them. He stated he would like to see facilities consolidated.
 - c. Chairwoman Millwood is hesitant to vote on consolidation of services tonight, saying this meeting was the first step to repair trust and communication between both the Town Council and School Committee. President Egan understands and says this is a long process and wants to start the conversation.
 - d. Councilor Gordon also understands that trust needs to be rebuilt. He recommends speaking with the other towns such as Franklin, Fall River and Braintree.
 - e. Councilor Huff-Larmond believes this is a big change for the town and wants to do research.

- f. Chairwoman Millwood stated that maybe the outcome of this study could be to redraw lines and scope of work each department should handle.
- 2. While on the topic of facilities, Town Attorney Griffin and Town Manager Howard asked the Town Council, Superintendent and School Committee members how they would like to proceed with a grant that Monica Lamboy, prior Assistant Town Manager was working on. This is an HVAC grant for the high school.
 - a. Oliveras asked if we could apply for this grant next year? Town Attorney Griffin stated that there are concerns that these funds may not be available next year.
 - b. Chairwoman Millwood says that high school is in active discussion and she does not believe a decision could be made before the mid February deadline for the grant application.
 - c. Superintendent Stovell mentions that even if the town voted to build a new school it would still be 10-12 years away and would not like to see us miss out on a 3 million dollar grant.
 - d. Oliveras asked for the grant information to be forwarded to Superintendent Stovell as soon as possible.
 - e. Vice Chairwomen Kirby asked if there was any MSBA money available? Superintendent Stovells added that MSBA would expect the building to stay in service for 20-30 years or we would have to pay those funds back.
 - f. Councilor Gordon would like to discuss more on the MSBA possibilities and would like that on the next agenda.
 - g. School Finance Director Michael Mason stated that we wouldn't have time to change gears to a different project or school building.
 - h. Chairwoman Millwood expressed frustration that she is just hearing about this tonight when the deadline is in two weeks.

Councilor Huff-Larmond left at 8:32 PM

- i. Vice President Brewer stated that the timing for a new school isn't right and we need the HVAC done.
- j. Councilor O'Connell requested to see an air quality report for the high school.

Ida Gordon left at 8:33 PM

- k. President Egan would like the School Committee to consider the Town Councils stance on building a new school and urges them to take action.
- l. Oliveras asked if this could be added to the School Committee's upcoming Finance Subcommittee meeting which is meeting Thursday.
- m. Coles -Roby asked what would happen if we applied for the grant and then denied it?

Motion: Councilor Gordon motioned to submit the grant application after Superintendent Stovell has reviewed it. This motion was seconded by Councilor O'Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 10-0-0 (Yays: Brewer, Clerger, Egan, J. Gordon, O'Connell; Millwood, Christian, Coles-Roby, Ibrahim, Oliveras; Absent at vote: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, Thompson, I. Gordon)

Motion passes.

Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to adjourn by Councilor Clerger and seconded by Councilor O'Connell.

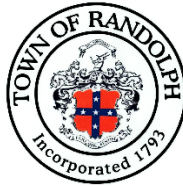
Roll Call Vote: 10-0-0 (Yays: Brewer, Clerger, Egan, J. Gordon, O’Connell; Millwood, Christian, Coles-Roby, Ibrahim, Oliveras; Absent at vote: Burgess, Huff-Larmond, Thompson, I. Gordon)

The meeting adjourned.

Randolph Town Council and Randolph School Committee joint meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Tentative Upcoming Joint Meeting Dates

- February 23
- May 11
- August 10
- December 7



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:06 p.m.

Randolph Town Hall-Chapin Hall 2nd Floor

This is a hybrid meeting. The Public is invited to attend this meeting in person or remotely, by telephone or computer access.

Call to Order: Council President Ryan Egan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), James F. Burgess Jr. (In-Person), Natacha Clerger (In-Person), Ryan Egan (In-Person), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person and Via Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Brewer.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Jaylin Rainford.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1. January 2, 2026
- 2. January 12, 2026
- 3. January 26, 2026

Motion: to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of January 2, 2026 made by Councilor Alexopoulos, seconded by Councilor O’Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of January 12, 2026 made by Councilor Alexopoulos, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting minutes of January 26, 2026 made by Councilor O’Connell, seconded by Councilor Clerger .

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President:

1. Subcommittee Appointments
 - a. President Egan requested to appointment the subcommittees at the next meeting due to the pending action on Council Order 2026-003.
2. President Egan informed the Council that a joint meeting with the School Committee was added to the calendar for May 11, 2026. Location is to be determined.
3. President Egan would like the Council Clerk to reach out to the Councilors and ask for their availability for a meeting to discuss the audits before the Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting.

Public Hearings:

1. At 6:15 PM the public hearings were opened for Council Order 2026-001, Council Order 2026-002, Request for Extension of Special Permit for 502 S. Main Holdings, LLC, and Presentation and Public Input for FY2027 Budget.

Motion: Moved by Councilor O’Connell and seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos, to continue the public hearings after the presentation by the Development Authority.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Presentations:

1. Redevelopment Authority Presentation was given by Arthur Goldstein and Sean Fontes. This presentation went over what the group has been up to as well as what they hope to do. This included an Executive Director position to help with connecting developers to property owners. They have run into a couple road blocks such as a large drain pipe that is running through a portion of town and with zoning.
 - a. President Egan thanked Authur and Sean for coming and giving an update.
 - b. Councilor Burgess asked what the vision is from the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Goldstein stated the goal would be for commercial with residential units above. Councilor Burgess also asked if there is a proposed solution for the drain pipe. Councilor Burgess does not believe that their projected outcome is feasible.
 - c. Councilor Gordon is requesting that the Redevelopment Authority bring two items back to the council.
 - i. A dollar amount for a contracted Executive Director
 - ii. Top three issues with proposed solutions
 - d. Councilor Huff-Larmond thanked the Redevelopment Authority for the presentation and what they are trying to accomplish in Randolph. She would like visuals as to what they are hoping to develop and where. Lastly, if there are issues brought up by developers, what are their suggestions to overcome them?
 - e. President Egan would like the Redevelopment Authority to consider the community they are working in and try to formulate a plan that best fits Randolph.

Public Hearings:

1. 6:15 PM Council Order 2026-001: National Grid Pole Petition at Turner Ln
 - a. Council Order 2026-001 was introduced at the Town Meeting on February 9, 2026. A Public Hearing was held on Council Order 2026-001 on February 9,2026. The council heard from National Grid employee Jared, opened public comments, closed public comments, and invited deliberation from the councilors.
 - b. Given the proposed location on Turner Lane Councilor Burgess requested to obtain feedback from the Town Planner before making any motions.
 - c. The Town Council President then closed the Public Hearing.

- d. Given the position of the new pole Councilor Burgess requested feedback from the Town Planner before voting.

Motion: Councilor Burgess motion to continue Council Order 2026-001 to March 9th, 2026 at 6:15 PM. This motion was seconded by Councilor O’Connell.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

- 2. 6:15 PM Council Order 2026-002: National Grid Pole Petition at Mazzeo Dr, Ohmans Ln, and Circuit Drive
 - a. Council Order 2026-002 was introduced at the Town Meeting on February 9, 2026. A Public Hearing was held on Council Order 2026-002 on February 9, 2026. The council heard from National Grid employee Jared, opened public comments,
 - b. Joe Burke, 54 Hill St, asked if the town sees any of the revenue from these charging stations.
 - c. Council President closed public comments and invited deliberation from the councilors. The Town Council President then closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: Councilor Burgess moved to approve Council Order 2026-002 as presented on the Thomas Patten Drive and Mazzeo Drive with the stipulation that there be no guidewires and sweeps are to be made of galvanized steel or metal, seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

- 3. 6:15 PM Request for Extension of Special Permit for 502 S. Main Holdings, LLC
 - a. Councilor Burgess stated that the Town Council knew when issuing this permit that it was going to be a long process and would require extensions. Councilor Burgess asked them if the units that are done have been sold and what the going sales price was. This was answered by the applicant saying that the units are sold and the 2 bedrooms are selling for \$540,000.
 - b. Councilor Huff-Larmond is grateful for the development and understands the need for the extension.
 - c. Vice President Brewer understands delays when it comes to construction and supports the project.
 - d. Councilor O’Connell says they have been truthful with the town throughout the development and is thrilled with how it is coming out.
 - e. Town Attorney Griffin gave a brief overview of the timeline on the special permit. There is also a request from Tony who serves as the chair for the PRA (Plan Review Authority) that oversees this project to discontinue the PRA as our new zoning ordinance no longer includes them. Another recommendation was to remove the stipulation that a trail be built since the conservation Commission is against the trail.
 - f. Councilor Gordon asked for clarification on which trail Conservation Commission was referencing.
 - g. President Egan questioned if the recommended conditions came from the Chair of the PRA. However, it is up to the Council whether or not to adopt them. Councilor Burgess says that the vote takes those stipulations into account.

Motion: Moved by Councilor O’Connell to grant the requested special permit extension for two years, with an extended special permit extension date of December 11, 2027. After due consideration of the applicant’s request for relief and based upon the facts that have been submitted to the Town Council, including the applicants’ written submissions and the testimony and comments presented to the Town Council during the public hearing, and based on the recited findings in the original special permit decision and the special permit extension, and as part of this extension, I move the Town Council grant the requested special permit extension, pursuant to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance and all other applicable law to permit the construction and operation of a Union Crossing Transit District project at 502 South Main St., Randolph, MA as described in the applicants application and incorporating all findings from the original special permit decision and first special permit extension. This motion was seconded by Councilor Clerger

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1 (Abstention: Alexopoulos)

Motion passes.

- 4. 6:15 PM Presentation and Public Input for FY2027 Budget
 - a. Town Manager Brian Howard and Finance Director Janine Smith gave a presentation on the past, current and future budget for the town. This presentation went over the operating results including Free Cash balance which has increased over the past five years. The presentation then went onto how the town has used Free Cash over the past few years. Reserves were spoken on next including the history going back to FY16. The current year's fiscal revenues were spoken of such as local receipts, medicaid reimbursement and more.
 - b. Town Manager Howard thanked the Finance Director for the clear representation on the budget presentation. Town Manager Howard spoke on the likelihood of needing to increase the Public Safety overtime as well as the Snow and Ice budget; both of these are unknowns in the budgets.
 - c. Town Manager Howard then went on to speak about the FY27 budget stating we are continuing to identify efficiencies in operations, identify new revenue sources and manage the predictable and unpredictable pressures. Town Manager Howard spoke on some budget increases that we are aware of such as health insurance budget, debt budget, collective bargaining agreements and the potential impact on the Blue Hills Vocational School. Town Manager Howard brought to the attention of all that the Chapter 70 funding has significantly decreased. Lastly, the Town Manager wants to remind departments that if there is a proposed increase there would need to be a proposed decrease as well. Town Manager Howard states that many communities in the state are facing an operation override for their budgets. The goal is to try and hold on the what we have in town.
 - d. President Egan opened up the Public Comments of the Public Hearing.
 - i. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: recommends that the departments come in front of the Finance Committee and explain their budgets and the requests.
 - e. President Egan closed the Public Comments portion of the Public Hearing and then opened it up to the councilors for comments.
 - f. Councilor Burgess comments on the budget in relation to taxes. Stating we need to live within the means of the tax payers. Thanked the Town Manager and Town Finance Director for the presentation.
 - g. Councilor Alexopoulos thanked both Town Manager Howard and Finance Director Smith. Councilor Alexopoulos asked if they think the town is budgeting too conservatively given the increase of free cash. Town Manager Howard does not believe so since a boost to the free cash was a result of ARPA funding and an increase in local receipts.
 - h. The Town Finance Director Smith reiterated the spike in free cash in FY23 is due to ARPA. Finance Director Smith did state that we do budget revenues conservatively to keep us in good financial standing.

- i. Councilor Gordon would like to keep the 4 million dollar paving budget, keep parks maintained and cleaned, fund the new master plan and open space and recreation plan.
- j. Councilor Clerger agrees that paving is a hot topic amongst residents.
- k. Councilor Thompson would like to see someone who can handle building maintenance for all our buildings. Town Manager Howard states that there is no Facilities Manager but is working on seeing if the Building Department can support another person.
- l. President Egan thanked Town Manager Howard and Finance Director for their presentation.

Public Comments

Council President Egan opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

- 1. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street- Asked if the next joint meeting with the School Committee was going to be televised.

There were no more public comments. The public comments portion of the public hearing was closed. The Councilors were invited to comment or ask questions on the special permit application.

Proclamations: None

Appointments: None

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions: None

New Business:

- 1. Council Order 2026-010: Request From Scott Burgess for Letter of Approval
 - a. A letter was sent into the Town in support of their use of the land at the former NIKE missile site. Mr Burgess states that he was informed by DCR to retain a letter of recommendation from the town before they would look into this operation. This includes creating and importing compost, creating clean fill as well as allowing snow dumping. Scott Burgess has in their plan to give the town funds for the yards sold off this property.
 - b. Councilor Thompson asked about any plans to pave the road given the incline on the property.
 - c. Councilor O’Connell asked who they spoke to at DCR. Mr. Burgess said he would get back to the council with the name. Councilor O’Connell asked if there is a plan in place for trash.
 - d. Councilor Gordon commented on requesting to have a gate moved further up and have parking created for hiking/trail head.
 - e. Councilor Alexopoulos asked if their operations compete with the DPW? Scott stated that it would compete if anything it would alleviate and we have communicated with DPW. Councilor Alexopolous then went on to ask about the recreation activities that happen on that land such as hiking and deer hunting. Councilor Alexopoulos then asked about frequency and hours of operation.
 - f. Vice President Brewer states that in the snow season you would be open later due the weather. He also warns of having people have access near the property.
 - g. Councilor Clerger believes it would be good income for the town. Her concern is around truck traffic. Mr. Burgess’ Colleague replied back that there would be an increase in truck traffic but they could create a specific route for them with restrictions such as no engine braking.

Councilor Thompson joined the meeting via zoom at 8:42 PM.

- h. Councilor Huff-Larmond also wishes to see a truck traffic plan as well as what the DPW thinks on the proposed use of land. Councilor Huff-Larmond then asked about dust concerns coming off these trucks.
- i. Councilor Alexopoulos would like to see a full and complete business plan including maps, fire and safety plans.
- j. Town Manager Howard wants to ensure the council is aware of what the safety measures are in place. Make sure due diligence is done.
- k. Councilor Burgess advised the councilors to send their questions to the Town Council Clerk who will then send them off the Mr. Burgess for response.
- l. Councilor Burgess thinks that the truck traffic that is not generated in Randolph needs to go around the town using RT93. Councilor Burgess recommends adding the letter to our stipulations for use of land.
- m. Vice President Brewer reminds all that Yankee bus will be operating large vehicles in that area as well.
- n. Councilor Huff-Larmond would like a written statement from DPW
- o. Councilor O'Connell would like to see a site plan including the location of machinery.
- p. Councilor Clerger says we can not please everyone and asked Councilor Alexopoulos if the impact to residents would outweigh the positives of the proposal.

Motion: Motion to continue Council Order 2026-010 to February 23, 2026 by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- 1. Council Order 2026-003: Proposed Amendment To Town Council Rules Pertaining to Committees and Suspension of the Rules
 - a. President Egans stated there is an updated order in the agenda packet which is 2026-003A, this amended version takes into consideration the comments by councilors when it was introduced back in January.
 - b. Councilor Burgess questioned the changes in regard to Public Hearings during Subcommittee meetings. Councilor Burgess feels it is beneficial to hear from the public on certain topics before coming back to the Council for discussion.
 - c. Town Attorney Griffin wants to remind the council that holding public hearings has a cost to the town but there is no legal requirement to hold public hearings during subcommittee meetings.
 - d. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked the intentions for the change in the subcommittee rules. President Egan states this is just a refined process.
 - e. Councilor Alexopoulos agrees with the measures put in front of the council.
 - f. Councilor Gordon has additional amendments section 13 which is about minutes and public participation. Councilor Gordon would like to allow for back and forth during public comments especially if it is a question that can be answered on the spot in both subcommittee and town council meetings.

Motion: Moved by Councilor Gordon to amend section 13 in the council rules to allow back and forth during Public Comments. This motion was seconded by Councilor Burgess.

Councilor Gordon withdrew the motion.

- g. Councilor Burgess believes that the Council rules and Subcommittee rules should align.

- h. Councilor Huff-Larmond believes that these are two different thoughts being presented and they should be voted separate.
- i. Councilor O’Connell is in support of being able to answer residents with simple questions. He also is not in support of a separate subcommittee for proclamations. President Egan said the proclamation subcommittee would be for those that require a vote by the council.

Motion: Motion to continue Council Order 2026-003 until February 23, 2026 by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor O’Connell .

Roll Call Vote: 6-3-0 (Yays: Alexopoulos, Burgess, Clerger, Huff-Larmond, O’Connell, Thompson; Nays: Gordon, Egan and Brewer)

Motion passes.

Councilor Thompson arrived back in person.

New Business (continued):

- 2. Council Order 2026-011: Approval of Amendment to Employment Agreement with Finance Director/Town Accountant.

- a. Councilor Alexopoulos gave a brief overview of this Council Order which is to issue a \$5,000 bonus for the work that was above and beyond her duties.
- b. Councilor Burgess says she was asked to do other duties and should be compensated.
- c. The Town Manager was asked if the remaining items are urgent or if they could wait until the future meeting.

Motion: Motion to continue the Council Orders 2026-011, 2026-012, 2026-013, 2026-014 and the discussion on the Night Before the Fourth until February 23, 2026 by Councilor Gordon and seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 2-7-0 (Yays: Gordon and Huff-Larmond; Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Egan, Clerger, Huff-Larmond, O’Connell, Thompson)

Motion fails.

- d. Councilor Huff-Larmond asks if the compensation is for extra work that was done. Councilor Huff-Larmond asked if her current contract included work with the school. Councilor Burgess states that was a different issue. Councilor Huff-Larmond was under the impression it was through the contract to collaborate with the schools.

Motion: Motion to call the question by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 7-2-0 (Yays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, Egan, O’Connell, Thompson; Nays: Gordon and Huff-Larmond)

Motion Passes.

Motion: Motion to approve Council Order 2026-011 as presented made by Councilor O’Connell and seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 6-2-1 (Yays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Clerger, O’Connell, Thompson; Nays: Gordon and Huff-Larmond; Abstention: Egan)

Motion passes.

- 3. Council Order 2026-012: Authorization for Payment of Prior Year Unpaid Bills

- a. Town Manager Howard introduced the Council Order which is to authorize payments of unpaid bills from the previous fiscal year.

Motion: Moved by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos, to approve Council Order 2026-012 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
Motion Passes.

4. Council Order 2026-013: Transfer of Free Cash to the Town Manager Department Salary Budget

Motion: Councilor Alexopoulos motioned to approve Council Order 2026-013 as presented, This motion was seconded by Councilor Burgess.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
Motion passes.

5. Council Order 2026-014: Establishment of Gift Fund to Provide Housing Assistance to Veterans

Motion: Moved by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos, to approve Council Order 2026-014 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1
Motion passes.

- 6. Discussion/ Decision for the Night Before the Fourth Parade
 - a. Bill Sell from Advisor Communications is a consultant that specializes in parades and festivals. He was invited to speak on the Night Before the Fourth. He gave a brief overview of the options the town has which include a parade, parade with fireworks and a festival. The date for this event is recommended for July 11th which is a Saturday.
 - b. President Egan recommends that the Council make a decision soon so they have ample time for planning.
 - c. Councilor Thompson is still in favor of the fireworks.
 - d. Councilor O’Connell likes the idea of having all these different performances for people to enjoy if we were to go the festival route.
 - e. President Egan would like this to be in a future meeting for further discussion.
 - f. Councilor Huff-Larmond loves a parade but believes we need to take into consideration the public safety concerns.
 - g. Councilor Clerger would like to hear from the public on this topic.

Town Manager’s Report:

- 1. Town Manager Howard asked if the Council would appoint Leigh Prendergast and Stephen Kyei Boadu to the Board of Health.

Motion: Moved by Councilor Burgess and seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond to appoint Leah Prendergast and Stephen Carne-Ladue to the Board of Health.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent at vote: Alexopoulos)
Motion passes.

Correspondence: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Council Comments:

1. Councilor Huff-Larmond: Working on a Home Rule Petition to get Haitian Creole on the Ballot. February 27th from 6-8PM is an event for heart month. Happy Black History Month!
2. Councilor Thompson: Great job by the DPW with snow cleanup.
3. Councilor Alexopoulos: Gave thanks to the DPW as well.
4. Vice President Brewer: DPW did a great job on clean up. Sidewalks are now passable.
5. Councilor O’Connell: Thank you to the Randolph Community Band for their Children's Concert.
6. Councilor Gordon: Randolph Resistance meeting is February 10th at 7 PM at the First Congregational Church. February 12th at 7 PM the Randolph Foundation for Education will be meeting in the Lincoln Room in Town Hall.
7. Councilor Clerger: Randolph Foundation of Education is accepting donations for the Band to go to DC. Happy Valentine’s Day and Black History Month!

Executive Session

Council President Egan read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A section 21(a)(2), which permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the public body and the chair so declares

Before the Council went into Executive Session, Councilor Burgess asked who the employee was, the definition of negotiations and if it was collective bargaining.

Council President Egan requested a vote for the Town Council to enter an Executive Session.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

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

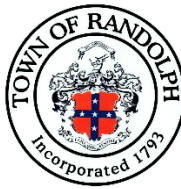
Adjournment

The public portion of the Town Council meeting concluded, and the Council entered an executive session at 10:33 PM.

Notification of Upcoming Council Meetings:

- February 23-Joint with the School Committee
- March 9 and 23
- April 13 and 27
- May 4, 11 and 18- May 11th is Joint with the School Committee
- June 8 and 22
- July 13 and 27
- August 10 and 24- August 10th is Joint with the School Committee
- September 14 and 28
- October 5 and 19
- November 2 and 23

December 7- Joint with the School Committee



Randolph Town Council

Draft Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom**

This is a virtual meeting. The Public is invited to attend this meeting remotely, by telephone or computer access.

Call to Order: Town Council Clerk, Emily Lorgeree called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Ryan Egan was present.

The Town Council Clerk read into the record “Good evening, I am Emily Lorgeree, and I am the clerk to the Randolph Town Council. I am administratively opening this Town Council meeting for the purpose of continuing the public hearing scheduled for this evening. The Town Council meeting that was scheduled for today, February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., has been canceled. The regular Town Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., this is going to be the next regular Town Council meeting. There is a public hearing scheduled for 6:15 today. I will stay in the Zoom until that time. At 6:15 p.m., I will administratively open and continue the public hearing as instructed and authorized by the Town Council President”.

Public Hearings: At 6:15 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026; Council Clerk Lorgeree administratively opening and continuing the Public Hearing for:

- 1). Special Permit for 86/92 Union Street

The public hearing will be continued until 6.15 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Adjournment : Council Clerk Lorgeree administratively adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Randolph Public Schools

FY'26 RPS Budget Review





Recipients of:

- **Barr Foundation Grant** - for strengthening school leadership
- **SEL Kernels Grant** - for implementation of Kernels and TSS curriculum for SEL

Our Wins

RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS





FY26 Budget Outlook - Midyear Position

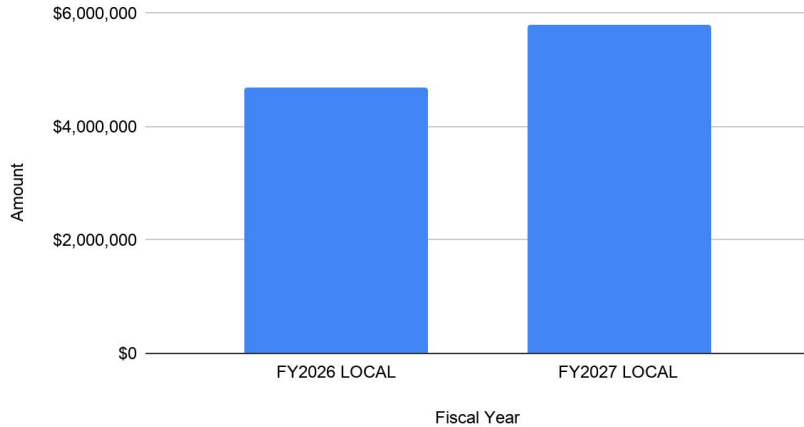
Dept	Department Description	Original Budget	Transfers	Revised Budget	Actual	Encumbrances	Projected	Offset Transfers	Projected Balance
001	School Committee	\$33,559	\$1,153	\$34,712	\$20,934	\$0	\$13,779	\$0	-\$1 *
002	Superintendent	\$479,638	\$14,984	\$494,622	\$306,569	\$3,768	\$201,402	\$0	-\$17,118 *
019	Finance/HR	\$1,011,923	\$64,071	\$1,075,994	\$556,823	\$115,820	\$385,516	\$0	\$17,834
008	Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total District Administration		\$1,525,120	\$80,208	\$1,605,328	\$884,326	\$119,589	\$600,698	\$0	\$716
015	Donovan School	\$4,540,498	\$170,012	\$4,710,510	\$2,023,704	\$5,476	\$2,437,105	\$0	\$244,225
011	Pre School	\$1,331,722	\$964,757	\$2,296,479	\$590,265	\$547	\$1,098,295	-\$100,000	\$707,372
016	Kennedy School	\$5,690,326	\$242,166	\$5,932,492	\$3,085,697	\$8,142	\$3,329,171	-\$500,000	\$9,482
017	North School	\$3,891,591	\$240,857	\$4,132,448	\$1,810,593	\$2,447	\$2,214,442	\$0	\$104,966
018	Young School	\$3,904,133	\$192,112	\$4,096,245	\$1,833,214	\$2,130	\$2,195,293	\$0	\$65,608
013	Middle School	\$7,269,465	\$575,744	\$7,845,209	\$3,362,114	\$10,887	\$4,153,272	\$0	\$318,937
012	High School	\$6,757,883	\$1,050,087	\$7,807,970	\$3,599,167	\$38,484	\$4,210,676	\$6,148	-\$46,505 *
010	Athletics	\$695,142	\$78,205	\$773,347	\$365,925	\$62,953	\$230,557	\$0	\$113,912
014	AIM	\$851,325	\$260,822	\$1,112,147	\$433,663	\$24	\$507,216	\$0	\$171,243
Total School Based Budgets		\$34,932,085	\$3,774,762	\$38,706,847	\$17,104,341	\$131,092	\$20,376,026	-\$593,852	\$1,689,239
003	Curriculum	\$1,263,848	\$314,682	\$1,578,530	\$743,447	\$118,909	\$906,505	-\$400,000	\$209,669
004	Technology	\$1,613,067	\$99,648	\$1,712,715	\$1,054,507	\$189,741	\$464,368	\$0	\$4,099
006	Parent/Family Services	\$134,057	\$9,983	\$144,040	\$81,594	\$624	\$67,082	\$0	-\$5,260 *
007	Transportation	\$2,812,916	\$404,137	\$3,217,053	\$2,055,385	\$586,673	\$731,190	\$0	-\$156,195 *
005	Pupil Services	\$5,707,025	\$446,781	\$6,153,806	\$3,657,548	\$4,011,549	\$320,591	-\$730,000	-\$1,105,882 *
009	Maintenance	\$3,607,461	\$527,233	\$4,134,694	\$2,314,552	\$1,037,513	\$762,399	\$0	\$20,230
Total Shared Services		\$15,138,374	\$1,802,464	\$16,940,838	\$9,907,034	\$5,945,008	\$3,252,135	-\$1,130,000	-\$1,033,339 *
Grand Total		\$51,595,579	\$5,657,434	\$57,253,013	\$27,895,701	\$6,195,689	\$24,228,859	-\$1,723,852	\$656,616



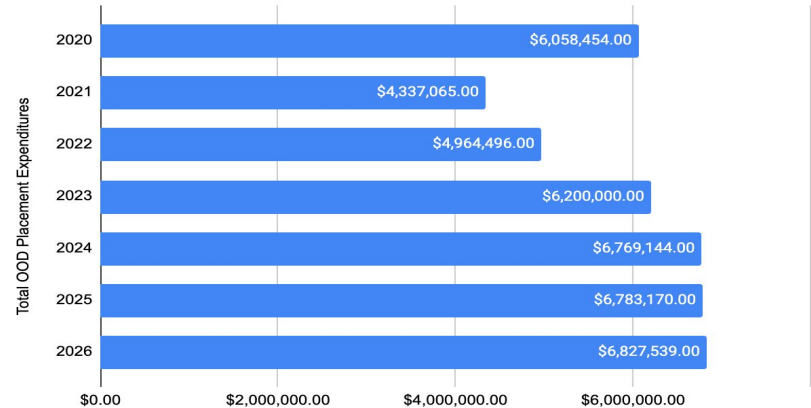
Budget Drivers

Out of District Tuition anticipated cost increases by 23.63%– totalling \$5,798,971

Special Education OOD Tuition Budget FY26 vs FY27



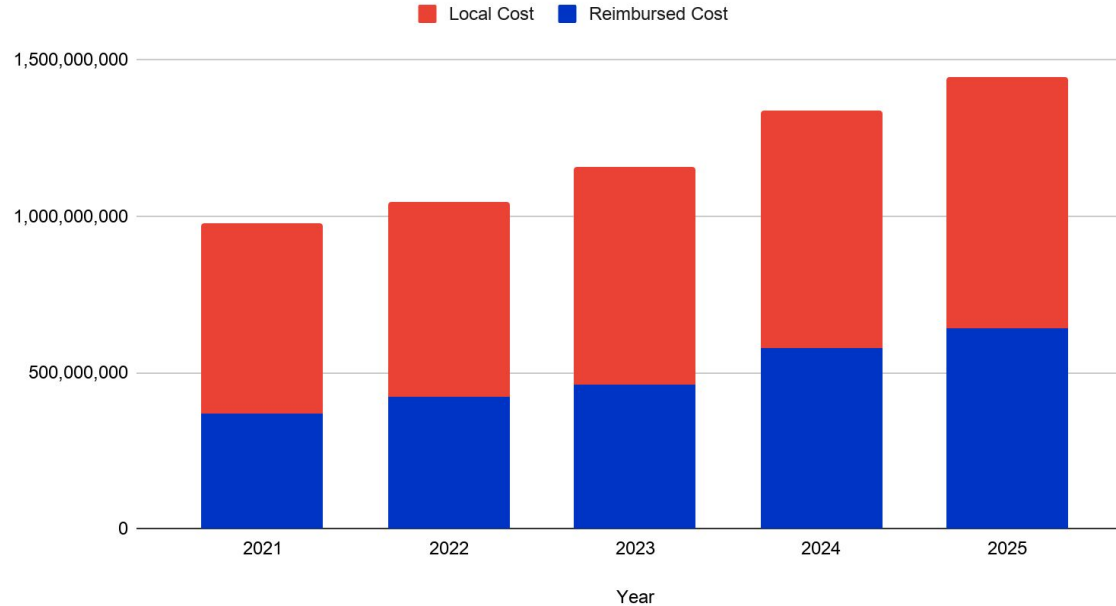
Actual Special Education OOD Tuition



Special Education Costs - State of MA



Circuit Breaker Eligible Special Education Costs



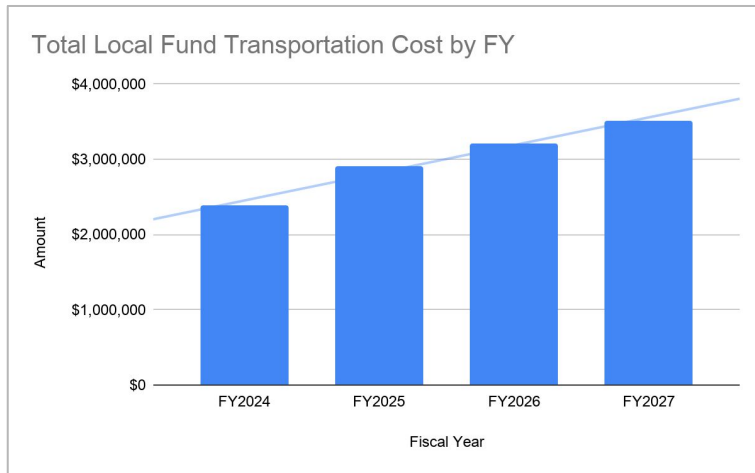


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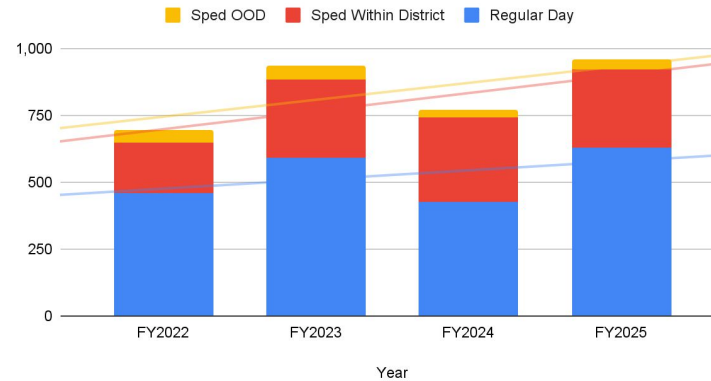
Transportation is anticipating a 9.15% increase.

This increase is mainly to cover increased maintenance costs of our aging fleet.

Increased ridership of both our regular day and special education programs.



Riders - Regular Day, Sped Within District and Sped OOD





Collective Bargaining

Status of Contracts for FY 2027

Explanation of Terms

COLA = Cost of Living Adjustment

Steps = Each year of employment, staff member moves to a new salary amount based on years of service

Top Step = Staff has reached highest step on salary chart

Lanes = Staff member that completes graduate course work and moves to a higher salary level

Teachers

- Currently negotiating

Paraprofessionals

- No Steps/Lanes; COLA = 4.5% +.25% on day 92
- Additional 15 minutes paid per day

Clerical

- Currently negotiating

Maintenance

- No Steps/Lanes; COLA = 3.25% +.25% on January 1, 2027

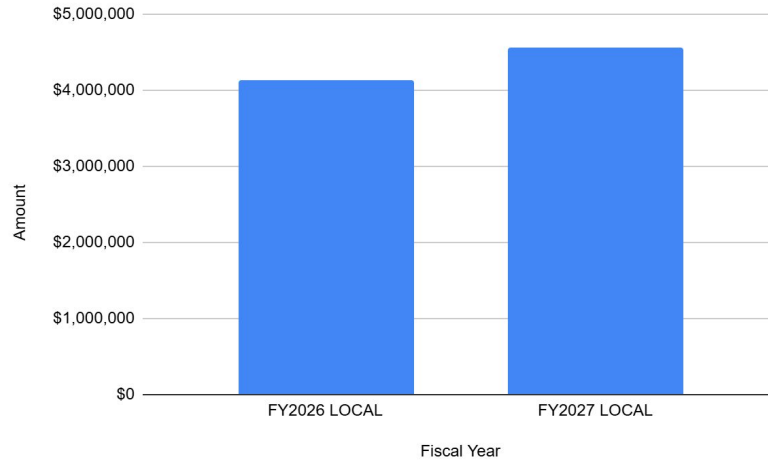
Transportation

- Currently negotiating



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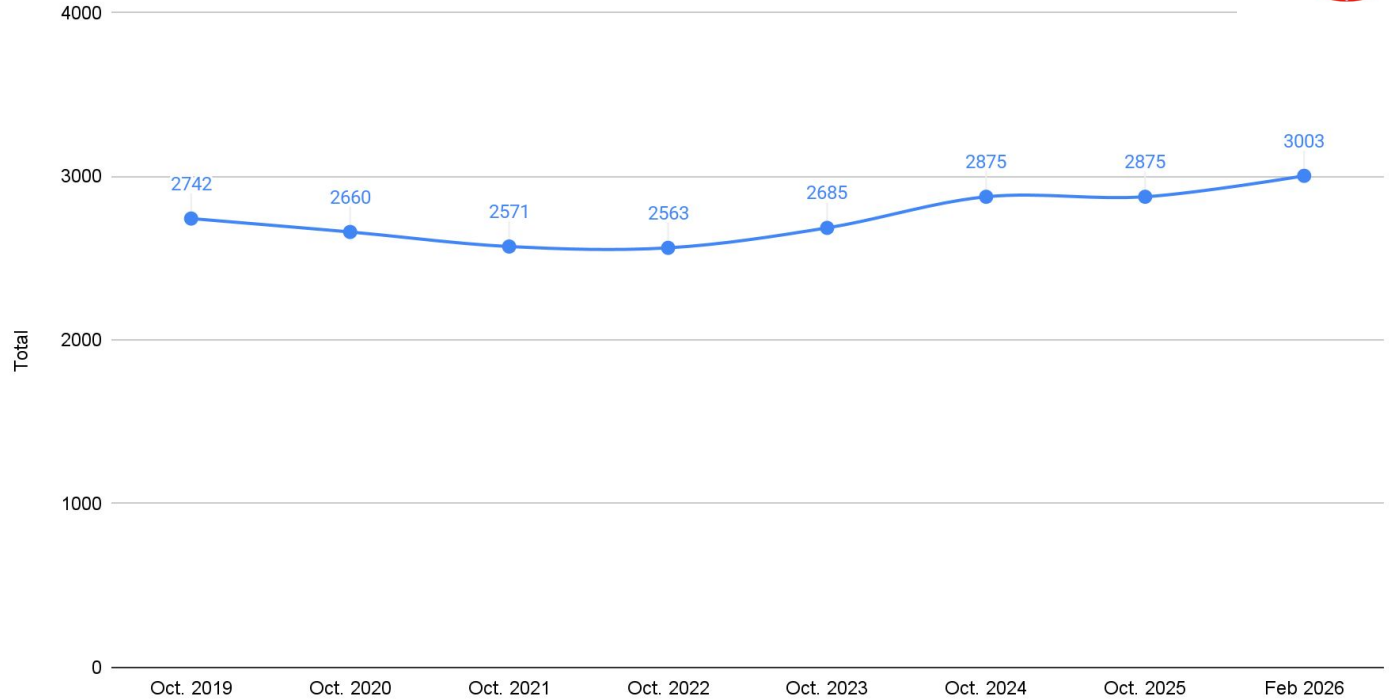
Maintenance budget will need to increase by 10.22% to cover increased contracted services, increased cost of utilities, and additional labor needs.



Enrollment



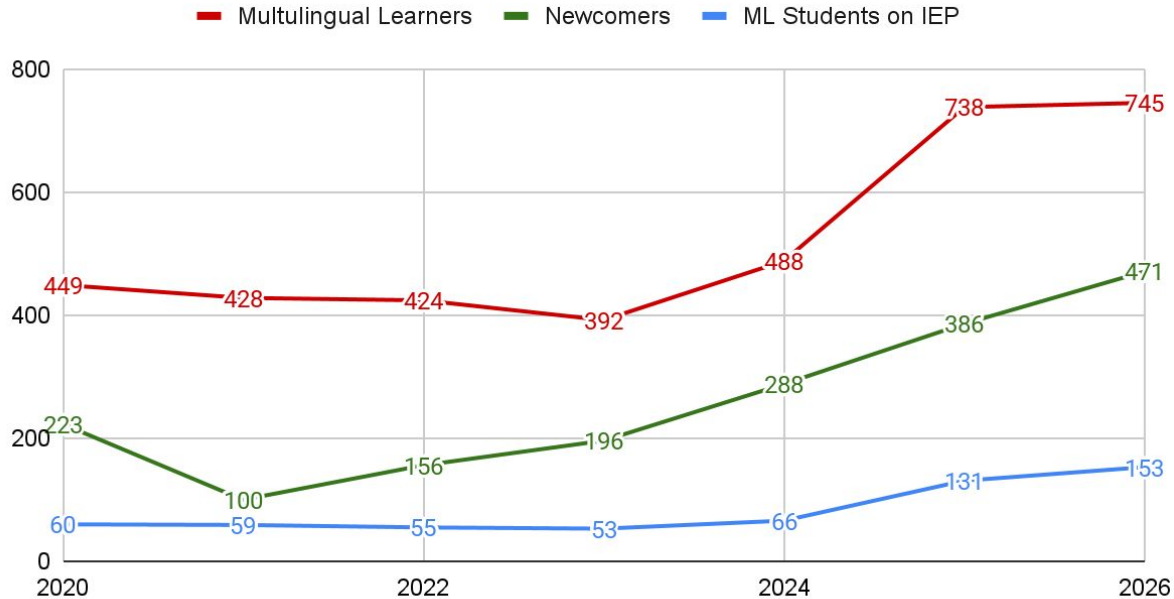
Enrollment





Multilingual Learners (ML)

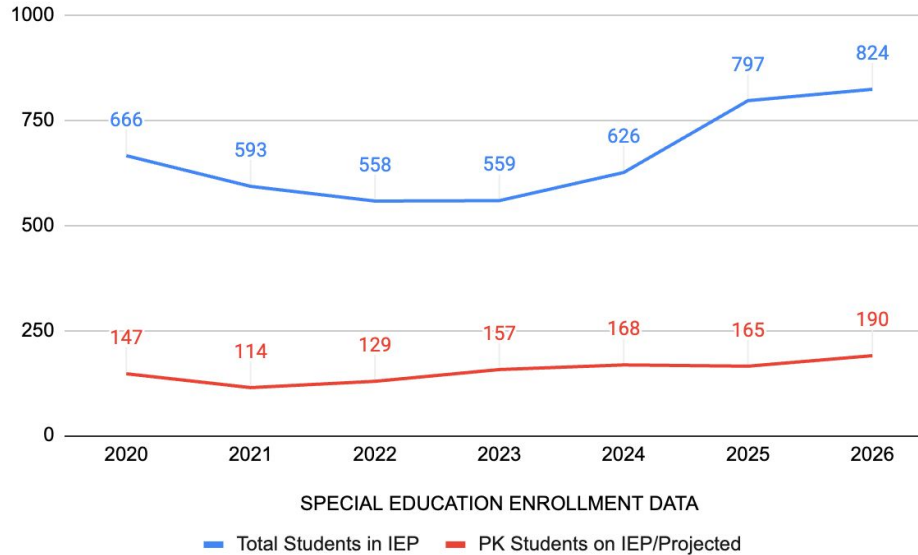
RPS Multilingual Population Trends





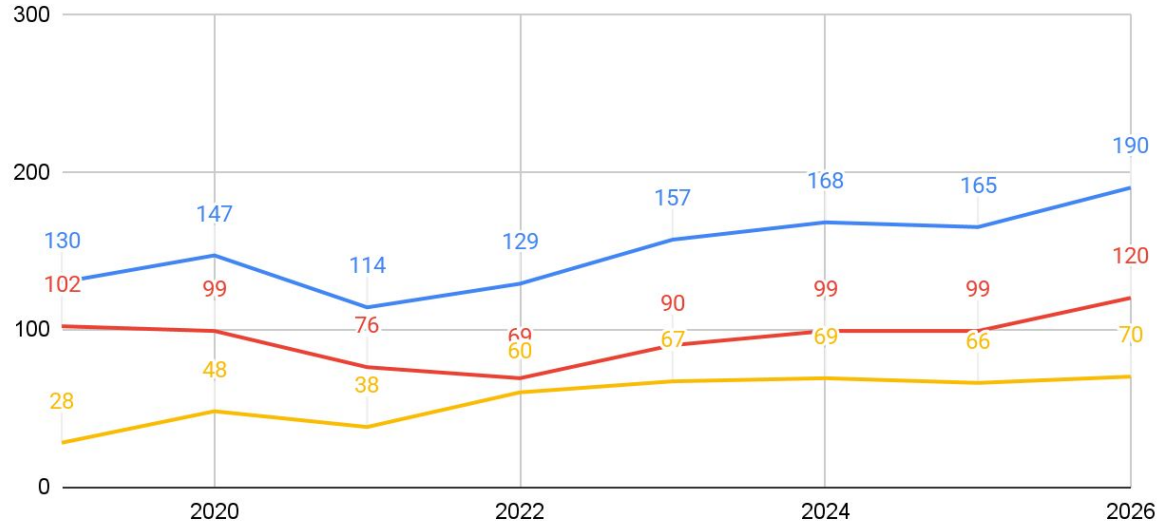
Special Education

An increase of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP) at RPS from 797 to 824, which impacts the need for additional **substantially separate classroom at RHS**, increased costs for **special education services, transportation** and **overall social emotional/mental health/wrap-around interventions**.





PK Enrollment Data



Pre-K Enrollment Data

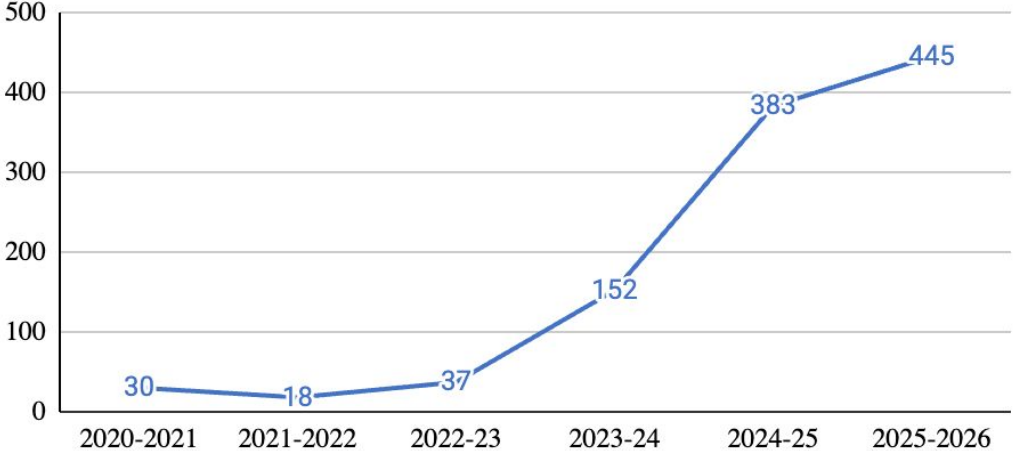
— Total/Projected PK Students — PK Students on an IEP — Peer Partners



McKinney Vento Data

There has been a 16.19% increase of homeless students enrolled at RPS from last school year to now. This impacts the cost of transportation, increased student support services, trauma-informed practices and overall assistance on students'/families' basic needs.

McKinney Vento Data





FY26 Budget Outlook - Midyear Position

Overall District Position

Revised Budget: \$57,253,013

Projected Balance: ~\$650,000

Areas Requiring Active Monitoring

- **Pupil Services:** -\$1,105,882
(Encumbrances extremely high - \$4.0M; OOD tuition pressure)
- **Transportation:** -\$156,195
(Mandated services growth)

Encumbrances

Total Encumbrances: \$6,195,689

Most Significant

- Pupil Services: \$4,011,549
- Maintenance: \$1,037,513
- Transportation: \$586,673



Questions?



Thank You

For your attention!

Council Order: 2026-003

**Introduced by:
Town Council President Ryan Egan
January 12, 2026**

**Amendment To Town Council Rules Pertaining to
Committees and Suspension of the Rules**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will amend the portions of the “Town Council of Town of Randolph Rules Manual” (“Rules Manual”) pertaining to committees and suspension of the rules as follows:

- 1. Delete the following sentence from Section 43 of the Rules Manual and add it as the last sentence in Section 14 of the Rules Manual: “No rule or procedure of the Town Council shall be suspended unless a majority of the members present consent thereto by a roll call vote.”**
- 2. Delete the heading that comes before Section 33 of the of the Rules Manual, “COUNCIL COMMITTEES” and replace it with the following: “COMMITTEES”.**
- 3. Delete Section 33 of the Rules Manual and replace it with the following:**

SECTION 33: COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

a. Standing Subcommittees of the Town Council.

There shall be six standing subcommittees of the Town Council as follows:

- 1. Finance Committee** – To consider matters pertaining to finance, including expenditures, receipts, the annual operating budget and the Town’s capital improvement plan.
- 2. Ordinance Committee** - To consider the advisability and merit of proposed general ordinances, proposed zoning ordinances, and proposed amendments thereto.
- 3. Public Safety Committee** – To consider matters pertaining to public safety in the Town of Randolph, including public safety matters involving the Randolph Police Department, the Randolph Fire Department and the Randolph Department of Public Works.
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Public hearings may be held by any of these subcommittees, but only when the Town Council includes holding a public hearing(s) as part of the subcommittee’s charge when the Council refers a particular matter to a particular subcommittee.

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Pursuant to the Town Charter, the Council President shall appoint all members of all committees of the Town Council, whether special or standing. Members of standing subcommittees shall be appointed on an annual basis, in January or early February of each year, after the Council has organized for the year. All other standing and special committee appointments shall be made no later than the meeting following the creation of a new committee.

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No member of the Town Council, other than the Council President when chairing a committee of the whole, shall chair more than one standing subcommittee unless there are more than eight standing subcommittees of the Town Council.

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Special committees of the Town Council may be created by vote of the Council or by designation of the President to perform a specific task. Special committees shall be dissolved: i) upon the completion of the assigned task, ii) by vote of the Council (if

the Committee was created by vote of the Council), or iii) by dissolution by the President (if the Committee was created by the President).

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES

SECTION 33: COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

~~Committees shall be authorized by majority vote of the Council. Appointments to committees of the Council are made by the President. Appointed individuals shall receive notification of their appointment from the President prior to the public announcement of the makeup of the committee. Notice of all committee meetings must adhere to MGL C 39~~

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SECTION 34: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Council Order: 2026-003A

**Introduced by:
Town Council President Ryan Egan
January 12, 2026**

**Amendment To Town Council Rules Pertaining to
Committees and Suspension of the Rules**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will amend the portions of the “Town Council of Town of Randolph Rules Manual” (“Rules Manual”) pertaining to committees and suspension of the rules as follows:

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SECTION 36A: REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO COMMITTEES

Upon motion, the Council may, by a majority of Councilors present and voting, refer a matter to a committee. When a matter relates to one of the topic areas overseen by a standing Council subcommittee (Finance, Ordinance, Public Safety, Appointments, Operations and Oversight, Resolutions and Proclamations, or Veterans' Services) the presumption shall be that the matter will be introduced at a Council Meeting and referred to the relevant subcommittee for review and recommendation, prior to final Council action on that matter at a subsequent meeting.

When a matter is introduced and referred to subcommittee, no debate shall take place on that matter until the matter is returned from the subcommittee to the full Council. A matter may be returned to the full Council upon recommendation by the subcommittee to which it was referred, or through the process described below concerning relieving a matter from further consideration.

9. Delete Section 37 of the Rules Manual and replace it with the following:

SECTION 37: RELIEVING FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Upon order of the President or vote of the Council, the President may relieve a committee of further consideration of a matter referred to it and may order the same placed on a Town Council Meeting agenda.

10. Delete Section 43 of the Rules Manual and replace it with the following:

SECTION 43: SUSPENSION OF RULES

Pursuant to these Rules, all measures submitted for action by the Town Council shall be placed on an agenda, referred to a subcommittee, and then returned to the Town Council for final action after subcommittee review, unless the Council votes to invoke this Section and suspend the Council Rules for a particular item. If the Council Rules are suspended for a particular item pursuant to this Section, that item may be acted upon at a single Town Council Meeting, subject to all requirements of law.

Resolution Number: 2026-001

**Introduced By: Council President Ryan Egan
March 2, 2026**

Resolution In Support Of Town Celebration to Be Held in July 2026

Whereas, the Town Council seeks to update and enhance the Town’s annual Night Before the Fourth of July Celebration; and

Whereas, Town residents and staff have expressed an interest in transitioning from a parade-type of celebration to a festival-type of celebration; and

Whereas, the diversity and quality of vendors that are available to the Town for such a celebration varies significantly depending on what date the Town chooses for its celebration, and whether other communities are holding competing events on the same date;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Randolph Town Council supports holding the following type of celebration in 2026, in lieu of the annual Night Before the 4th parade and fireworks:

1. The celebration should be a festival-type celebration, to take place during daytime hours, on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The specific times for the event shall be chosen by Town staff after review of the logistics, vendors, and public safety requirements.
2. The celebration should be a static event and should not be a moving event along a parade route.
3. The celebration should be located in the public spaces in and around Randolph High School and Randolph Town Hall, including along Memorial Parkway and in the fields behind the High School and Town Hall. The specific locations to be used, within those areas, shall be chosen by Town staff after review of the logistics, vendors, and public safety requirements.
4. To the extent possible, the celebration should incorporate local groups as well as state and national groups and should include a variety of performances in a variety of genres. The celebration should reflect the Town’s diverse population and celebrate the various cultures, languages and backgrounds of our residents.
5. To the extent possible, the celebration should include vendors to provide food and beverages to the attendees.
6. To the extent possible, the celebration should include patriotic and historical themes and decorations to celebrate Randolph, the Fourth of July and the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding.
7. The celebration should be advertised to Randolph residents, although all members of the public are welcome.
8. The celebration should be family friendly.
9. The celebration should not include fireworks.

The Town Council requests that the Town Manager and/or his staff implement this plan and bring forward a funding request to the Town Council to support the costs of the celebration on or before March 9, 2026. The Town Council requests the Town Manager and his staff to engage a professional event planner or similar consultant to assist with this celebration effort.

Night Before the Fourth Parade
Options for Consideration
Randolph Town Council
Presented by: President Ryan Egan

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A. Parade w/ Fireworks

Date: July 3rd (Friday)
Time: Parade 6PM – 9PM / Fireworks: 9PM – 10PM
Estimated Cost: \$80,000
Location: Parade—Main Street / Fireworks—Memorial Parkway
Program: This would be a continued event that happens each year including the parade and fireworks at the same times and locations.

B. Parade w/ No Fireworks

Date: July 3rd (Friday)
Time: Parade 6PM – 9PM / Fireworks: 9PM – 10PM
Estimated Cost: \$30,000
Location: Parade—Main Street
Program: This would be a continued event that happens each year with only the parade at the same time and location however with no fireworks.

C. Festival w/ No Fireworks

Date: July 11th (Saturday)
Time: 12PM – 5PM
Estimated Cost: \$50,000 - \$60,000
Location: Memorial Parkway, RHS Parking Lots
Program: This would be a new event that encompasses many aspects of the parade in a static location while also including other potential items including: Touch-a-truck, classic cars, petting zoo, entertainment stages/performances, restaurants, face painting, bouncy houses, summer camp games, food trucks, cosplay characters, craft vendors, beer garden, and many other items. A new event of this scale would justify assistance from an outside firm/agency to ensure proper planning, safety, and execution.

Council Order 2026-015

**Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
March 2, 2026**

Acceptance of Gift of Historical Materials

The Randolph Town Council, with the recommendation and approval of the Town Manager, hereby authorizes the Town of Randolph to accept a gift of historical materials from James F. Burgess, Jr. pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 44, section 53A1/2 and any other applicable law. The gift is to be used for general municipal purposes and kept with the records and historical materials of the Town. There are no restrictions on the gift. The gift consists of various items contained in boxes that were delivered to the Town Attorney's Office.