



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA 02368

AGENDA

In accordance with Governor Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 COVID 19 emergency, the Town Council shall meet remotely to avoid group congregation.

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

B. Moment of Silent Prayer

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2022
2. Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2022- Joint meeting with the Stetson Trustees
3. Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2022- Joint School Committee Meeting for BHRTHS Rep from Randolph

D. Announcements from the President

1. Update on Compilation of Comments from Councillors Regarding Priorities for ARPA Funds.
2. Update on Hiring Progress for Town Council Clerk Position

E. Presentations

F. Public Comments/Discussions

G. Appointments

1. Appointment of 2 Councillors to the Fire Chief Resume Review Committee
2. Appointment of Replacement Member to the PRA for the 502 South Main Street Project

H. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

I. Town Manager's Report

J. Old/Unfinished Business

K. New Business

1. Council Order 2022-09- Approval of Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Software Training and Upgrade
2. Council Order- 2022-10 Authorizing Additional Borrowing for Water Treatment Plant Project

L. Correspondence

M. Committee Reports

N. Open Council Comments

O. Adjournment

Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

February 28

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

May 9 & 23

June 13 & 27

July 11 & 25

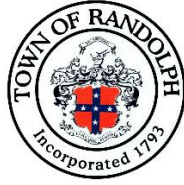
August 8 & 22

September 12

October 3 & 17

November 7 & 21

December 5 & 19



Town Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

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

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

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

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

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

Announcements from the President:

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

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

Appointments 2022:

Subcommittees:

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

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

Ordinance: Councillors Brewer, Clerger and Egan

Public Safety: Councillors C. Alexopoulos, Brewer and Clifton

Finance Committee: Entire Town Council

Appointments:

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

Turner Free Library Trustees: Councillors Brewer and Clerger

Veterans/Military Services Committee: Councillor Burgess

Community Preservation Committee: Councillor Egan

Joint Water Board: Christopher Pellitteri

Tri-Town Water Board: Councillor W. Alexopoulos

Master Plan and Implementation Committee: Councillor Gordon

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

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

Public Comments:

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

New Business:

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

Town Manager’s Report

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

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

Councillor Comments:

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

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

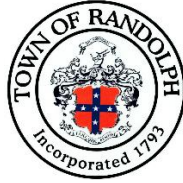
Councillor Huff-Larmond: Thanked staff at Randolph Town Hall who have come through. Former Staff who have come back and the staff that are there now. We could not continue to do the work that we do without the staff’s dedication. Received positive comments about the distribution of the at-home test kits.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

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

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

Adjournment:

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



Joint Meeting of the Town Council and Stetson Fund Trustees

Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call – Town Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos, William Alexopoulos, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Kenrick Clifton, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon and Katrina Huff-Larmond. Absent: James Burgess

Roll Call – Stetson Trustees Present: Henry Cooke and Judith Gangel

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Henry Cooke.

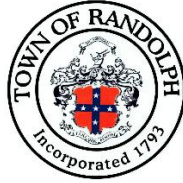
The purpose of this meeting is to fill the vacancy on the Stetson Fund Trustees due to a failure to elect. There are two nominees: Ira Greene and Marie Morisett. Each candidate was given five minutes to address the Council and Trustees.

Ira Greene addressed the Council and the Trustees. He stated that he was a member for 10 years, during construction of the building. He would like to see the building used again. He left due to medical issues, which is why he wasn't able to pull papers last August. He believes he will be a big help to the Board. He attended a few meetings prior to Covid and he was able to help Henry and Judy with getting the parking lot striped. He knew the Town had the equipment to do it, so the Trustees didn't have to spend any money. There are things he knows about the building and what is going on in town, and he thinks he would be an asset.

Marie Morisett addressed the Council and the Trustees. She has been a member of the Randolph community since 2010. She has two boys and her husband owns a small plumbing business. She would like to be more involved in the town, and believes she has a lot to contribute to the Trustees. She has served as the Chair of the Mass Farmer's Markets Organization, and served on the Board of the South Shore Stars, so she knows a lot about non-profit management, Board of Trustee requirements, Board of Director requirements, and how to Chair a meeting. She stated that Stetson is a pillar of the community and being able to be a part of it and contribute for it to be sustainable would be her opportunity to give back to the community.

After the presentations, a roll call vote was taken. The final vote for Marie Morisett was 8-1-1 (Councillor C. Alexopoulos negative, Judith Gangel abstained).

Motion to Adjourn made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Clerger. A roll call vote was taken. 10-0-0



Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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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, James Burgess, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Kenrick Clifton, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon and Katrina Huff-Larmond

Roll Call – School Committee Members Present: Jaime Ackles, Cheryl Frazier, Ida Gordon, Lisa Millwood, Andrea Nixon, and Allaphia Sackeena Richards

Council President W. Alexopoulos explained that the purpose of the meeting is to fill the vacancy on the Blue Hills Regional School Committee, due to the resignation of Ms. Jeanty. Two letters of intent were submitted by Yahaira Lopez and Michael Rossini, expressing their interest in filling the vacancy. Each Candidate was given 5 minutes to address the Council and School Committee.

Christine Griffin, the Town's attorney, stated that she and the Town Clerk reviewed the governing agreement between all of the communities and Blue Hills, which addresses filling a vacancy if someone steps down during their term. The Agreement states that the Local Town Council (or Board of Selectmen) shall meet with the School Committee to appoint a member to serve. That person shall serve until the next district-wide at-large election, at which election, a successor shall be elected for the balance of the unexpired term. Therefore, the person appointed tonight will serve until the election in November. The person elected in November will serve the balance of the term vacated by Ms. Jeanty.

Ms. Yahaira Lopez addressed the Council and School Committee. She introduced herself as a mother of two boys and the founder of "Autism Sprinter." In addition, she serves on the Randolph Foundation for Education, she is the Affirmative Officer for the Randolph Dems, and supports special education. One of her children is on the Autism Spectrum, so she is constantly advocating for those that are vulnerable and unique learners. She is interested in the Blue Hills' position because most of the students at Blue Hills are from Randolph. She would like to learn why students are transitioning from the Middle School to Blue Hills, and would like to stabilize Randolph's school district while working in partnership with Blue Hills. She stated that, according to DESE, 917 students are enrolled at Blue Hills, and roughly 250 of those 917 students are from Randolph. She stated that 65 of the students who graduated from Blue Hills last year were from Randolph; and 10 of those students graduated as members of the National Honor Society. In addition, she stated that 53-56 students who are at Blue Hills graduated with IEPs. She wants to represent Randolph to make sure that there is conversation between the two districts to see what can be done to advance our school district forward.

Mr. Rossini addressed the Council and School Committee:

He stated that his mission is multi-faceted. As Ms. Lopez stated, about 32% of our eligible high school students attend Blue Hills vs. staying in district and attending Randolph High School. He believes this is due to by curriculum offerings and learning trades. There are things at Blue Hills that may be dovetailed with the Randolph Public Schools, like the “build” program. He stated that he has 2 kids at Blue Hills. One is in Electrical and one in Health, and a nephew in the Construction Department. He has a vested interest in the school and its curriculum. During the last couple of years, he has worked with the Electrical Department at Blue Hills in developing 21st century software instruction. Being in the construction field as an Engineer, he sees curriculum lacking at both the Randolph High School and Blue Hills. He does not believe it’s due to funding, but vision - having folks come in who know what and where the kids should be with respect to skill sets that will land them opportunities upon graduation. He believes there is a communication gap from previous members who have served, and he is looking to bridge that gap. As a Blue Hills School Committee Member representing Randolph, he sees the Randolph representative of the Blue Hills School Committee as an extension of Randolph’s School Committee.

Ms. Nixon asked Ms. Caradonna to read an email into the record from Ms. Cheryl Frazier, (dated January 18, 2022), expressing her support for Ms. Lopez to serve as the Randolph Blue Hills School Committee Representative.

Roll Call Vote to Nominate Randolph Regional School Committee Representative for the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District:

School Committee Members:

- Ms. Millwood – Mr. Rossini
- Ms. Frazier –Ms. Lopez
- Ms. Gordon –Ms. Lopez
- Mr. Ackles –Ms. Lopez
- Ms. Richards –Ms. Lopez
- Ms. Nixon – Mr. Rossini

Town Councillors:

- Councillor Brewer – Mr. Rossini
- Councillor W. Alexopoulos – Mr. Rossini
- Councillor Gordon – Ms. Lopez
- Councillor Clifton – Ms. Lopez
- Councillor Huff-Lamond – Ms. Lopez
- Councillor Burgess – Mr. Rossini
- Councillor Clerger – Ms. Lopez
- Councillor Eagan – Mr. Rossini
- Councillor C. Alexopoulos – Mr. Rossini

Vote: Mr. Rossini (7) and Ms. Lopez (8)

Council President W. Alexopoulos, congratulated Ms. Lopez and reminded her to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in. Councillor W. Alexopoulos also thanked Mr. Rossini for his interest to serve.

Council Order: 2022-09

**Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
Date: February 14, 2022**

Approval of Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Software Training and Upgrade

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$14,400 from the certified General Fund free cash to provide software training for new and existing employees, functionality related to software upgrade and for upgrade management assistance.

Explanation: The current version of MUNIS 11.3 that the Town is using must be upgraded no later than October 2022 as it will no longer be supported. This is a major conversion and is very involved both from a technology, processing and end user standpoint. The process is estimated to take approximately four months given the testing period leading up to the actual conversion in our live environment. Part of this request is for funds to take advantage of the Upgrade Management Assistance program in which our PACE project manager will work with the Finance Director and IT Director to understand the Town's needs and design a plan for the upgrade. The Finance Director will still manage tasks internally, but will have a dedicated contact at MUNIS to assist in testing and problem resolutions if they arise. The portion of the requested amount attributable to this would be 8 days for a total of \$6,400.

The staff in all departments that utilize MUNIS will need some level of training or an introduction session to the new version. These days have been built into the total.

With the onboarding of two new department heads and two new assistant department heads in Finance, the amount of training needed to complete once a year critical processing is anticipated to increase dramatically. The Finance Director has requested to increase our commitment to the program by ten additional days and the cost of these would be \$8,000. These days will be used for general training of these employees, but also tax title processing, deferral processing, tax lien processing, motor vehicle billing, and preliminary and actual property tax billing to name a few.

Council Order: 2022-10**Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard****Date: February 14, 2022****Appropriation and Approval of Borrowing for Tri Town Water Treatment Plant**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to appropriate \$3,855,532 to pay the Town of Randolph's share of the additional costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing of the Tri-Town Regional Water Treatment Plant including without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto: which amount shall be expended in addition to all other amounts previously appropriated by the town for this project. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$3,855,532 and issue bonds or notes therefore under M.G.L. c.44 section 7 (1), section 8 (4), 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project.