



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall - Chapin Hall - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA
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AGENDA

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

B. Moment of Silent Prayer

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting March 28, 2022
2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting August 21, 2023
3. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting February 5, 2024

D. Announcements from the President

E. Public Comments/Discussions

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

F. Appointments

G. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

H. Town Manager's Report

I. Old/Unfinished Business

J. New Business

1. Council Order 2024-008: Debt Authorization Order - Lyons Elementary School Additional Funds
2. Council Order 2024-009: Requesting for the Town Council to Amend the Town of Randolph General Ordinances to Add a New Section 56-2 Concerning Annual Reporting
3. Resolution 2024-001: Resolution Concerning the Randolph Youth Cleanup Corps

K. Correspondence

L. Committee Reports

M. Open Council Comments

N. Adjournment

Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 4 and 18

April 1 and 29

May 13

June 10 and 24

July 15 and 29

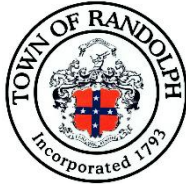
August 12 and 26

September 9 and 30

October 7 and 28

November 4 and 25

December 9



Town Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 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, James Burgess, Richard Brewer, Natacha Clerger, Kenrick Clifton, Ryan Egan, Jesse Gordon, and Katrina Huff-Larmond.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councillor Burgess.

Moments of Silent Prayer: A moment of silent prayer held.

Presentations:

1. ARPA Survey Results

Town Manager Brian Howard provided information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Survey results. The survey opened on January 31st and Closed on March 11th. It was made available in many languages, contained ten questions, and was modeled after several communities that have had success with receiving responses. Responses were collected via Google Forms and paper surveys. There was also an option for those taking the survey to add additional items if they wanted to. The survey was distributed and advertised through several different mechanisms such as posting flyers with QR codes in local businesses, social media, the Randolph Public Schools sent out robo texts and calls, and much more. There was a lot of diversity in terms of who responded to the survey.

Since the pandemic began, many things have changed and been impacted, thus leading to an increase in the need for assistance in mental health services, mortgage assistance, direct cash assistance, food assistance, and utility assistance. Similarly, critical issues that have been identified consist of, streets and sidewalks, lack of affordable housing, crime/illegal activity/safety issues, and too much litter/trash or the presence of illegal dumping.

Some areas this funding can be used for are to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, address the negative economic impacts the community has experienced as a result of COVID-19, assist in disproportionately impacted areas, 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. On ARPA priorities, the number one topic was investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The Town Council proposed a water treatment plant, road

work, public safety, and mental health support. The town department heads proposed a gen Randolph Intergenerational Community Center, Town website upgrades, additional ambulances, a digital marketing sign at Crawford Square, and many more good ideas.

We have about thirty million dollars in funds, and the water treatment plant will be 28 million because of inflation, etc. Yes, thirty million dollars is a lot of money, however, it is crucial to use it wisely. I will be coming back to present how I propose we begin spending the funds to the Town Council.

Councillor Clifton requested clarification on how much of the ARPA funds Town Manager Howards intends to spend towards the new water treatment plant.

Councillor Huff-Larmond asked about the possibility of putting together a Committee including community members to assist in deciding how to spend the ARPA funds.

Councillor Gordon recommended using some of the strategies the City of Chelsea has used that involved various community members including its boards and agencies to assist in deciding how to spend the ARPA funds.

Public Hearings:

1. Request for Pole Replacement 136 Canton Street

Council President Alexopoulos: Joe Cardinal, Manager of National Grid, is formally requesting a delay of the grant of location request for Canton Street. They will resubmit the request at a later date.

Motion to allow the applicant to withdraw the request for Pole Replacement at 136 Canton Street without prejudice, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Public Comments:

1. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: We should make sure that we have a capital plan in place for things we need. I agree the ARPA funds should go to the water treatment plan.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions:

1. Council Order 2022-015: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash To Law Department - Expenses

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2022-015. Town Manager Howard introduced the Council Order and provided a brief explanation regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-015 as presented made by Councillor Clifton, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2022-016: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash for Purchase of Police Vehicles

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2022-015. Town Manager Howard introduced the Council Order and provided a brief explanation regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-016 as presented made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Brewer.
 Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
 Motion passes.

3. Resolution 2022-002: Concerning PFAS Filtration

This Resolution is being introduced by Councillor Gordon and Councillor Clerger. Additional information was provided regarding the purpose of this Resolution.

Based on a discussion of the Town Council, Councillor Gordon has removed the following portions of 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”

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-002 as amended by Councillor Gordon, made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor Clifton.
 Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent during vote: Egan)
 Motion passes.

4. Resolution 2022-003: Concerning PFAS Testing

This Resolution is being introduced by Councillor Gordon and Councillor Clerger. Additional information was provided regarding the purpose of this Resolution.

Motion to approve Council Order 2022-003 as presented made by Gordon, seconded by Councillor Clifton.
 Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent during vote: C. Alexopoulos, Clerger, Egan)
 Motion passes.

Town Manager's Report:

1. Thank you to everybody in the community who supported the student-athletes of Randolph High School who won the state championship in basketball on Saturday. Job well done by the coaches and the parents

Correspondence:

1. Council President Alexopoulos received a letter from a resident, Rockefeller Fitzgerald, on Morgan Street. The letter requests for the road to be repaved and to install a speed bump. The resident is blind and can walk independently daily, but it would be helpful to have a speed bump to have cars slow down.

Motion to amend the traffic rules and regulations to allow for the temporary installation of a speed bump at the location requested by Mr. Fitzgerald made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.
 Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent during Vote: Egan)
 Motion passes.

2. Council President Alexopoulos received a letter from a Randolph resident regarding loud noise during summertime and asked if we had ways of deterring that type of nuisance in the early morning hours or late night. A discussion of the Council was held concerning policies and procedures of the police department being able to issue a citation for ordinance violations.

Committee Reports:

1. Human Services/Seniors/Recreation Subcommittee Meeting: Councillor Gordon provided an update on this Subcommittee: At our next meeting we plan to discuss bringing back the Boards and Committees that have been kind of dormant during the pandemic.

Open Council Comments:

Councillor Gordon: 1. Thank you all for participating in the PFAS discussion. 2. I think the upcoming Master Plan and Implementation Committee and Recreation Committee meetings will result in a few Council Orders coming before the Council and I look forward to hearing the public's input.

Councillor Clerger: 1. Thank you to Town Manager Howard for joining me in the recent Senior Celebration. Seniors are the backbone of society and they continue to pave the way for us and the next generation. 2. Haitian Flag Raising will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2024 and in the afternoon, we'll have a parade from Town Hall to the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center. 3. On April 20th, we will be celebrating health care workers so please keep an eye out for more details.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. Congratulations to the Randolph High School basketball team. We are so proud of you. 2. The Randolph Youth Council is working on a project with the Randolph Police Department so stay tuned.

Councillor Brewer: The Turner Free Library has a few events planned. We are celebrating National Poetry Month by submitting your poetry work by April 15. 2. There will also be a spring cleaning class on Saturday. There are lots of different activities happening during April vacation week at the Turner Free Library and the Randolph Intergeneration Community Center. You can register for all of these events online.

Councillor Clifton: Kudos to the Randolph High School students for winning their second state championship in four years. A special shout out to the parents who keep up with the kids practices and their games.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: 1. Congratulations to the High School Boys Basketball team. They did a great job. 2. Congratulations to the Elk's Lodge's new Exalted Ruler, Susan. They held their event last Saturday to install the new exalted Ruler and I want to wish them the best of luck. 3. Thank you to Town Manager Howard for flying the Greek Flag for Greek Independence Day. It is very appreciated.

Executive Session:

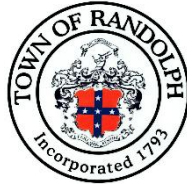
Council President Alexopoulos read the following: The Town Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) relative to potential litigation strategy concerning the Town's Opioid Litigation claims and possible claims in National PFAS Litigation. M.G.L. ch. 30A, 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.

The Chair so declared.

Council President Alexopoulos requested a vote for the Town Council to enter Executive Session.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Councillor Huff-Larmond).

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

The public portion of the Town Council meeting concluded, and the Council entered an executive session at 7:58 PM.



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call – Council Members Present: William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (By Zoom), Natacha Clerger (By Zoom), Ryan Egan (By Zoom) Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice President Brewer.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Presentations

1. Presentation of the 2023 Youth Internship Program

Councillor Huff-Larmond introduced the Town of Randolph High School Internship Program. They’ve been working hard over the last six weeks to put together a final project that the Town of Randolph can use.

Several participants of the Internship program presented a unique and impactful marketing campaign specifically tailored to the interests of Randolph teens. During this presentation, information was communicated regarding the data collected to provide social media platform recommendations and their work experiences while interning in the different department offices.

Public Hearings

1. 6:15 PM: Council Order 2023-044: FY2024 Water/Sewer Rates

Council President Alexopoulos opened the Public Hearing for Council Order 2023-044 and read the Council Order. Town Attorney Griffin referenced the legal advertisements that was published in the Patriot Ledger on August 5, 2023. Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2023-044 and provided an additional explanation on the purpose of this Council Order. Assisting with the presentation is Matthew Abrahams, of The Abrahams Group. Mr. Abrahams gave an updated presentation on the Water and Sewer Rates.

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

1. Joe Burkner, 54 Hills Street: If I don’t use too much water this year, do I still pay the base charges? Town Manager Howard: The base charge is for all users, regardless of the amount of water they use. Mr.

Burke: Why is the sewer charge so high? Town Manager Howard: Because there is no way to differentiate on the system whether you're using the water within your house or not.

Council President Alexopoulos closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened it to the Council or comments/questions. Discussion was held concerning how the water and sewer rates are calculated and the Town's Water Stabilization Fund.

Council Vice-President Brewer made a motion to increase water and sewer rates for the Town of Randolph by 2% for fiscal year 2024, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Councillor O'Connell made a motion to amend the initial motion to increase the water and sewer rates by 2.5%, instead of 2%, for fiscal year 2024, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Amend: 1-6-0 (Nays: C. Alexopoulos, W. Alexopoulos, Brewer, Burgess, Gordon, Huff-Larmond; Absent During Vote: Clerger & Egan)

Motion fails.

Roll call vote to approve the main motion to increase water and sewer rates for the Town of Randolph by 2% for fiscal year 2024.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent During Vote: Clerger & Egan)

Motion Passes

2. 6:15 PM: Special Permit Application for a Proposed 24-Hour Warehouse Operation located on multiple parcels on Randolph Road, Randolph, MA 02368

Council President Alexopoulos: This is a continued public hearing. This public hearing was opened on Monday, July 24, 2024. The public comments portions of the public hearing was also opened and closed on July 24, 2024.

Attorney Robert Buckley, representative of Bluewater Property Acquisitions LLC ("Applicant"), and Alex Escamilla, Head of Development for Bluewater Property Group, were present to discuss the future development of the properties located on Randolph Road.

Mr. Buckley: We have spent the last three weeks analyzing the comments of the general public and comments of the Council and concluded that the comments mostly concerned the impact of operations. The applicant felt confident that they could put the facility here with minimal impact versus other potential uses so that's why they came here.

Councillor Huff-Larmond raised questions about the sound study.

Councillor Gordon spoke on behalf of abutting residents he connected with, and many concerns were raised about the traffic at the intersection of Oak Street and North Street. Signage might be helpful to indicate to trucks that they must turn right instead of left. Another concern was raised concerning the walking trails in the area and Councillor Gordon proposes that these remain accessible.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos suggested additional mitigation funds would be necessary to ensure the safety of residents passing through the intersection of Oak Street and North Street and a clause in the Special Permit decision that would ensure there is no idling or movement of trucks between the hours of midnight and 5 AM. Attorney Buckley: It would be difficult to minimize the traffic to zero, as we would need to be prepared for unforeseen circumstances such as weather that may impact a driver from arriving at their expected time of arrival.

Council Vice President Brewer suggested applying shock-absorbing rubber to help eliminate of trailers backing into the building.

Councilor Burgess moved to grant a Special Permit for the purpose of a drive through, a teller operation, for banking operations, for the property at 7-31 Warren Street as requested by the Applicant pursuant to applicable law and specifically as show on plans C501, C502, and C102, as presented to us and as amended, with the conditions that they are instructed to include the new vegetation that is shown on the plans, the painted asphalt signage indicating traffic patterns as approved at North Main Street, the speed bumps, one or two, as may be relocated on site so as not to conflict with the entrance or egress of the banking teller operation, and that the signage for the kiosk is approved per the Town Council with the condition that on the tower the signage is directional only, as the applicant already has a sign on the front of the building and there is going to be one on the kiosk and one on the rear of the building, but that the Town Council has no objection to the signage as presented coming off of North Main Street, that the Council finds that the use is in harmony with the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance, that it is not detrimental to the zoning district nor the abutters, and that the Council finds that the other findings and requirements of the ordinances for the issuance of a Special Permit have been met.

The motion was seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll call vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Town Council President Alexopoulos moved that the Council find:

- that the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the Town and to the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to the site;
 - that the proposed use is acceptable in light of the requirements contained in the Town Zoning Ordinance and the Table of Allowable Activities;
 - that the proposed use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance;
 - that the proposed use is consistent with the Town Master Plan;
 - that the proposed use is acceptable, in light of traffic flow and safety concerns, including parking and loading;
 - that the proposed use is acceptable in light of the adequacy of utilities and other public services;
 - that the proposed use is acceptable in light of the impacts of the proposed use on neighborhood character;
 - that the proposed use is acceptable in light of the impacts of the proposed use on the natural environment; and
 - that the proposed use is acceptable in light of the fiscal impacts of the proposed use, including impact on Town services, the tax base and the employment considerations;
- and that the Town Council vote to grant the Special Permit pursuant to the Town of Randolph Zoning Ordinances and all other applicable law with the following conditions:
- they are instructed to include the new vegetation that is shown on the plans,
 - they are instructed to include the painted asphalt signage indicating traffic patterns as approved at North Main Street,
 - they are instructed to include the speed bumps, one or two, as may be relocated on site so as not to conflict with the entrance or egress of the banking teller operation,
 - and
 - that the signage for the kiosk is approved per the Town Council with the condition that on the tower the signage is directional only,
- The motion was seconded by Councilor Egan.
- Roll Call Vote:8-0-1 (Abstention: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Based on the above vote, the Special Permit was deemed granted.

Public Comments:

1. Michelle Ajax, 15 Virginia Circle; Mark Chobanian, 17 Virginia Circle; Lovelyn Akonkem, 18 Virginia Circle: Concerns were raised regarding the gravel blasting at the T.L. Edwards site in Avon. A discussion of the Council was held concerning the issues raised and potential remedies to be taken.
2. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Street: A question was raised concerning the taxes of residents as they relate to debt exclusion for the schools that were built in Town.
3. Debbie Nathan, 8 Alden Circle: The Town has a Good Neighbor Guide with a lot of helpful information and I'm not sure many residents know about this pamphlet. I'm wondering if there is a way to get this information posted on an electronic sign so that people can see it when they're out on the road.
4. Sandy Cohen, 63 Bittersweet Lane: The intersection at Highland Avenue and Warren Street is prone to flooding since the construction of the Taj Estates began. Is it their responsibility to mitigate the flooding, or the Town's responsibility? I'm also curious to know the Town's traffic plans for that area. What is the Town doing to address the feasibility study for the mobility bus?
5. Paul Foos: I'm here to ask about the Randolph Citizen Initiative that was submitted and voted on affirmatively by the Council, and wondering what the status of the feasibility study is.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions:

1. **Councillor Burgess made a motion to direct the Town Manager to issue a directive that all meetings shall be open to the public, except executive sessions.**

Town Manager Howard: I've put together a draft directive that I would to finalize and send out to Boards, Commissions, and Councils as soon as possible. It strongly encourages the hybrid component for conducting meetings.

A discussion was held concerning two resolutions Councillor Gordon proposes to add to an upcoming agenda.

New Business:

1. **Council Order 2023-047: Acceptance of Registrars Recommendation for In-Person Early Voting for Fall 2023 Local Election**

Council President Alexopoulos introduced and read Council Order 2023-047. Town Manager Howard provided a brief explanation regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2023-047, as presented, made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

2. **Council Order 2023-048: FY2024 Budget Transfers**

Council President Alexopoulos introduced and read Council Order 2023-048. Town Manager Howard provided a brief explanation regarding the purpose of this Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2023-048 made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
Motion passes.

Correspondence:

1. Mass in Motion Randolph Program: Christine Tangishaka, through the Mass in Motion Program has worked collaboratively with the Friendly Food Pantry for sourcing fresh produce to be made available to residents using the pantry services. This year, she was able to establish a program to provide vouchers for purchasing produce at the Main Street Market. This is only one of the initiatives we have underway with the Mass in Motion program.

Council Comments:

Council Vice President Brewer: The Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival is taking place from August 25 through August 27, 2023, at the parking lot behind the Ice area. General admission is \$5.

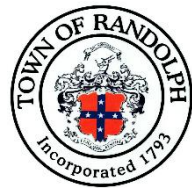
Councillor Natacha Clerger: I want to encourage residents to continue to come to our meetings and let us know their concerns or contact us individually. We are nine Council members, with nine different personalities and opinions but we always come together to make decisions within the best interest of the community.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: A friendly reminder to residents who may be having gatherings, please be mindful of your neighbors and the noise.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. Sunday, August 27, 2023, is National Movie Day. 2. I'm proud of the interns that were able to present today. They worked hard for the last six weeks. 3. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is meeting on September 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Clerger.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent During Vote: Egan)
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.



Randolph Town Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call – Council Members Present: William Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person).

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting January 8, 2024**
- 2. Meeting Minutes of Town Council Meeting January 29, 2024**

Motion to combine the minutes of Town Council Meetings: January 8, 2024, and January 29, 2024 and vote on their approval at the same time made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: C. Alexopoulos & Burgess)

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the minutes of Town Council Meetings: January 8, 2024, and January 29, 2024 made by Council Vice President Brewer, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: C. Alexopoulos & Burgess)

Motion passes.

Presentations:

President of the Randolph Music Boosters Club, Jamie Ackles, presented on behalf of the Randolph Music Boosters to recognize the Randolph Police Department.

Mr. Ackles: Thank you for giving us this opportunity. I am the President of the Randolph Music Boosters and we’re a volunteer organization, specifically focused on supporting the musical students and teachers of the Randolph Public Schools. We focus on enriching the music experience for students and fundraising for different things such as instruments and instrument repairs, scholarships for graduating seniors and our summer music program that we put on for elementary and middle school students. We can’t do all of this without great community partners so tonight, we really want to recognize the Randolph Police Department for everything they do for the Randolph music student. A couple of

examples include: 1. Our Marching Band has competed in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Association State Competition and the Randolph Police Department was there to give out students a Hero's Escort out of Town. Officer Marc L'Italian is kicking off the READ Program which stands for "Randolph Embraces Athletic and Artistic Development." The READ Program is an online fundraiser that supports both the athletic and music departments of Randolph Public Schools. Additionally, the Randolph Police Department donated a trailer that we use to help store and transport a lot of the instruments when traveling to play. We really put some thought into what we wanted to be able to present you with and we hope you have as much pride in hanging this up and displaying it as much as the pride that you instilled in our music students. We are genuinely grateful for your support. Thank you!

Councillor C. Alexopoulos entered the meeting, in-person, at 6:10 PM.

Public Comments:

1. Geurlince Semezier, 60 Mill Street: Last week I was able to hear about the Town's operating budget and I'm here to request your consideration to provide financial resources for community groups to do great work in the community. I'd like to invite you to a Town Hall meeting on March 3, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the New Jerusalem Church.
2. Joe Burke, 54 Hills Streets: There are rumors going around that trash fees are being raised and I'd like to see funds being put towards trash fees. I want to know how that 2. The drive-through at Harbor-One because their special permit says it's for a drive through teller but we don't have a drive through teller, we have an atm machine. Councillor Huff-Larmond: Didn't we talk about having an overhead to cover residents using the drive through so they are protected? Council President Alexopoulos: HarborOne Bank reached out and asked if it was necessary to come back before the Council to amend their Special Permit if they would have a drive through ATM machine instead of a drive-through teller and I did not think it was a significant enough change to alter the Special Permit. We will continue to monitor the situation at HarborOne Bank.
3. Natacha Clerger, 52 Thayer Circle: The Council President and I started a program honoring residents who are 90 and up and we received a lot of interest. I wanted to speak to the Council President Alexopoulos about setting up the proper program to present a citation to the resident, whether it will involve us visiting them at their residence or them coming to Town Hall.

New Business:

1. Council Order 2024-005: Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds to Various FY24 Budgets

Council President Alexopoulos read Council Order 2024-005. Town Manager Howard introduced the Council Order and provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Motion to approve Council Order 2024-005 as presented made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor.

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

Motion passes.

2. Council Order 2024-006: Declaration that the Month of June Shall be Recognized in the Town of Randolph of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2024-006. The Town Council Clerk introduced Council Order 2024-006. Council President Alexopoulos provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: I think this is great and I think many similar Council Orders will follow. I think there is a lot more to be done in addition to just the flag-raising. Last year, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee made a very conscious decision to fly the Progress Pride Flag. The Local Cultural Grant came to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee directly and Community Programs Director Liz Larossee and her team and make sure that we spend those funds appropriately. There is a lot of great work happening.

Councillor Gordon: My wife was circulating a petition to achieve this same purpose and I think we can put the petition away. I'm very happy to see the Progress Pride Flag mentioned explicitly in this Council Order, which recognizes people of color, and people of other gender preferences.

Motion to approve Council Order 2024-006 as presented made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-1 (Abstention: Egan; Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

3. Council Order 2024-007: Request for the Town Council to Initiate and Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph - Concerning Mixed-Use and Mixed-Use Affordable Units - Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec. 5

Council President Alexopoulos introduced Council Order 2024-007 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of the Council Order. This Council Order will need to be referred to the Planning Board.

Motion to refer Council Order 2024-007 to the Planning Board made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

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

Motion passes.

4. Councillor Gordon made a motion to add a Resolution entitled: "Resolution Concerning The Randolph Summer Youth Cleanup Corps" to an upcoming Town Council meeting agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: We have had youth working for the Town and I would like to see this in an upcoming agenda to flush this out.

Council President Alexopoulos: This will get added to a future agenda.

5. Councillor Gordon made a motion to add a Council Order entitled: "Request for the Town Council to Amend the Town of Randolph General Ordinances to Add a New Section 56-2 Concerning Annual Reporting" to an upcoming Town Council meeting agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Council President Alexopoulos: We had an extensive discussion about this already at the last meeting. The Town Accountant/Finance Director has already compiled the requested data and sent us a preview of it. She has also committed to sending us an updated report with this information quarterly. This will also get added to a future agenda.

Appointments:

1. Town Manager Howard recommended the appointment of Neil B. McCole, MSF to serve as the Department of Public Works Superintendent.

Thank you to the hiring committee: Council Vice President Brewer, Building Commissioner Ron Lum and Town Engineer Jean Pierre-Louis for participating in the series of interviews. The individual has agreed to take the position and would be starting the Monday after February vacation. I'm excited we have found a new leader for the department and are able to move forward.

Motion to ratify the appointment of Neil B. MCCole, MSF to the position of Department of Public Works Superintendent made by Councillor C. Alexopoulos, seconded by Council Vice President Brewer.

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

Motion Passes.

Subcommittee Reports:

Recreation/Seniors/Human Services Subcommittee: Councillor Gordon requested the availability of the other subcommittee members to schedule a meeting.

Council Comments:

Councillor Huff-Larmond: 1. I had a very informative time today during Governor Healey's visit. I appreciate all that her and her administration are doing to ensure early education is seen and prioritized. 2. Randolph Youth Council is hosting a cooking class to celebrate Black History Month on February 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM. 3. I am really interested in Guerlince Semezies's event. It is very important for us to just sit and listen. Active listening should be the purpose of this meeting to ensure we are doing what we need to do for our community. 4. Super Bowl Sunday is coming! I'm excited to be in the environment and cheer on football.

Councillor O'Connell: It was an honor to listen to Governor Healey speak at the Young Elementary School today. She spoke about how well our students are doing. The Young School is in my district and I'm really proud.

Councillor Thompson: It was great having the Governor in Town today. Everything went smoothly.

Councillor Gordon: Yesterday the Randolph Community Band held a Children's Concert in conjunction with the Randolph High School Band. Our next concert is March 23, 2024 which is also a dinner on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Tickets are being sold at \$65 a person.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: It was fun being with the Governor today. It's nice that her administration is providing such a focus on early education. Hat's off to the Young School and the entire school district who are doing an excellent job with the new literacy program.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councillor C. Alexopoulos.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Council Order: 2024-008

Introduced By: Town Manager Brian Howard
February 26, 2024

**Debt Authorization Order –
Lyons Elementary School
Additional Funds**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Lyons Elementary School to be located at or about 55 Old Street, Randolph, Massachusetts (Town Assessor's Parcel ID Number 12-B28.00 and adjacent parcels), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, and expended in addition to the \$50,384,511 previously approved by the Town under Council Order 2021-042A to pay costs of the Project. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44 or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) eighty percent (80%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Council Order: 2024-009

**Introduced By: Councillor Gordon
February 26, 2024**

**Request for the Town Council to Amend the Town of Randolph General Ordinances To Add a
New Section 56-2 Concerning Annual Reporting:**

Ordered: The Randolph Finance Department shall report annually on the total revenue received from grants, earmarks, loan forgiveness, revolving funds, and other sources of non-general fund revenue. The annual report shall include a breakdown by:

- A list of received amounts, with a brief description of each;
- The description, for grants exceeding \$1,000,000, shall include a summary of the purpose of the revenue, plus the applying department and relevant notes for future applicants;
- A breakdown by source, indicating state vs. county vs. federal sources vs. other funding sources;
- Applicability to the operating budget, the capital budget, or both;
- The amount received in the current year, and a description of amounts received in past years from this same source, and amounts expected in future years;
- A list of grants applied for but not awarded, with recommendations for re-application.

The annual report shall be presented to the Town Council following the completion of the capital budget, by October 1st of each year.

Existing section: Chapter 56 REPORT, ANNUAL § 56-1. Delivery. The Town Manager shall produce a bound annual report no later than June 1 of each year; these reports shall be available at Town Hall and the Turner Free Library

Resolution: 2024-001

**Introduced by: Councilor Jesse Gordon
February 26, 2024**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE
RANDOLPH SUMMER YOUTH CLEANUP CORPS**

WHEREAS litter in our parks and public places makes Randolph residents reluctant to use and enjoy those parks and public places for recreational and mental health benefit; and

WHEREAS litter attracts rodents that carry disease, and allergens that trigger asthma, so removing litter has direct public health benefits; and

WHEREAS clean parks and public places impart a subconscious feeling of safety and orderliness, and encourage public participation in maintaining the cleanliness of our parks and public spaces; and

WHEREAS Randolph youth participating in summertime litter cleanup a hands-on learning opportunity for community youth to be civically engaged in environmental stewardship and gives our youth a stake in their own community and develops their sense of community pride;

THEREFORE, the Randolph Town Council hereby expresses their support of a “Randolph Summer Youth Cleanup Corps” (RSYCC), with the following characteristics:

- RSYCC crews of 10 youngsters and one adult supervisor will clean public places, parks, playgrounds, and vacant lots during the summer period when school is not in session, on weekdays, plus Saturdays starting with the Randolph annual town-wide clean-up day in spring;

- RSYCC will be funded through the Randolph Department of Public Works (DPW) for equipment and salaries, in collaboration with the Randolph Public Schools for providing adult supervisors and crew meals.

- RSYCC will include training and education about the public health and environmental hazards of litter, to understand the impact of litter on the environment, wildlife, and quality of life.

- RSYCC work sites will be determined by the DPW based on need for each park and public place, adding input from the public via requests from the Town’s See/Click/Fix program.

- RSYCC workers will be paid minimum wage with hours tracked through DPW and reported by each crew’s adult supervisor, and in addition to hourly wage, RSYCC workers will be provided breakfast and lunch on working days.

EVENT: Summer Youth Clean-up Corps Kick-Off

DATE: Friday, July 25, 1986

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: William H. Garvey Playground, Neponset Ave., Dorchester

RLF ROLE: announce Summer Youth Clean-Up Corps program

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Larry Dwyer, Community Schools
Ron Young, Boys & Girls Clubs
Peter Scarpignato, Acting Parks Commissioner

BACKGROUND:

Program is funded by Public Works Dept., run by Community Schools, in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs.

21 crews, each made up of 10 youngsters and 1 supervisor, will be cleaning public places, parks, playgrounds and vacant lots for the rest of the summer.

The work sites change daily and are determined by complaints and requests from neighborhood residents. Every day, however, crews are sent to Boston Common, the city's cemeteries, and as an "emergency crew" for the Parks Dept.

Program is similar to Youth Conservation Corps run by Mayor's Office of Jobs & Community Services, through ABCD. That program emphasizes growing things, this one emphasizes picking up litter.

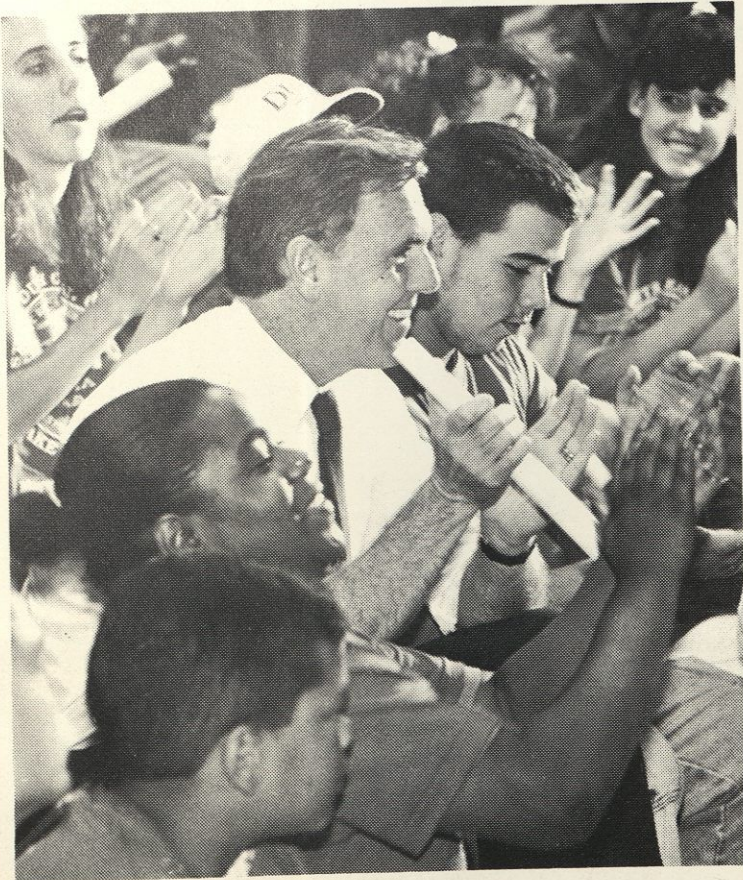
We are billing this as a "pilot program" that will continue and expand in subsequent years.

Program actually started on Monday. On Tuesday, near the Jackson-Mann School in Brighton, residents were so thrilled at the work the kids were doing that they got together and served them lunch and cold drinks.

Parks Dept. has cut the grass at Garvey Playground - but left litter to be picked up by kids. Kids will also work on Neponset Ave. and at Neponset Circle today.



Boston Youth Cleanup Corps



Boston Youth Cleanup Corps

Dear Friend:

The City of Boston faces the same challenges as other American cities today. Drugs, gangs, and crime threaten to undermine the stability of our city which we have worked so hard to achieve.

I am encouraged by youth programs like the Boston Youth Cleanup Corps, a summer jobs program started in 1986 as a modest effort to tap into the energy and pride of Boston youth. The BYCC has become a full-fledged summer jobs program with an impressive list of accolades and accomplishments, and is a testimony to the teenagers who have sought to make a difference in our city.

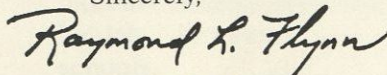
The majority of young people today are decent and hardworking with a heightened sense of community pride. If given the chance, our youth can surpass our expectations while contributing to the well-being of Boston.

In 1990 nearly 2,000 teenagers swept through the streets, parks, housing developments, vacant lots and non-profit agencies of Boston, lending a hand wherever needed.

In addition to removing 536 tons of debris, the Red Shirts worked in over 40 human service agencies, helping at day care centers, health centers, homeless shelters, and at public libraries and community schools.

As we deal with the many pressures of providing job opportunities to young people, it is appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the positive contributions made by the thousands of teens who have participated in the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond L. Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raymond L. Flynn
Mayor of Boston

"Although the Cleanup Corps workers are among thousands of youths working in summer programs in Boston, their jobs are among the most important because they are so visible in their red shirts throughout the city . . . Their presence — in rich and poor neighborhoods alike — sends a message that while a few teenagers get publicity for crime, most young people in Boston are quietly intent on leading productive lives."

*Boston Globe editorial
August 6, 1990*

Each summer hundreds of Boston teenagers take to the streets, parks, vacant lots, housing developments and community centers of the city. Wearing their signature Red Shirts, these work crews give Boston its annual facelift, removing debris, whacking weeds, painting benches, and helping non-profit groups provide valuable family services to the community.

The Boston Youth Cleanup Corps is a vibrant summer program that not only cleans up Boston, but also provides an outlet for hundreds of inner city teenagers to earn money, take pride in their neighborhood, and experience a sense of accomplishment that comes from dedication and hard work.

Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn created the Boston Youth Cleanup Corps in 1986 to meet the overwhelming need to employ the youth of Boston, and to supplement the city's ambitious capital improvement program, "Rebuilding Boston," a five-year, \$1.01 billion plan to upgrade Boston's infrastructure of roads, parks, libraries, police and fire stations, and public facilities.

The underlying premise of the Boston Youth Cleanup Corps is that giving inner city youth a stake in their own neighborhoods develops their sense of community pride. Youths who spent their day dealing with litter, graffiti and vandalism in local parks are less likely to abuse these shared community facilities, and are likely to discourage others from abusing them.

Community pride has been extended to tasks beyond neighborhood cleanups. As the program grew, it attracted the attention and praise of numerous human service providers and non-profit groups. As federal and state support of these programs declined, the program helped to fill the vacuum by employing Red Shirts to work in day care centers, Boys and Girls clubs, health centers, and community schools.

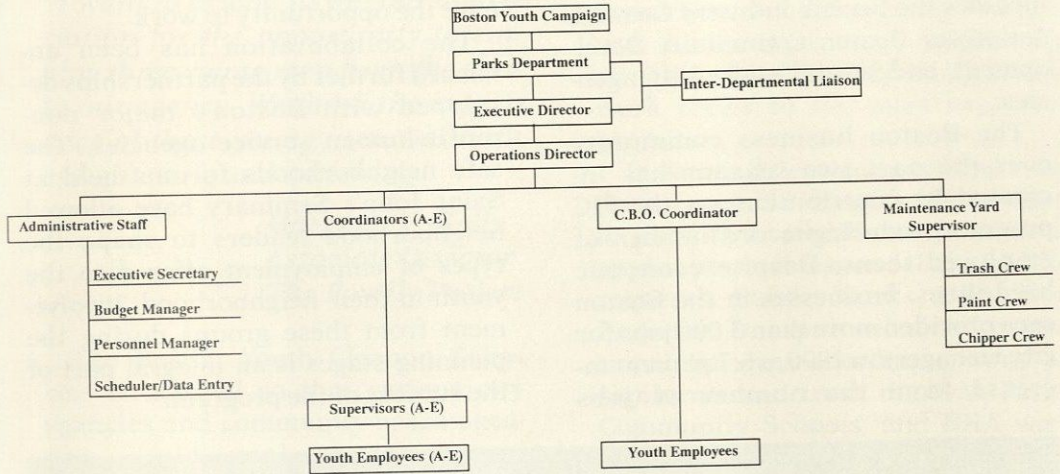
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By funding jobs in human services outlets, the Boston Youth Cleanup Corps has helped deal with the impact of cutbacks, while enriching the lives of hundreds of teenagers who gained experience working in professional settings within the human services field.

The success of the program is not only measured in the tons of debris removed each summer, but also by the enthusiasm with which teenagers return to the program each year, and by the praise they receive from hundreds of residents, businesses, and agencies who have been affected by the program.



Boston Youth Clean-up Corps Organizational Chart 1991



PARTNERSHIPS

The Boston Youth Cleanup Corps is part of a broader comprehensive summer employment effort in Boston that includes the Private Industry Council, Action for Boston Community Development, and several major city agencies.

The Boston business community over the past two seasons has increased its contributions to the PIC program producing record numbers of employed teens. Despite economic hard times, businesses in the Boston area provided more than 3,000 jobs for city teenagers in 1990, a 5.7 percent increase from the number of jobs

granted the previous summer. Its commitment has enabled the government-sponsored programs to reach out further to those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to work.

The collaboration has been enhanced further by the partnerships developed with Boston's major non-profit human service agencies. The safe neighborhoods forums held at Saint John's Seminary have allowed neighborhood leaders to shape the types of employment offered to the youth in their neighborhood. Involvement from these groups during the planning stages is an integral part of the success of the program.



Organization of Boston Youth Cleanup Corps

"I want to extend to you our appreciation for the opportunity to employ three young men from the area in our agency. We think the experience of these young men was both enlightening and enriching."

*Margaret E. Kelly
Associate Director
The Family Project*

The Boston Youth Cleanup Corps was structured so that various city agencies and community-based agencies could pool resources and prioritize work that needed to be done throughout the city each summer.

Public Works, Parks and Recreation, the Boston Redevelopment Authority,

the Mayor's 24-hour service, Real Property, E.D.I.C., Neighborhood Services, Office of Capital Planning, Boston Housing Authority, Inspectional Services, Community Schools, and the Transportation Department all worked collectively to direct the work crews to the most necessary projects.

Tasks are delegated according to agency expertise. Neighborhood Services and Parks coordinate the intake of applicants, and respond to the hot line requests. Public Works, BRA, Real Property, Transportation, and Inspectional Services coordinate work assignments and trash removal. Parks, Community Schools, and BHA work together to deploy the workforce. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, as well as a host of neighborhood-based, non-profit organizations, provide program bases for several crews.

Funding of Boston Youth Cleanup Corps

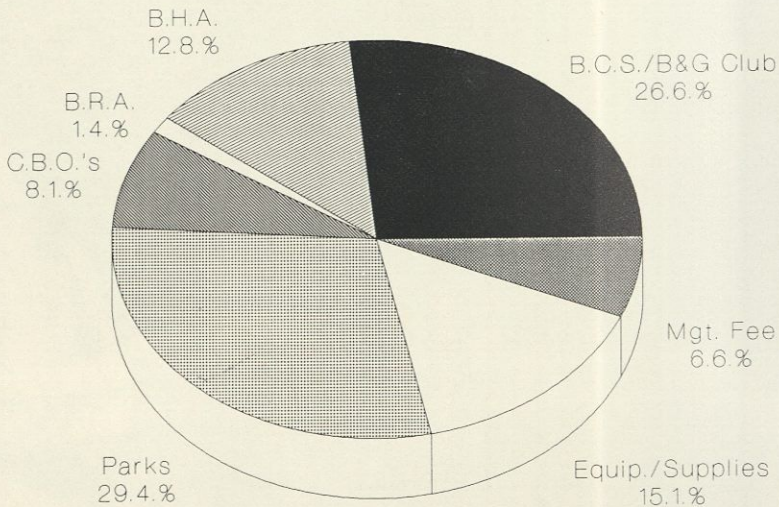
"I would like to extend my thanks . . . for sending six wonderful young men to help out with our sites in Allston-Brighton. . . . They were a great help to us. I commend this program for doing such a super job. I wish you continued success."

*Jacqueliene McLaughlin
Action for Boston Community
Development, Inc.*

The BYCC has been funded through various city agencies which contributed a portion of their operating budget each fiscal year. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, and Community Schools have been the major contributors. In addition, departments such as Health and Hospitals provide in-kind resources such as medical supplies and first aid kits.

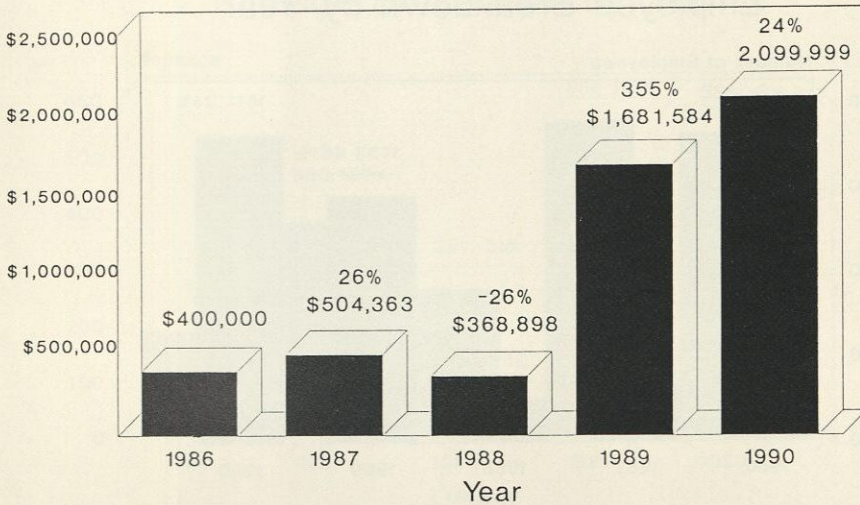
In FY 1992 the BYCC will have its own budget line item in the City of Boston's operating budget.

B.Y.C.C. 1990 Resource Distribution





B.Y.C.C. 1986-1990 Budget by Year



1990

"The folks you sent were great! Our yard was beginning to take on the look of a jungle. . . . Their work made a big difference to me and to all the Rosie's community."

*Stephen Ruzanski
Operations Manager
Rosie's Place*

Mayor Flynn's increased funding enabled the BYCC to hire a record 1,811 teenagers, who cleaned 851 sites, collected 536 tons of debris, and extended their scope of work to 40 human services agencies throughout the city.

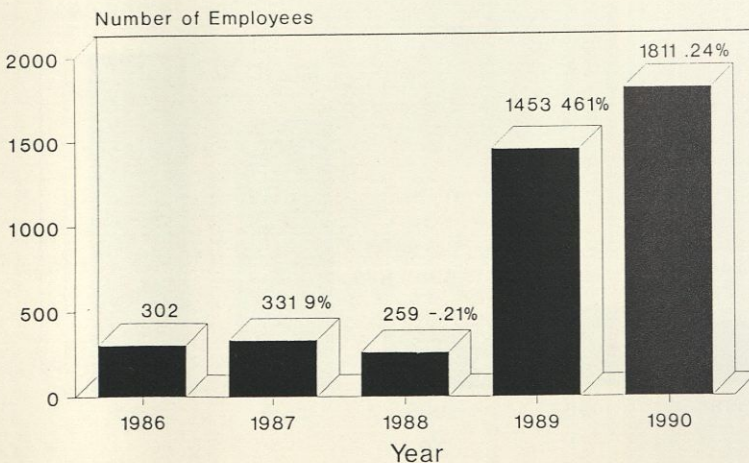
Large scale projects such as the beautification of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Blue Hill Avenue in Roxbury,

Day Boulevard in South Boston, were completed next to hundreds of smaller projects, such as cleaning up 768 vacant lots, 43 parks and playgrounds, and 40 urban wilds and community gardens.

Red Shirt crews worked as Junior Park Rangers, tackling special projects like coastal cleanup at Long Island and sprucing up Franklin Park. A Red Shirt crew joined the Parks crew to care for specialized parks projects at Franklin Park and other open spaces throughout the city.

And hundreds of Red Shirts helped out at neighborhood facilities like the Haitian Multi-Service Center, Rosie's Shelter, the Allston-Brighton C.D.C., the North Bennet Street Daycare Center, and the South Boston Community Health Center.

B.Y.C.C. 1986-1990 Employee Breakdown by Year



SUMMARY

"Thank you so much for our inclusion as host site in this year's BYCC. . . . Please remember us next year when you are choosing sites. This year has been a very positive experience for everyone involved. Thank you very much."

*Veronica Lowell-Spiny, Director
North Bennet Street Day Center*

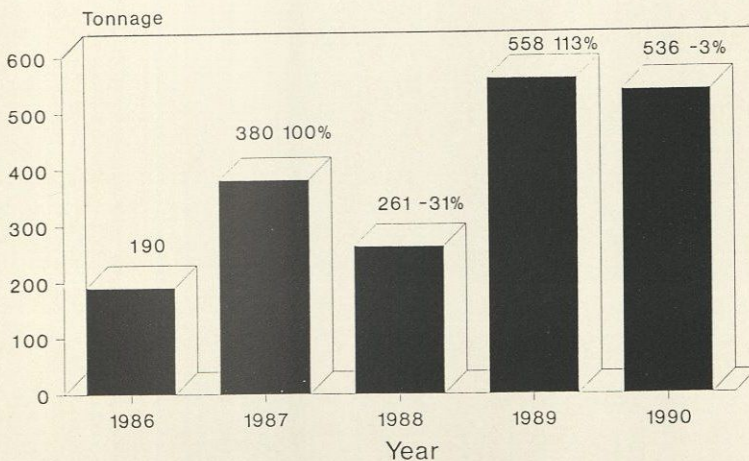
The BYCC is a significant youth program that continues to meet the changing needs of Boston's neighborhoods and to broaden the work experience for inner city teenagers.

The City of Boston has streamlined the BYCC since 1986 by centralizing administrative tasks, establishing a trash hot line for residents to report

unsightly vacant lots, providing formal training for supervisors, working with the Private Industry Council and ABCD to coordinate hiring, and reaching out to human service agencies that need assistance.

As part of Mayor Flynn's larger program the Boston Youth Campaign, the BYCC is an exceptional program that addresses the needs of Boston's youths. Teaching children responsibility, punctuality, discipline, and civic pride is a formidable task that must be shared by families, schools, churches, and by local government. The BYCC is considered an integral part of the Safe Neighborhoods Plan's larger effort to improve the quality of life for Boston residents, and to channel the energy of its youth into productive and rewarding pursuits.

B.Y.C.C. 1986-1990 Tonnage Breakdown by Year



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