

TOWN COUNCIL- HUMAN SERVICES/SENIORS/RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Town Hall - Lincoln Room - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA
02368

AGENDA

This is a hybrid meeting. The public is invited to attend this meeting remotely, via phone or computer, or in person. This meeting is being posted pursuant to the state statute authorizing temporary remote participation as described here: <https://www.randolph-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1493/remotemeetings22>

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A. Call to Order - Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee Meeting February 6, 2023

C. Public Comments

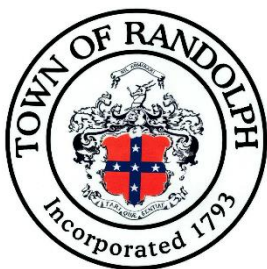
D. Old/Unfinished Business

1. Opening More Parks in the Town of Randolph (Signage Update)
2. Report from Board of Recreation on "Park Survey" and OSRP

E. New Business

1. Board of Health Ticketing for Health Violations
2. Shuttle Van Petition
3. Holiday Lights

F. Adjournment



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DRAFT- MINUTES

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 may meet remotely to avoid group congregation.

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

B. New Business

1. Organization and Election of Subcommittee Officers

Councillor Jesse Gordon will serve as Chairperson for the Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee for 2023.

2. Hiring of more Department of Public Works Employees

What are the duties now? What can they do now and not do? Does more staff help?
Ask the Department of Public Works and Councillor Brewer.

3. Opening More Parks in the Town of Randolph

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Let's gauge interest in this -- is there a return on money?

Councillor Gordon: Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) addressed that.
Open Space far and away won!

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Survey to couple what was done during Powers Farm event
to see how high interest is.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Some conservation groups do an email blast with like 10
questions such as: what are your interests, and then get details? Could send to
everyone on the Town list.

Councillor Gordon: Let's all come up with some questions and do that. We can ask
Natalie about mechanics.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We can also blast from the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (RICC) and add something on the town website.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: More sports facilities; more green space; more whatever? passive/active recreation.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Like "what is open space to you?" A-Z

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Check in to see what's going on with the Recreation Board.

Councillor Gordon: Yes I will bring OSRP there.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Is Katrina's husband on that board? (yes)

Councillor Huff-Larmond: About the RICC fee too -- it's bad to jump from \$0 to \$200 all at once -- what are the plans?

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Membership is key - should not fall on town taxes -- even if only 30% of fees are paid for by membership, there can be more programs.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Something has to come from membership itself. To sustain the RICC property

Councillor Gordon: I'd love to see a free membership - small fee is ok but it needs to be small.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Boston has corporate sponsorship - we don't have that ability - so membership is key. \$10 a month is competitive with YMCA - see it as "three coffees" -- that's sustainable. Maybe a tiered fee -- like basic membership and you can add more.

Councillor Gordon: Who actually sets the fee? Town Council, RICC, Board of Recreation?

Councillor Huff-Larmond: It's Liz LaRosee, unilaterally. I'd love it to be free but we do need to sustain the property. It also gives people some responsibility.

Councillor Gordon: How does corporate sponsorship work in Boston and could we do it?

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: It's real conglomerates and foundations. I don't know if we can do that in Randolph -- too small. "Tiered" also means student discount, veteran discount, senior discount, etc. Need money for maintenance- the more usage there is, the more costs there are.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Any gym has that same issue. WOW has a \$10 per month plan and you can pay more money for more services.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: The WOW fee is the same as RICC and at RICC you get more bang for your buck compared to WOW.

Councillor Gordon: So we share with Liz and the Board of Recreation as food for thought and have discussion at the Board of Recreation.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Other questions: Can we implement that tiered method? Liz might have some better ideas than we do, on implementation as well as money; Liz is the expert on this.

Councillor Gordon: Any other topics for the Board of Recreation?

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Any events that the Board of Recreation does, the Town Council should be invited to. Recently they had a Lunar New Year event -- it was a small event but I barely caught it. Also what are the seniors doing? I saw a giant event at the Senior Center while driving by, so I stopped in. Or Tai Chi events etc. I'd love to hear about those officially.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: Sure, blast to everybody and whoever can go, can go.

Councillor Gordon: With Bill Clark - Town website has method to sign up for things -- does that apply to the Board of Recreation?

C. Open Council Comments

Section B, Item 1.

D. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

The next Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee Meeting will be on March 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM.



Rosemont Square Tenant Association

14106 Chestnut West, Randolph, Massachusetts 02368 (508) 521-8053 southshoretentaction@gmail.com

February 22, 2023
Town Council
Randolph, Massachusetts

To The Council:

We representatives of tenants in Randolph write you again, following up on our letter of February 6. The dangerous and unhealthy conditions persist in our apartment homes and complexes, especially at 14 Thompson Drive, Woodview, and Rosemont Square.

We experience daily issues of rodent and insect infestation, mold, lack of heat and hot water, broken appliances, code violations in wiring, fire safety, unlighted common areas, broken doors and so on. See the attached photos.

Again, we call on the Council to take action to hold landlords accountable for violations by enforcing existing ordinances and laws and by creating new punitive fines at levels that landlords will take seriously, and not just as an acceptable cost of doing business.

We refer you to the flooding at Rosemont Square during the freeze of Feb. 5-6. Also, a shooting this week at Rosemont Square highlighted security failures. Many of the outside doors of Rosemont buildings do not lock because of improperly installed carpeting.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Kelly,
Tenant Representative, Woodview Apartments

Debra Stanley,
Tenant Representative, 14 Thompson Drive Apartments

Bianca Dunbar
Tenant Representative, Rosemont Square Apartments

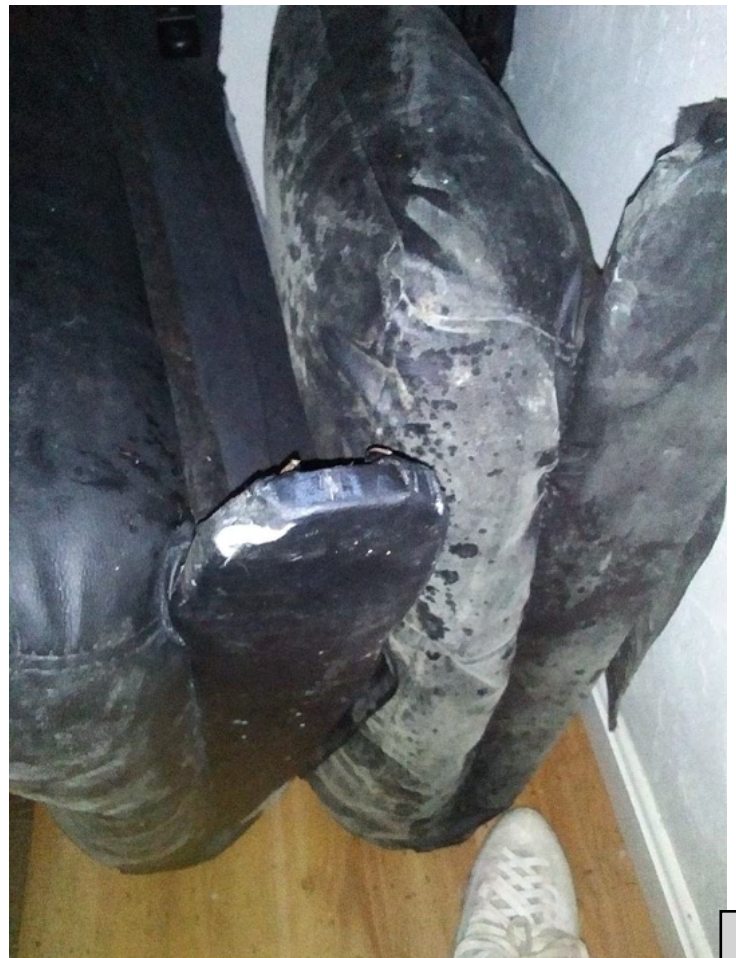
Gladys McClain
Tenant Leader, Rosemont Square Apartments





Photos showing mold and rodent feces at 14 Thompson Drive, November 2022

Section E, Item1.



Evidence of mold and rodent infestation at
Woodview Apartments, December 2022



Evidence of rodent feces and urine on clothing and furniture in Bldg. 14000, (top). Evidence of flooding, Bldg. 3000 (below). Both from February 5, 2023.

