



Town of Randolph

Town Hall
41 South Main Street
Randolph, MA 02368

Meeting Minutes - Final

Town Council

Monday, January 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Chapin Hall
Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Goldstein called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Clerger.

Present: 8 - Council Member Jason R. Adams, Council Member William Alexopoulos, Council Member James F. Burgess Jr., Council Member Arthur G. Goldstein, Council Member Katrina Huff-Larmond, Council Member Ryan Egan, Council Member Christos Alexopoulos and Council Member Natacha Clerger

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kenrick W. Clifton

Moment of Silent Prayer

Announcement from Council President

Councilor Goldstein welcomed the new councilors and the returning councilors. Councilor Goldstein read Charter 1-3 Division of Powers from the Town Charter to remind the returning councilors and instruct the new councilors. Councilor Goldstein read Section 31 of the Procedures Manual - member may speak upon a matter for no more than 3 minutes at a time and the Town Council Clerk will be keeping track of the time and notifying the President when the 3 minutes is up.

2018 Council Meeting Dates

January 8, 22

February 12, 26

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

May 7, 21

June 11, 25

July 9, 23

August 13, 27

September 10, 24

October 15, 29

November 5, 19

December 3, 17

Councilor Goldstein read the 2018 Meeting dates.

2018 Council Subcommittee Appointments

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- School
- Library Trustees
- Veterans
- Joint Board and Tri-Board
- CPC

Councilor Adams nominated Councilor Egan for School Committee Representative, seconded by Councilor Goldstein. Vote: 6-0-2 (Councilor Clerger and Councilor Huff-Larmond abstained. Councilor Clifton absent).

Councilor Goldstein established 2 new subcommittees. Recreation and Small Business Support. Councilor Burgess moved no objection, seconded by Councilor W. Alexopoulos. Vote: 8-0-0.

Councilor Goldstein read the 2018 Subcommittee Listings and asked that they meet in the next week or two and choose a chair.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

Meeting Minutes 11/13/17 Meeting

Attachments: [11-13-17 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

Councilor Alexopoulos made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 11/13/17, seconded by Councilor Adams. Vote: 6-0-2 (Councilor Clifton Absent. Councilor Clerger and Councilor C. Alexopoulos abstained).

Public Comments

Natalie Grant - Hosting the MLK event this Sunday, 1/14/18 from 6 to 10 pm at the Stetson Hall. Tickets are \$35 each or a table of 8 for \$360. Can purchase tickets at Turner Free Library, Town Hall or email the Youth Council.

Joseph Burke, 54 Hill Street - Complaint about the shift in taxes. Last time 1.75 and 5 years later and it took 7 years to get back to 1.75. In the future when we have the election would like the shift voted on two weeks before the election.

Ida Gordon - Congratulated everyone on the inauguration. At the MLK event we will highlight 4th and 5th graders with an essay and the band will be present. Will be entertainment. Asking that we come out and show the community diversity at this wonderful event. Want to thank Councilor Clifton for his service on the School committee with them and welcomed Councilor Egan.

7:15 PM - Public Hearing Continued

Council Order 2017-045: Request for the Town Council to Initiate an Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph - to Prohibit Marijuana Establishments in the Town of Randolph Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5

Attachments: [Council Order 2017-045 Amending Zoning - Marijuana Ballot Question report to council 12-12-2017](#)

Councilor Goldstein Continued the Public Hearing.

Councilor Goldstein opened the Public Hearing Public Comments.

Paul Meoni, 16 Pine Road - offered an amendment and handed out a document that he read. Offered the amendment because the current language is much too restrictive. Limited testing and cultivation. Once can argue it can affect medical marijuana as well. The ballot question was specifically written for marijuana retail in the Town of Randolph.

Councilor Goldstein closed the Public Hearing Public Comments.

Councilor Burgess - Agree with Mr. Meoni's amendment but it went in front of the Planning Board. Attorney Griffin noted that if this was a normal zoning amendment it would be permissible. This one the voters had to approve, you either vote what the voters voted for or not vote for what they voted for. You cannot amend it.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos to Attorney Griffin - When the voters voted in November they voted the wording in front of us? Attorney Griffin - Yes, this is the exact language that was on the ballot. This would prohibit marijuana facilities in town. Medicinal would not be effected as long as medicinal will be permitted.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos made a motion to approve Council Order 2017-045 as printed, seconded by Councilor Egan.

Vote: 7-1-0 Motion passes. (Councilor Burgess in the negative. Councilor Clifton absent).

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Murphy was absent from the meeting. There was no Town Manager Update.

Old Business

New Business

Council Order 2018-001: MSBA Final Project Vote for Various Projects

Attachments: [Council Order 2018-001 MSBA Donovan and Young](#)
[MSBA - Donovan Total Project Budget Worksheet](#)
[MSBA - SD Estimate Donovan Boiler Replacement](#)
[MSBA - SD Estimate Donovan Window and Door](#)
[MSBA - SD Estimate Young Winow and Door](#)
[MSBA - TSKP Architecture Letter](#)
[Order 2018 -001 MSBSA Project Cost Spreadsheet](#)
[Order 2018-001 Randolph, 2017 ARP, BAL 2.14.18](#)

Mike Caliri, Randolph School Department made a presentation to the council.

Martin E. Young Total: \$2,602,045 and reimbursement is \$1,763,425.

Donovan School will be replacing one of the boilers, all the windows and doors. 15% savings in heat for replacing the windows at the John F. Kennedy School.

Councilor Adams - Mentioned 15% savings in the first year. How long before we make our money back? Mr. Caliri - Not going to make money back but the comfort of the school. The windows are original, 1960s. Worth the investment, reimbursement went up.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - On these 2 schools, we have never replaced the windows? Mr. Caliri - Never. Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Back in the days of town meetings we heard windows, doors, roofs we would always be spending money on. Mr. Caliri - The only windows replaced on my time, Devine, Lyons and section of the high school. The State makes you abate a window.

Mr. Caliri - Caulking of the window that has asbestos in it. Windows have to be up to the new code. The state overrides the building code over the town. Everything is above and beyond. Councilor W. Alexopoulos - These are the estimates that VJ Associates did for us? Mr. Caliri - The state assigned them to the town from the feasibility study. Councilor W. Alexopoulos - We have to go back out there to rebid this? Mr. Caliri - This part here is for the MSBA to vote the money for us first week in February. Then it goes out for bids after approved by MSBA. All 6 jobs I have done have been under what they have given us but I can't guarantee. 18 month project.

Councilor Burgess - Ten year capital plan and no one has made a decision on it. I agree with Councilor W. Alexopoulos that we have voted doors, windows at these school a lot of times and it frustrates me that we are being asked to do this when there is no plan. What is the plan for district enrollment? Lyons, doing an addition, that is going to increase our capacity to what? Does it get us through what the numbers from the school department see as a growing? Donovan does not have handicap access, most efficient school and it is in the north end of town. What plan did the school department pick, what is the plan moving forward. Uncomfortable putting money into Donovan.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Interested in making sure our current students are comfortable. Feel like this is part of what is important. Making sure the students have the best quality in school. The numbers we have in front of us and the final numbers are usually under. Have they ever been over? Mr. Caliri - The last 6 jobs have been under. Their figures are higher than my figures.

Councilor Clerger - Other than those expenses do you know of any other that will require attention. Mr. Caliri - The big thing we need is Donovan needs an elevator and Martin E. Young.

Councilor Egan - Can you give me again total cost of each project. Young - \$2,602,045/\$1,763,425 and Donovan - \$5,258,935/3,705,116

Councilor Goldstein - Is there any upfront money? Mr. Caliri - We cannot move this project until it gets voted.

Councilor Burgess - What is the cost to build a new elementary school? Mr. Caliri - \$250 to \$300 a square foot. Donovan is 60,000 square foot. Councilor Goldstein - In your opinion let's say we are not going to do this but build a new Donovan, what are the chances of being reimbursed? Mr. Caliri - The state might not approve knocking down the building because the Donovan can be fixed.

Mr. Caliri - If you vote for a new school, MSBA wouldn't put money into a building if they were not structural sound. Councilor Burgess - That may not be what we need. The vision is sorely lacking and if we need to increase our elementary school enrollment is up where are we going to put them? Cannot put them in Donovan as it exists today. We as a council need to have a discussion of what is in our long term best interest for the way we spend this money. All I hear from parents is there is not enough room for the kids in the schools today. What we do with a campus. What we do to provide for our students.

Councilor Goldstein - Let us assume we say yes we are going to go for it and it gets approved by the state and then we changed our mind are we committed to go forward? Mr. Caliri - They won't do it until the stamp from the town.

Councilor Goldstein - What further information would the council like to request from the school on the 22nd?

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Some information is missing and councilors would like to have a discussion about. Joint meetings so what we are talking about can be discussed so when we are here we have that information.

Councilor Goldstein - We lose nothing by approving it, even if we get approved and we decide to go in another direction we can say no we don't want to take your money.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - If we vote this on the 22nd and it goes in and through the process gets approved in February when would the projects begin? Mr. Caliri - Would start with the boiler this summer. 18 month project. Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Where are we on the Lyons project? Mr. Caliri - That will not come up until the Spring. Councilor W. Alexopoulos - How many additional square feet is being added for Lyons? Mr. Caliri - 10k square feet. Open space will be classrooms.

Councilor Goldstein - The Chair of the school committee and I met will be scheduling joint meetings. Agenda will be specific.

Councilor Clerger - Want to see if it's worth losing the state money

Councilor Burgess - Want to request from the Finance Department the last 10 years for doors, windows, vents, and what was appropriated.

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Committee Reports**Council Comments**

Councilor C. Alexopoulos - Honor and privilege to sit on the board, looking forward to working with everyone

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Remind everyone about the MLK gala again. Thanks to Youth Council and Ms. Gordon. Wonderful event and hope to see everyone there. Shaw's looks great. Happy New Year.

Councilor Adams - Hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season.

Councilor Clerger - Thank you to the Town of Randolph. Privilege and honor to serve you. Come to me and if I cannot solve it I will find someone who can. Good at making peace. Thank you.

Councilor Burgess - I ask that we invite the manager of Shaws in and say a few things. We say a lot on social media, a corporation who listened to the people of the community and got huge investment dollars to renovate Shaws. Selections are great, upped it's game and should be commended. Send a letter thanking them for their reinvesting in the community and ask if they want to come up before the board. Councilor Goldstein - I represented the council on Friday and they were kind enough to make contributions to the police and fire and always been good corporate citizens. Councilor Burgess - North Randolph Savings Bank is closing, very disappointed. They have been a good local bank. We need to find out some information from the town manager and what the future plan is for the North Randolph Savings Bank location? It leaves North Randolph from the town line to the bridge without a bank. Population 35k people and half of it without a bank, need to do something about that. Other piece, RICC \$12M, why did we spend it? To keep all ages occupied. There is an inclement weather closing policy. If the schools are closed, the RICC will be closed. This office does not follow the same guidelines so why are we closing the RICC? Shouldn't it be opened, available? RICC is without a generator. Don't think it's a coherent policy. Just going to close it when we close it? Councilor Goldstein - Just made a case for the Recreation Subcommittee.

Councilor Egan - Echo Councilor Burgess on the policy at the RICC, looked into it. Texted a few administrators and that is the policy. I

understand being on Thursday but Friday not sure why closed. We did spend the money so why not utilize it. It's not just for the kids. Commend Brian Howard and his staff for a great inauguration. There to help set up. Great to see what the town staff does. Look forward to serving as a school committee representative for the next year.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I to had several calls about the RICC and understand about Thursday with the snow but on Friday they were expecting it to be opened. Would like clarification on that. Built it might as well use it. Milton Hospital is having a weeks' worth of activities for MLK. 1/15 to 1/19 so if anyone is interested bidmilton.org you can see the list of activities that they have. Councilor Burgess - When we have February and April vacation is the RICC open? Did we pay them? If not opened they shouldn't be paid

Councilor Huff-Larmond - RPS is also having service for the day on MLK day. Last year painted Donovan school, etc. Lot of fun and felt good after.

Councilor Goldstein - Wednesday at 7pm the Licensing Board will be having a public hearing on nips. 7pm, Washington Room.

Adjournment

Councilor Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor W. Alexopoulos. Vote: 8-0-0 (Councilor Clifton absent).