



# Town of Randolph

Town Hall  
41 South Main Street  
Randolph, MA 02368

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council

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Monday, August 22, 2016

7:00 PM

Chapin Hall  
Town Hall, 2nd Floor

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#### Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Adams called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Azer.

**Present:** 8 - Council Member Paul J. Meoni, Council President Jason R. Adams, Council Member William Alexopoulos, Council Member James F. Burgess Jr., Council Member Paul K. Fernandes, Council Member Arthur G. Goldstein, Council Member Andrew Azer and Council Member Edward Gilbert

**Absent:** 1 - Council Vice President Kenrick W. Clifton

#### Moment of Silent Prayer

#### Announcement from Council President

This is Councilor Azer's last meeting, asked if he had any prepared remarks.

Councilor Azer - My last meeting, pleasure serving the community not just the last 6 years on the council but the 10 years before that; appreciate all the emails and facebook comments and support but I have not done anything no one else could have done. Thank my wife and children. Still young, might be back, want to thank all the councilors for their support over the years. Again kind of embarrassed by some of this, it's not my comfort zone. Appreciate comments, most of you have been mentors to me, means alot but that is not why I serve. Best predictor of the future is the past. Will miss it. Born and raised here. Hope to serve the town in some capacity at some point. Thank you to Town Manager David Murphy, consider a friend. Brian Howard who I have known my whole life and Jean Solon who got me involved in the town finance committee, someone who mentored me early on and got me involved.

Councilor Adams - Read the proclamation signed by the Town Councilors.

Councilor Fernandes - You have shown work ethic, set an example, hardest working councilor that we have had. Set the bar, true work horse, appreciate that. Thank you and good luck to you.

Councilor Burgess - Thank you again.

Councilor Meoni - Thank you so much for all your hard work. Role model to us and your students because you are a man who does your homework, I appreciate that.

Councilor Alexopolous - Pleasure serving with you. Your dedication and devotion to the town is really shown through the council.

Councilor Goldstein - What you were doing was really excellent work and going to be missed.

Councilor Adams read an email from Councilor Clifton - Extend gratitude; wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.

Councilor Adams - You are going to be missed.

Councilor Gilbert - Like everyone has said your dedication to the community and this board has not gone unnoticed. Your hard work, commitment, what is best, is what the board will miss the most.

Assistant Town Manager Brian Howard - Town Manager is on vacation but extends his thanks. The public does not always know how much the council puts in. Councilor Azer raised the bar in so many different ways. When working on the budget we ask "does it pass the Andrew test". You get from the community what you give. You will be missed.

Sophia Cardwell, Founder of Stajez Cultural Arts Centers was present with 6 of her students. Love the town of Randolph, been amazing to them, love being here and servicing our community. All the students are honor roll or straight A - requirement to participate. There to share their summer with the Town Council.

Mason Cardwell, 14 years old, RHS - Tried out for talent showcase, got picked out of 1,000 kids in Boston. Went to Florida on July 10th for the talent showcase - acting, comedic soap opera, monologues and dance and singing showcase. First place in dancing and 3rd runner up in acting out of 4,000 kids. Great experience. Movie coming out called "Stronger", will be in a scene where a bunch of kids are playing baseball.

Mia Young, 17 years old, Senior this year - At Stajez for 15 years, traveled to California, basically the olympics for performing arts. Amazing opportunity, about 61 countries got to participate. Participated in ethnic folklore, hip hop and open. Placed gold in ethnic folklore and silver in hip

hop and open. We wouldn't be here without our coach Tatianna.

Liberty Hall, will be 12 in two days - A few weeks ago went to open call auditions for Abbie Lee Miller, show Dance Moms. About 190 kids and she gave 10 scholarships, was one of the kids that got one. Gets to go to California and take free classes there with her and will have cameo appearance on the show.

Councilor Adams - Pleasure meeting you at the Back to School Jamboree. Glad we could get you in tonight, making Randolph proud.

Councilor Goldstein - Don't think you are taking enough credit being their mentor; these kids are phenomenal.

Councilor Gilbert - Can we get the names of the others that didn't speak. Ellen, 11 years old; Shamar 15 years old and Andrea Ward, 16

Councilor Burgess - By sheer luck we ran into you and when you told us what they accomplished its just amazing. Very proud of all of you.

Councilor Fernandes - Thank you so very much, have watched your performances for years at the events, amazed me how young children are and good to see this part of it.

Councilor Meoni - Can we see the gold medal performance? WCOPA.com

## Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

Minutes from the 06/27/16 Meeting

**Attachments:** [06-27-16 Meeting Minutes](#)

Councilor Goldstein moved to accept the minutes of 6/27/16, seconded by Councilor Gilbert. Vote 8-0-1 (Azer Abstaining).

Minutes from the 07/11/16 Meeting

**Attachments:** [07-11-16 Meeting Minutes](#)

Councilor Goldstein moved to accept the minutes of 07/11/16, seconded by Councilor Gilbert. Vote 8-0-1 (Azer Abstaining).

Minutes from the 07/25/16 Meeting

**Attachments:** [07-25-16 Meeting Minutes](#)

Councilor Goldstein moved to accept the minutes of 07/25/16, seconded

by Councilor Alexopolous. Vote 8-0-2 (Alexopoulos and Azer Abstaining).

## Public Comments

Mr. Burke - Will miss Councilor Azer, did a good job, really proud of you.

## Town Manager's Report

Mr. Howard filling in for Mr. Murphy

- 1) Just toured the Police Department with the council. Grand tour for the residents when complete.
- 2) Absentee Ballots - Available for 9/8/16 election. Remind folks State Primary is Thursday, September 8th. Sample ballots on line.
- 3) Marching Band playing at 8am on Saturday; 85 degrees in the middle of the summer and a Saturday practicing. Tip of the cap. Every year they get better and better.
- 4) At the Back to School Jamboree - Tip my cap to the Randolph Police Department doing bike helmet safety; voter registration; Fire Department giving out information; Turner Free Library and the programs they run. Bicycle Master Plan/Master Plan - community thoughts, where do you see the town. Faces of Randolph - download form from the website. Wish everyone a good school year.
- 5) Randolph recreation started a new program a few years ago for autism. Wonderful program, hopefully they can expand.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

Council Order 2016-024: No Parking Signs to Continue up to the Intersection of High Street and Canton Street on the Franklin Square Side of the Roadway (West Side)

Attachments: [Council Order 2016-024](#)

Councilor Burgess - Point of clarification: it says continue up, where are they continuing up from? Attorney Griffin - Received request from the Police Department, asked for clarification on that point, have not heard back. Needs to be on the agenda for two meetings, will get clarification before next meeting.

Councilor Meoni - Looks like both sides are lined for parking, will the lining change as well? Councilor Burgess - Lining won't change, it's a fog line. I withdraw my question.

Councilor Burgess - Are we not allowing parking because of school issues. What about Saturday/Sunday football or soccer at the field. Attorney Griffin - I will look into that.

Councilor Burgess - I got a request to look at a stop sign at Stoughton and Highland. Forward to the safety officer and come back.

## Correspondence

None

## Committee Reports

### School

Councilor Adams received an email from Councilor Clifton - Plans finalized for presentation to School Committee and Town Council for 9/6/16 at 7pm in the Washington Room at Town Hall.

Councilor Burgess - Suggest they review with legal counsel if it is campaigning or not campaigning, not crossing any lines.

Councilor Goldstein - How is the subcommittee coming along for town accountant. Councilor Adams - Been in contact with Councilor Fernandes and looking at different options, in negotiations.

## Council Comments

Councilor Burgess - Received GIMP key chain in my mail box from summer recreation program. Thank you. Also, can we get an updated list of committee assignments for our next meeting.

Councilor Meoni - Wishing everyone a happy and healthy school year.

Councilor Alexopolous - Last meeting before the primary, have the opportunity to elect a representative from the Town of Randolph, have two candidates on the council, urge residents to go and vote.

Councilor Adams - Things in mailboxes, was going around and found a lot of campaign material in mailboxes, just want to remind all the candidates that might be watching that it is a federal offense so please do not do that.

Executive Session - 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. 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

Councilor Adams - We do not have a need for Executive Session tonight.

## Adjournment

Councilor Goldstein - Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Councilor Gilbert.

### Future Town Council Meetings

September 12, 2016

September 26, 2016

October 17, 2016

November 14, 2016

November 28, 2016

December 5, 2016

December 19, 2016