

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 28, 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.

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.

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

B. Moment of Silent Prayer

C. Approval of Minutes

D. Announcements from the President

E. Presentations

1. ARPA Survey Results

F. Public Hearings

1. Request for Pole Replacement 136 Canton Street

G. Public Comments/Discussions

H. Proclamations

I. Appointments

J. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

1. Transfer of General Fund Free Cash To Law Department - Expenses
2. Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Purchase of Police Vehicles
3. Resolution 2022-02- Concerning PFAS Filtration
4. Resolution 2022-03- Concerning PFAS Testing

K. Town Manager's Report

L. Old/Unfinished Business

M. New Business

N. Correspondence

O. Committee Reports

P. Open Council Comments

Q. The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) relative to potential litigation strategy concerning the Town's Opioid Litigation claims and possible claims in National PFAS Litigation. M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

R. Adjournment

Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

Randolph & The American Rescue Plan Act



Community Survey &
Feedback

Details

- Survey Opened January 31st & Closed March 11th
- Survey Available in English, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish
- Detailed Information on the ARPA Final Rule and Allowable Expenses Provided
- 10 Questions
- Responses Collected Via Google Form & Paper Surveys
- “Other” was Listed as an Option for Most Questions



COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED ARPA FUNDING MARCH 11TH DEADLINE

Section E, Item 1.

Do you want a say in how Randolph spends over 30 million dollars?
Fill out this anonymous survey!

Èske ou vle yon di nan ki jan Randolph depanse plis pase 30 milyon dola?
Ranpli sondaj anonim sa a! Antrè nan kominote a bezwen. Dat limit 11 mas.

Bạn có muốn nói về cách Randolph chi hơn 30 triệu đô la không?
Điền vào bản khảo sát ẩn danh này! Cần có sự tham gia của cộng đồng.
Hạn cuối ngày 11 tháng 3.

¿Quieres opinar sobre cómo gasta Randolph más de 30 millones de dólares?
¡Complete esta encuesta anónima! Se necesita el aporte de la comunidad. Fecha límite 11 de marzo.

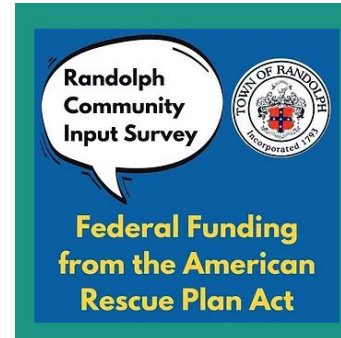
Randolph
American Rescue Plan Act Funding

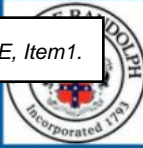


SCAN ME

Or visit:

<https://bit.ly/RandolphARPA>





Outreach

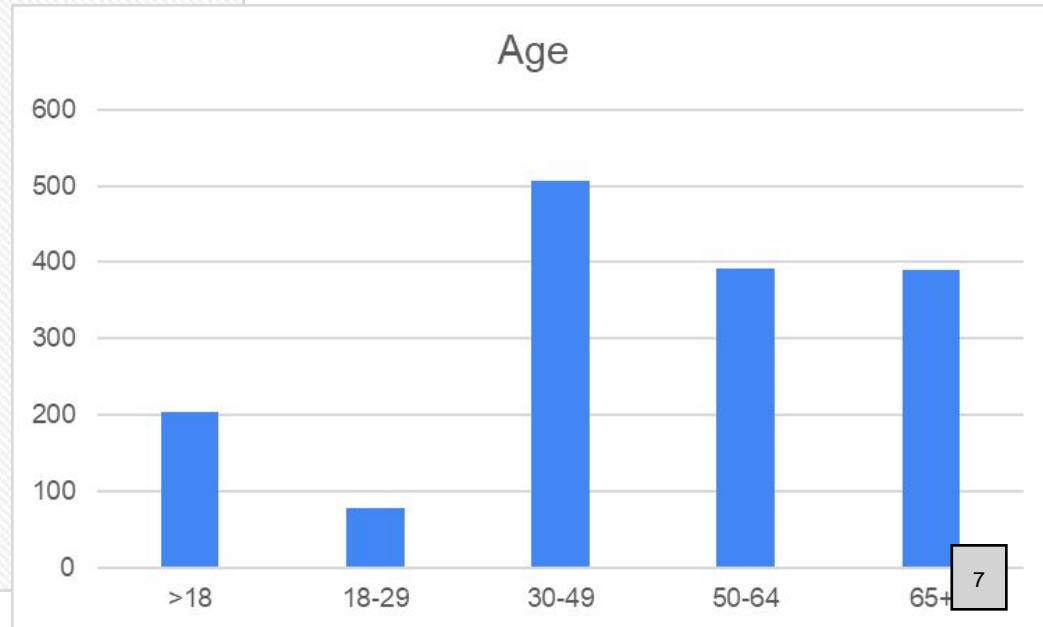
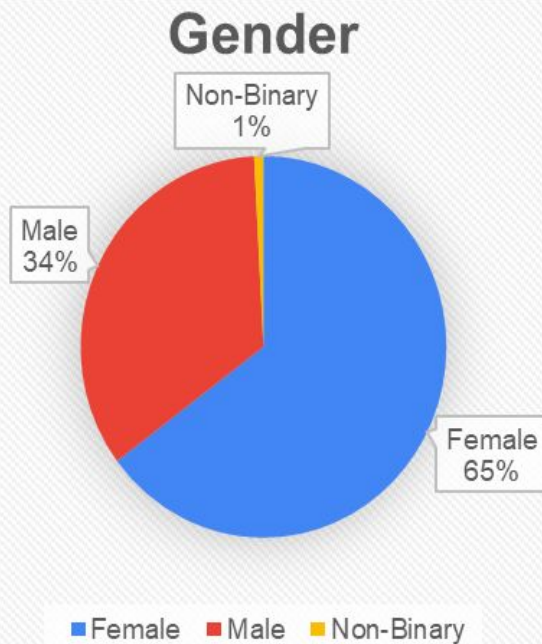
- Town Website News Post
- Email alerts to ~15,000 subscribers through Town Website, Library Website, and RICC Website
- Paper Surveys (in all 4 languages) distributed to town businesses as well as seniors at RICC and library patrons
- Survey placed on homepage of library and RICC websites
- Social Media Posts
- Town-Wide Mailing to ~14,000 households
- Assistance from community leaders and town council in spreading the word
- Banners with website and QR code placed at 4 strategic town locations
- Press release sent to newspaper
- RPS sent survey out to parents and several teachers were able to include the survey as an in-classroom activity
- Flyers sent to local churches
- Survey promoted at all covid test kit distribution sites (including outreach events)
- Flyer posted on local cable via RCTV
- Flyers distributed to local businesses via Connect 24 Business Alliance



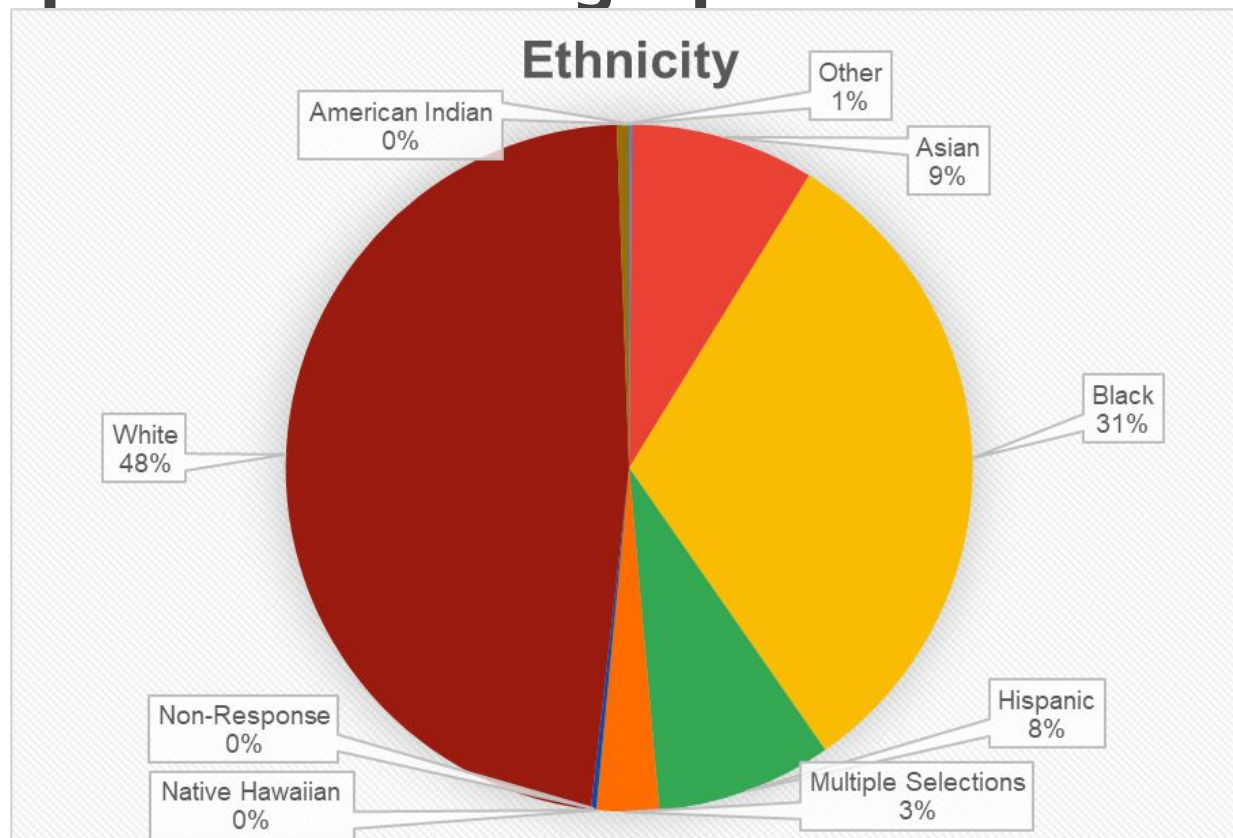
Responses - Overview

- 1,615 Overall Responses
(45 non-Randolph residents) =
Total 1,570 Results
- 325 QR Code Scans
- 2,009 “clicks” on bit.ly link to survey

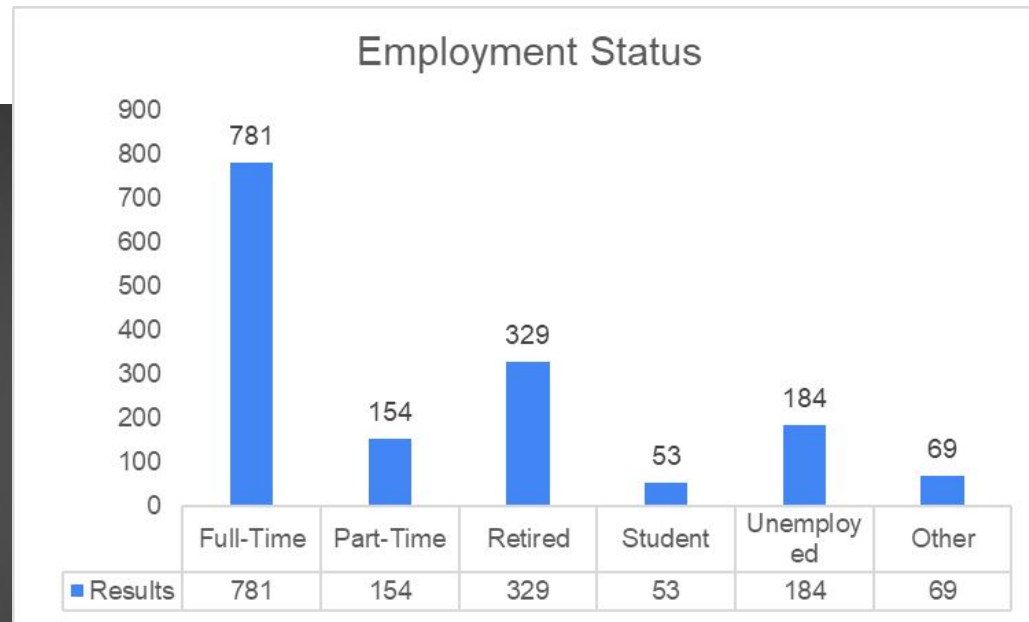
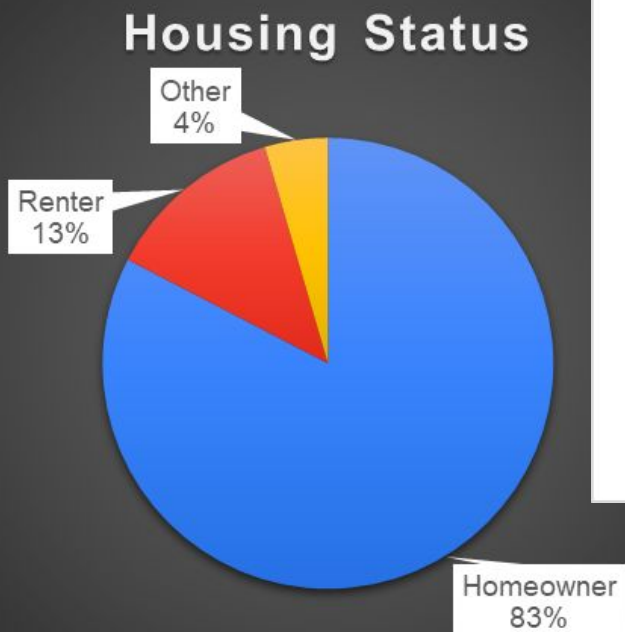
Responses - Demographics



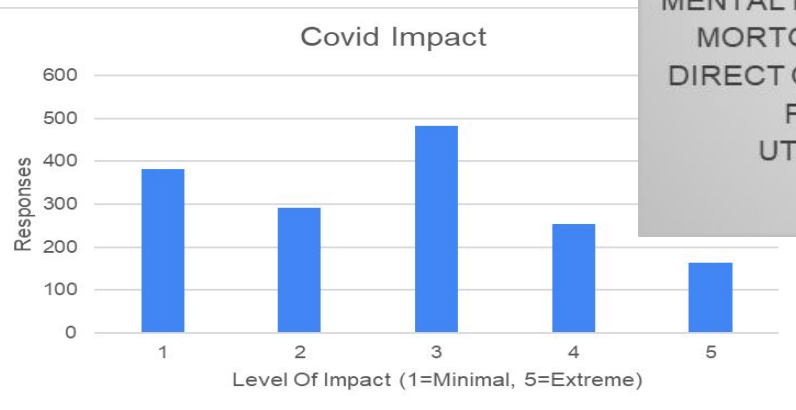
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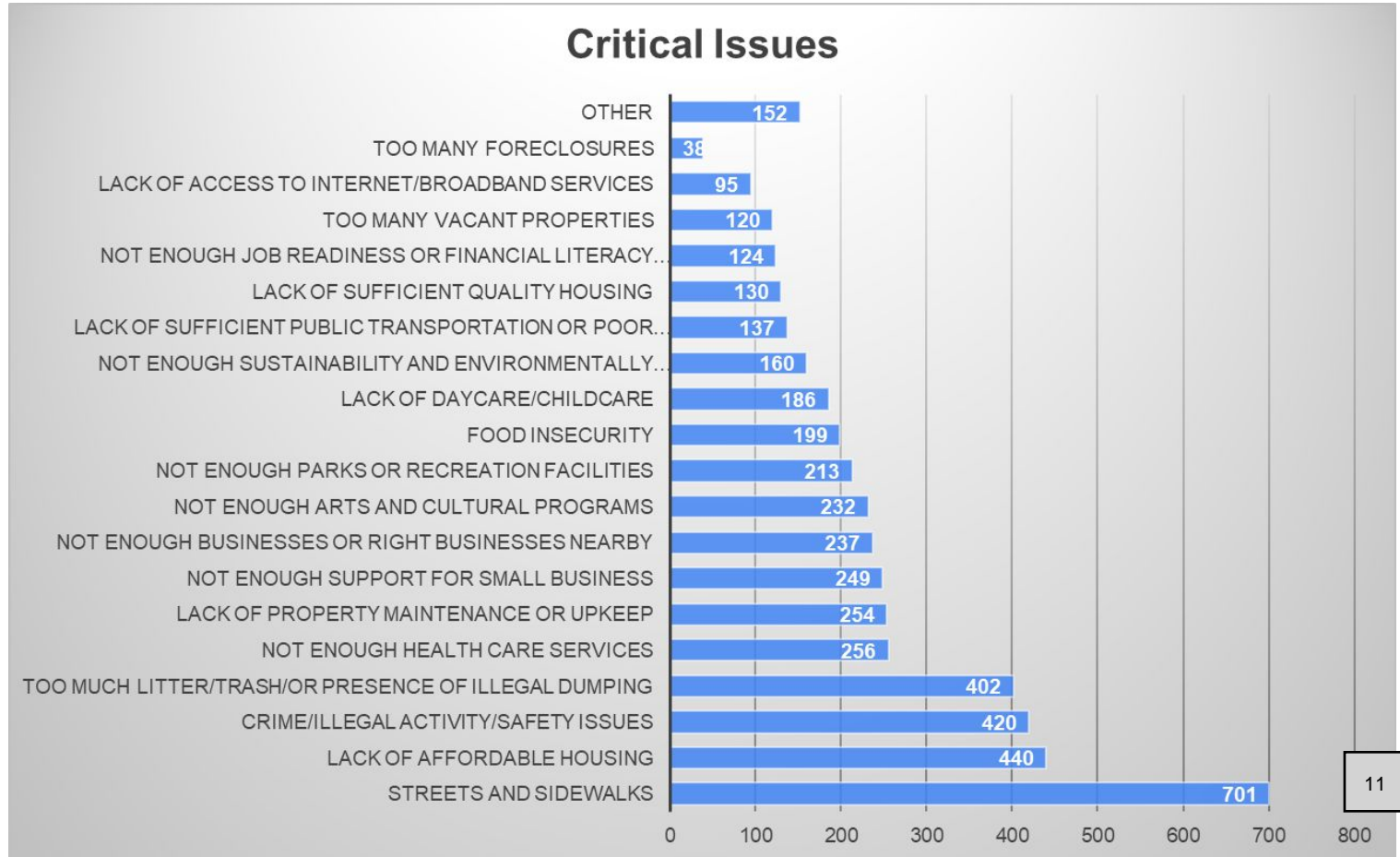


Responses - Covid Impact



Responses - Critical Issues Identified

Section E, Item 1.





ARPA Priorities & Allowed Spending

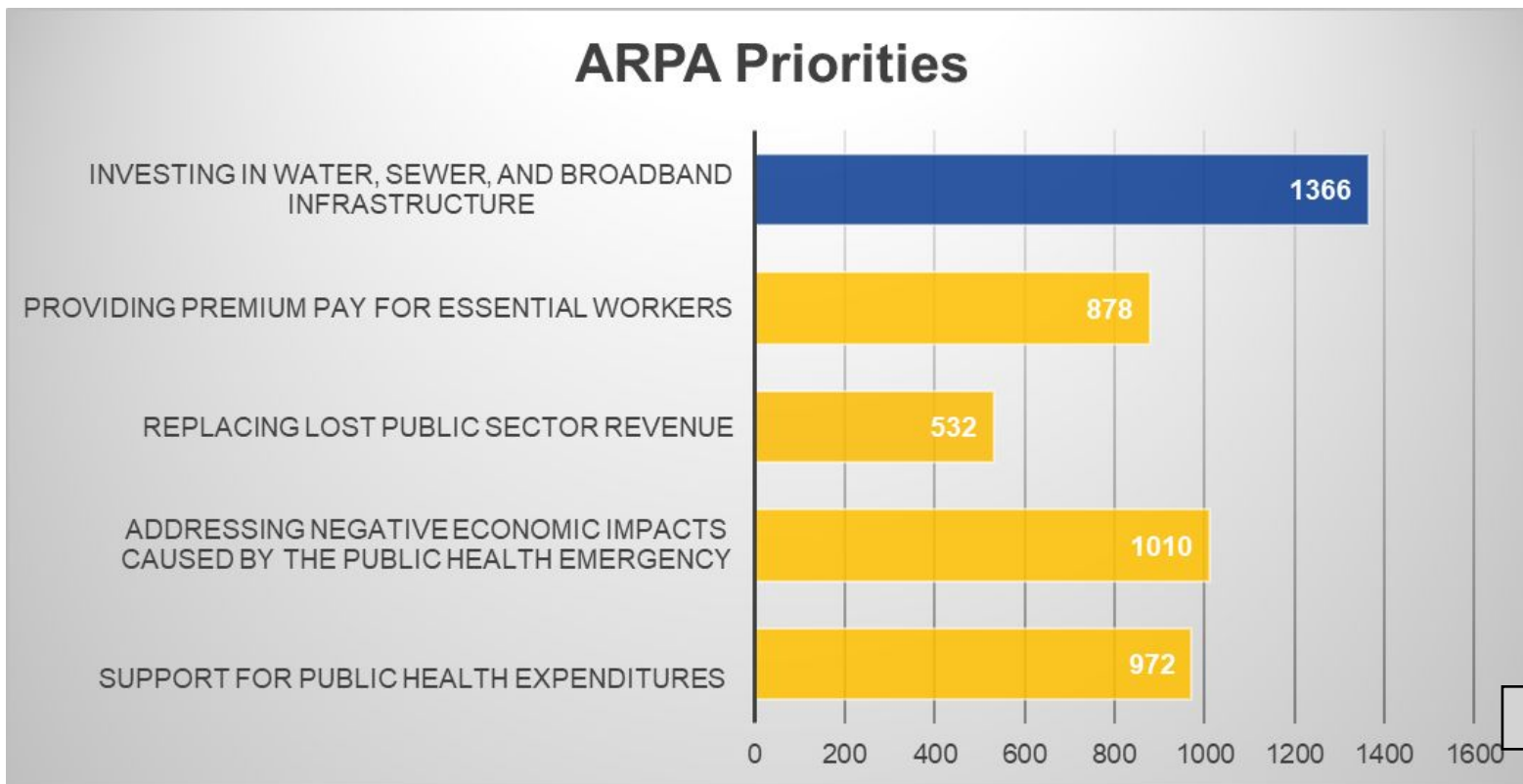
Some areas this funding can be used for are:

- Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Address the negative economic impacts the community has experienced as a result of COVID-19.
- Provide assistance in disproportionately impacted areas.
- To offset reductions in local government revenue due to COVID-19.
- Invest in water and/or sewer infrastructure.
- Invest in broadband infrastructure.

The funds cannot be used for:

- Tax reductions or cuts
- Pension fund payments/deposits
- Legal Settlements
- To meet Federal grant match requirements
- Roads and Bridges

Responses - ARPA Priorities





Town Council Proposals

- Pandemic/Covid Recovery
- Water Treatment Plant
- Road Work/Paving/Infrastructure
 - Street Lights
 - Traffic Study Implementation
 - Sidewalks/Access
- Transportation
 - Mobility Hubs Campaign
- Public Safety - Training, Equipment, Hazard Pay
- Mental Health Supports for Residents

- Small Business Support
- Programs - Senior Services & Youth (employment)
- ATM Stipend
- Transportation
 - Mobility Hubs Campaign
- Outdoor Recreation
 - Boardwalk & Park Place Project

Town Department Head Proposals

Operational Requests

- Staffing needs for RPD and RFD
- RFD Ambulance
- Restoration & Upgrades Recreation/Parks Locations
- Generator at RICC
- Town Website Upgrades
- Town Staff Training Curriculum/Implementation
- Self-service Stations at Town
- PA Systems for Public Buildings
- Security Cameras for Public Parks
- Digital Marketing Sign at Crawford Sq
- Public Information Officer
- Open Mesh Network - WiFi in Public Spaces
- Translation Services and Language Access
- GIS Map System and Coordinator

Social Services Requests

- School Based Health Center
- Shared Housing Services Org
- Food Security - Pantry
- Outreach Worker & Funds for Resiliency Fund and Thrive



Program/Project Requests

- Bookmobile - Library Outreach
- Community Garden at Powers Farm



Next Steps

LEGAL NOTICE

The Randolph Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:15pm via ZOOM on the petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations from Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc., for work installing a pole and other related work adjacent to 156 Canton Street in Randolph, Massachusetts, consistent with the requirements of M.G.L. ch. 166, Section 22 and any other applicable law, and consistent with the application that has been submitted by Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc., which may be reviewed in the Randolph Town Clerk's Office. The link to connect to the meeting may be found on the Town of Randolph website calendar.

AD# 7004349
PL 03/07/2022



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

This letter is being sent to let you know a public hearing has been scheduled about a project near your property. Specific information about this proposal is to the right on this letter. Detailed plans and specifications for this project may be viewed at the office of the Town Clerk at 41 South Main Street, Randolph, MA during normal business hours.

You received this notice because records from the Randolph Assessor's Office indicate you own property near the proposed development site. Your attendance at this meeting is not required but your participation and input is an important part of the review process. A decision regarding the approval or denial of the proposal may be made at the conclusion of this hearing.

The meeting will be conducted with remote participation by ZOOM.
Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86495385600>

HEARING TIME & LOCATION

6:15pm
Monday, March 14 2022
Meeting conducted via ZOOM

PROPOSAL NAME & LOCATION

Utility Pole Replacement
156 Canton Street
Assessor's Map: 10-C-31.A
(see reverse of this letter)

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

To install a new utility pole approximately 40 feet south of the existing pole (#P36-84) to eliminate the existing pole to tree guy.

ZONING INFORMATION

Parcel is zoned (RH)
Residential High Density

PETITIONER

Massachusetts Electric Company and
Verizon New England, Inc.

Pole replacement at 156 Canton St



1" = 153.72919537807743 ft

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

January 11, 2022

To the Town Manager
Of the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

request permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

Canton St

**Install JO P36-84 Canton Approx 40ft S of P36 to eliminate pole to tree guy.
House #156 Canton St wants to remove tree and request guy to be removed.**

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Plan No. 24938563 Dated 8/15/2017

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: *Don DDA Roberto Leonida*
Manager of Distribution Design

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

By: *Karen Levesque*
Karen Levesque - ROW Manager

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

January 11, 2022

To the Select Board
of the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** and **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the **11th day of January**

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked--

Plan No. **24938563** Dated **8/15/2017** filed with this order.

There may attached to said poles by said **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** not to exceed twenty wires and by said **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** not to exceed forty wires and four aerial cables, and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than eighteen feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or parts of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:--

Canton St

Install JO P36-84 Canton Approx 40ft S of P36 to eliminate pole to tree guy.

House #156 Canton St wants to remove tree and request guy to be removed.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts, held on the _____ day of _____,

Clerk of Selectmen

We hereby certify that on _____, at _____ o'clock, _____
 at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

for permission to erect the poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order
 herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the
 time and place of said hearing to each the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding
 assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Companies are permitted
 to erect poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said
 order was duly adopted.

 Selectmen of the Town of

 Randolph, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a joint location order and certificate of hearing with notice
 adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of
 _____,
 recorded with the records of location orders of said Town,
 Book _____, Page _____.

This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or
 amendments thereof.

Attest: _____

Town Clerk



JOINT OWNED POLE PETITION

- ☒ Proposed NGRID Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing NGRID Pole Locations
- ☒ Proposed J.O. Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing J.O. Pole Locations
- ☒ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.
- ☒ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

nationalgrid
And
Verizon New England, Inc.

Date: 8/15/2017

Work Request Number: 24938563

To Accompany Petition Dated: 8/15/2017

To The: Town Of Randolph

For Proposed: Pole: 36-84 Location: Canton St

March 28, 2022

Mr. William Alexopoulos, President
Randolph Town Council
41 South Main St.
Randolph, Ma. 02368

Re. Grant of location, National Grid

Dear Mr. Alexopoulos:

National Grid is formally requesting a delay of the grant of location request for Canton St in the Town of Randolph. National grid will officially resubmit the grant of Location request at a later date.

Thank You for your consideration.

Regards,

Joe Cardinal
Manager
National Grid
(508)897-5589

cc. Brian Howard

Council Order: 2022-15

Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
Date: March 28, 2022

Transfer of General Fund Free Cash To Law Department - Expenses

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to approve a transfer of \$50,000 from the certified General Fund free cash to Law Department – Expenses.

Councilor Order: 2022-16

Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
March 28, 2022

Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Purchase of Police Vehicles

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$158,825 from the certified General Fund free cash to support the purchase of four (4) police vehicles.



RANDOLPH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randolph, Massachusetts

41 South Main Street • Randolph, MA 02368-4820 • 781-963-1212



Anthony T. Marag
Chief of Police

March 25, 2022

To: Town Manager Howard

From: Chief Anthony T. Marag

Re: Police Cruisers

There are numerous cruisers that no longer fit the needs of the Randolph Police Department due to their age and high mileage. Unmarked detective cruisers 752 (2013 Ford Taurus – 114,600 miles), 739 (2016 Ford Explorer – 113,875 miles) along with marked units 743 (2013 Ford Taurus – 90,000 miles) and 751 (2017 Ford Explorer – 81,445), all are either unreliable or quickly approaching that status. It has been found that cruisers with 80,000 miles are not cost efficient to maintain and increasingly unsafe. This is due to the constant use of the line patrol cruisers being operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The unmarked cruisers last longer due to the nature of detective work and these vehicles not being used 24 hours a day. I anticipate the unmarked cruisers lasting at least 6 years. The replacements for the unmarked cruisers are the more cost-effective Chevrolet Equinox. The replacements for the patrol cruisers are the Ford Explorers. Last years request was \$147,000 for three cruisers. This year we will be able to replace an additional cruiser that has high mileage at an additional cost of only \$11,000. This is due to the savings of switching to the Equinox for unmarked vehicles. The quotes received were \$158,000 for the four replacements.

The current year's expenditures, as of 3/25/2022, for vehicle repairs are \$33,000. On average we have spent at least \$30,000 on maintenance and repairs yearly. Prolonging or not replacing police cruisers has a trickle-down effect on what is spent on repairs. Maintaining a proper replacement and maintenance schedule is imperative. Repairs are more costly than maintenance. At the forefront of cruiser replacements is the need for officers to safely respond to calls for service in the community. When cruisers are out for repairs or have been involved in crashes, finding them a proper vehicle for their patrol can be challenging. Thus, the need for properly equipped and safe cruisers from a fleet of well-maintained vehicles. In the current landscape, securing cruisers with dealerships having limited inventory can delay orders up to 30 months. The ordering of police cruisers must be forward thinking to limit lag time of outdated/unfit cruisers on the road.

As Police Chief, it is a priority to protect the department's greatest asset, its officers. This request will provide them a proper safe environment to conduct their daily services within their mobile office, the police cruiser.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony T. Marag
Chief Anthony T. Marag

Resolution: 2022-02

**Introduced By: Councilors Natacha Clerger and Jesse Gordon
March 28, 2022**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING PFAS FILTRATION

WHEREAS the measured PFAS level in the Randolph and Holbrook drinking water have exceeded the state limit of 20 ppt twice in the last year; and

WHEREAS the Braintree water treatment plant, using the same source water, has reduced its PFAS level to well under 20 ppt by replacing their water filter material entirely with GAC (Granulated Activated Carbon); and

WHEREAS the Randolph/Holbrook water treatment plant is older and more fragile, so that a 100% replacement of water filter material with GAC would entail high risk of equipment damage; and

WHEREAS the Randolph Town Council seeks to join with the Holbrook Board of Selectmen in supporting this Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Randolph Town Council supports exploration of the cost and risk of replacing 50% of the existing water filter material with GAC at the Randolph/Holbrook water treatment plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the costs and risks are reasonable, that the Randolph Town Council would encourage the Joint Board to adopt measures to replace the existing water filter material with GAC in one or more of the eight water filters over a period of one or more months at the Randolph/Holbrook water treatment plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the costs and risks are unreasonable, that the Randolph Town Council would encourage the Joint Board to explore the cost and risk of other percentages of partial material replacement at the Randolph/Holbrook water treatment plant and/or other methods of reducing PFAS in our drinking water.

**Resolution: 2022-03 Introduced By: Councilors Natacha Clerger and Jesse Gordon
March 28, 2022**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING PFAS TESTING

WHEREAS our drinking water contains PFAS from unknown sources in one or more of the incoming water supplies into our reservoir; and

WHEREAS the measured PFAS level in the Randolph and Holbrook drinking water have exceeded the state limit of 20 ppt twice in the last year; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Town, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has undertaken ongoing PFAS testing in streams and water bodies around Randolph; and

WHEREAS the Town of Braintree has undertaken additional PFAS testing at streams and water bodies around Braintree that feed our common reservoir; and

WHEREAS the Town of Randolph participates in an ongoing water quality testing and review program that is mandated and overseen by the DEP:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Randolph Town Council supports the DEP PFAS testing that is taking place at streams and water bodies around Randolph for the purpose of ascertaining the sources of the PFAS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council supports publication of the results of PFAS testing on the Town website in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council supports the sharing of PFAS testing results with the Town of Braintree and the Town of Holbrook, and supports requesting that the Town of Braintree and the Town of Holbrook share their PFAS testing results with the Town of Randolph.