

## Report of the Town Council

The Randolph Town Council, working as your legislative body, had a very busy year in 2013. In all, 114 actions were taken on behalf of our residents:

### I. Contracts / Agreements:

Partnered with surrounding communities to fight against the FAA's proposed runway changes that would increase the amount of air traffic over Randolph; Opposed Blue Hills Regional Technical School's plan to institute a Stabilization Account; Issued various proclamations and resolutions recognizing exemplary contributions by our residents to our community; Renamed Memorial Parkway on several occasions to honor members of our community; Worked with our Beacon Hill delegation on House Bill 1859, Smart Growth Zoning; Ratified a Local Initiative Program and a Memorandum of Agreement with Avalon Blue Hills; Ratified contracts with: Firefighters Local 1268, Clerical Workers Local 888 and Police Superior Officers; Partnered with Wareham, MA and their efforts to expand the definition of "Affordable Housing;" Approved utility pole installations by National Grid in various locations around town; Adopted MGL CH 40U: allowing unpaid municipal fines to be placed as liens on property; Approved 4 Ballot Questions for the November 5<sup>th</sup> election: 1. Create a Licensing Board, 2. School Committee term 2 years, 3. Stetson Hall Trustees term 2 years, 4. Citizen Petition Signature requirements 250 (all four passed by the voters); Approved amendment of Special Permit to allow Electronic Billboards on Route 24.

### II. Ordinance:

Adopted changes to our Town's Zoning: Redefined Rehabilitation Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Hospitals and Convalescent Homes; Changed from Residential to Business Professional: 374, 965, 967 and 969 N. Main St.; Created new zoning regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities/Cultivation; Updated Rezoning Application process; Amended Zoning to allow Electronic Billboards along Route 24; Amended Zoning to create Orchard Street Business District; Amended zoning bylaws for Site Plan / Design Review; Adopted zoning of Multifamily Market Rate Overlay District located within Pacella Park.

Adopted changes to our Town's Ordinance: Authority for Unruly Dogs now under Town Manager; Amended various traffic rules/regulations around town; Established a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana until June 30, 2014; Expanded width of residential driveways to 24 feet.

### III. Licensing:

Worked with the Randolph Country Club to address safety concerns and their business operations; Transfer of licenses: Fernandez Brothers, City Limits, Sam's Gas, Colonial Wine & Spirits, Comfort Inn, Jay's Market; Worked with several businesses who were delinquent on tax payments (no licenses were suspended or revoked); Approved change of manager at Randolph Country Club; Granted 12, 1-Day Liquor Licenses, most of them at Stetson Hall; Issued a written reprimand to C & J Cuisine for violation of town's liquor policy; Granted CV licenses to: Pho 41, Fressers Deli, Hai Lua, Yogurt City, Orient Gourmet, Plum Bistro; Granted late-night movie

openings at National Amusements; Granted extension of premises to VFW Hall for Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup>; Approved change of Bingo night for Temple Beth Am; Approved license expansions at Hai Lua and City Limits; Approved change of ownership at Bertucci's; Granted a Class 2 Used Car Sales license to Fernwood Restoration; Granted a Limousine license at 420 N. Main St.; Granted the following license/special permits to Randolph Automotive: Common Victual, Increased Fuel Storage, Drive-Thru Window and 24-Hour Operations; Renewed all licenses for calendar year 2014 with the stipulation that any business owing money to the town as of December 31, 2013 would be subject to disciplinary action in early 2014; Granted extension of all food establishment licenses to 3 AM for New Year's Eve; Granted a Packaged Beer & Wine license to Ocean State Job Lot.

Licensing has taken a great deal of the Town Council's time and energy. With the creation of the new Licensing Board, the 40 items listed above would now be handled: 26 by the Town Council and 14 by the Licensing Board. This will help to free up the Town Council for more legislative matters.

#### IV. Finance:

Approved an increase to the Ambulance Fee schedule; Authorized an over-expenditure for Snow & Ice; Approved several budget transfers; Approved Community Preservation Committee's projects; Established an OPEB (other post employment benefits) Trust Fund; Approved Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds; Approved the Fiscal 2014 Budget = \$78,375,978; Approved 8 Revolving Accounts: Senior Transport, Recycling, Immunization, ZBA Appeals, Council Special Permits, Stetson Hall, Recreation Department, Turner Public Library; Adopted Water & Sewer Rates for FY (Fiscal Year) 2014; Accepted monetary gift from the Ownership & Pride Subcommittee (proceeds from the Randolph Amazing Race event); Approved the borrowing of \$1.9 Million for the Planning/Design of: New Fire Station, New Community Center, Renovations to Police Station and Turner Library; Transferred \$530,815 from Free Cash to Snow & Ice Deficit; Approved Tax Reclassification for FY 2014: 1.59% Shift (same as FY 2013).

#### V. Capital:

Approved Phase II of the Powers Farm project; Accepted the transfer of Grove Street property (22.8 acres) from the School Committee to the Town Council; Abandoned the Skating Rink Planning Project in favor of the Route 139 Corridor Planning (Mazzeo 2020); Approved alterations to the Belcher House deed restrictions; Accepted a gift from the Girl Scouts of their Club House located in Belcher Park; Approved feasibility studies for a Public Safety Building and a Community Center; Approved Capital Expenditures for: 4 Police cruisers, street repairs, school security/technology, street sweeper, skid steer loader and defibrillators; Approved 2 Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Grant applications: High School roof, Middle School boilers; Approved funding of \$1 Million FY 2014 Capital Improvement Plan; Approved borrowing for improvements to Water & Sewer Departments; Approved the purchase of land: 137 Grove Street; Approved expenditure of up to \$6,000 for 10 iPads to be used by the Town Council with our new Granicus I-Legislate software.

#### VI. Administration:

Worked jointly with the School Committee to fill 2 vacant seats on the school committee; Ratified appointments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Commission, Board of Registrars, Planning Board, Local Education Fund; Board of Assessors; Licensing Board and Council on Aging; Appointed Deutsche Williams as Randolph's Outside Counsel; Approved the creation of a new position in the fire department: Chief of Operations; Held a 2013 Goals Setting Workshop with our Town Manager, David Murphy, facilitated by the Collins Center; Established a Randolph Military Services Committee; Celebrated the hiring/promotions of: 6 Firefighters and 4 Police Officers; Ratified the appointment of Ms. Jeanne Richard as Town Treasurer/Collector; Completed the evaluations of our 4 appointed staff: Town Manager David Murphy, Town Counsel Robert Sullivan, Finance Director Arti Mehta and Clerk of the Council Abigail Keane; Established a 5-member Conservation Commission; Approved an Historic Façade Grant & Loan program through the Community Preservation Fund; Ratified the appointment of Mr. Richard Donovan as Fire Chief; Appointed 4 Randolph residents to the newly formed Licensing Board.

Through these actions, your Randolph Town Council has strived to:

1. Collaborate with neighboring communities and our State and Federal representatives.
2. Adopt legislation that supports current and future progress.
3. Develop opportunities for new growth, helping to ease the tax burden on our residents.
4. Balance progress with protection of our neighborhoods and preservation of our Town's culture and climate.
5. Become more efficient, transparent and accountable to our residents and businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

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