

Town of Randolph
Monday, February 22, 2010
Meeting of the Town Council

I. CALL TO ORDER

President William Alexopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Chapin Hall, 2nd Floor, Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Councillors Present: President William Alexopoulos, Vice President James F. Burgess, Jr., Andrew L. Azer, Richard A. Brewer, Jr., Kenrick W. Clifton, Paul K. Fernandes, Arthur G. Goldstein, Paul J. Meoni and Maureen Pasquantonio.

Councillors Absent:

Also Present: David C. Murphy, Town Manager and Cheryl Sass, Recording Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT PRAYER

Mr. Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Hersch Abel.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerald Kaplan – noises continue at his apartment. Will be meeting later in the week with Councillors to discuss.

V. APPOINTMENTS

a. Town Council Appointments

Randolph Republican Town Committee – James Curtis, Susan Curtis and Mark Kittredge.

Motion to appoint Mark Kittredge made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Brewer. Mr. Burgess made a motion to appoint James Curtis, seconded by Mr. Azer. Discussion followed re: candidates. Mr. Fernandes asked to hold off on the appointment until further information on each of the candidates is gathered. Motion made by Mr. Azer to table until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Fernandes. Voted 8-1 (Mr. Goldstein).

b. Boards, Commissions and Committees Appointments

Motion made by Mr. Goldstein to accept the appointments listed below as a whole, rather than voting each one individually. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.

Animal Welfare Committee

Paula Camiel Madeline Kiniklis
Jean Duddy Toby L. Schwartz
Patricia Morrissey
Stephen Slavinsky

Board of Health

Dr. David Kaplan Thomas Fisher
Mark Kittredge Esther Muhammad
Nelly Browne-Janga

Board of Assessors

Joseph Galvam
John Peppe
Ricardo Bonachy Telemaque

Local Cultural Council

Suzanne Gamer Phyllis Hewson
Lesley Freed Jeanette Travaline
Nancy Swartz Charles Michaud
Joan Smith

Cable TV Advisory

Robert Stone Beth Greenspan
Gerald Hershoff Marc Berman
Valaree Crawford Phyllis Hewson
Michael Hipsman Donald Levy

Local Education Fund Committee

Shelia Campbell Alfred Gallante
Catherine Grinnell Andrea Ramsey
Judith Brennan Ellen Griffin
Madeliene Brennan Ann Wickles

Conservation Commission

Jean Gately Eleri Merrikin
Jesse Krawiec Donald Levy
Pamela Iloabachie Bobby Young
Robert Schoepplein

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Michelle Tyler Richard Sass
Christine Beagan David Young Hong
Osazee Owens Suzanne Dossous
Jenny Joseph

Council on Aging

Jane Richardson Laura Hallisey
Jack Betterman Norma Rance
Helen Tolland David Harris
Irene Canavan Dorothy Sullivan
Edmund Prusik Tracie Contois
Edith Klein-Dreezer

Board of Recreation

Edward Gilbert Ronald Jackson
Raymond Carson Afrika Afeni Mills
Debbie Oulette

(Appointments, Continued)

Commission on Disabilities

Sandra Slavet Christopher Hart
Trevor Hodge Keith Wortzman
Donald LaLiberte Donald Levy
Marshall Epstein
Anthony Buonopane
OPEN

Youth Committee

Gregory Wilmot Ronald Jackson
Isuan Owens Dishon Mills
Jack Smolokoff Bud Deyo
Suzanne Williams Michelle Montavan
Rebecca Robateau

Historical Commission

Alan Banks Lallie P. Falls
Lesley Freed Susan Ryan
Henry Cooke, IV Mary West
D. Joseph Griffin

Zoning Board of Appeals

John Hill George Berdos
Nancy Fahey Christopher Spears
Arnold Rosenthal

ALTERNATES: James Aldred
Simeon Korisky
Irene Romano

Housing Authority

James Hurley Ronald Lum
Mary Wells Francis O'Brien

VI. SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING – 86 MAZZEO DR – 24 HR OPERATION

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Mr. Alexopoulos read the legal notices. The Applicant was not present.

Mr. Fernandes made a Motion to continue the hearing to April 12, seconded by Mr. Meoni. Voted 6-2-1 (Mr. Azer and Mr. Goldstein voting in the negative, Mr. Burgess abstained).

VIII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER – RANDOLPH COUNTRY CLUB

Rescheduled to March 8th.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Azer read the names of the three finalists for Superintendent of Schools: Kathleen Smith, Brockton, Oscar Santos – Randolph and Anthony Pope, Plainville

Mr. Goldstein sent an email to Steve Moore with a copy of the School Committee Chair requesting info for non-budgetary income such as grants, Tower Hill rental, etc. He has not received a response. Once the information is gathered, he will bring it before the Council for a better picture of all the money the schools are getting and how it is spent.

Mr. Burgess – Real Estate and Development Subcommittee. Cell Towers and Land – need to develop a consistency for referring items to the Subcommittees and support staff. Reviewing the documents should be done by someone other than a councillor so it is ready to go. Discussion re: developing a checklist to have in-house staff do as much as possible so that the Council reviews what the staff has done.

Tri Board – Meeting scheduled for Friday, March 26th. Mr. Murphy stated that it appears that Holbrook does not want to be part of the new Tri-Town Water Treatment Facility. He is analyzing the options. If it is decided to go with MWRA, the Water Treatment Facility will not be necessary. Mr. Murphy is working on strategy map and cost matrix and should be able to present the information to the Council next week.

Action Item: Acts of 1885 – next meeting – legal opinion from Mr. Murphy.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Creation of Revolving Fund – Police Officer Details

Mr. Murphy stated that since the commitment to create a revolving fund was made in 2001, efforts have not been properly made. The way the system works now is that the detail is paid to the officer when the contractor or hiring company pays the detail. He has been working with the Police Chief and union to create a better system so police officers aren't waiting months to be paid. The account will be created to allow the revolving fund to build up with a percentage of the administrative fee.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion not to create the Revolving Fund. Seconded by Mr. Azer. After discussion, it was voted 6-2-1 (Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Azer voting in the negative; Mr. Clifton abstained).

Motion made by Mr. Fernandes to refer to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Meoni. Mr. Alexopoulos to schedule the meeting – Mr. Murphy invited the councillors to contact him with additional questions by email. Mr. Burgess asked for a spreadsheet of the deposits into the account. Voted 9-0.

b. Amendment to Personnel Bylaws to be consistent with the Town Charter as follows:

Be it Ordered:

That The General By-Laws of the Town of Randolph be amended in the following manner to maintain consistency with the Town Charter:

Specifically that:

Chapter 39 – the Personnel By-Laws be amended by striking Chapter 39-4; Personnel Board in its entirety.

Chapter 39-4 – shall now read: Chapter 39-4; Personnel Administration Authority

The power and authority to administer and implement the classification plan and to oversee personnel in the Town of Randolph, not to include the employees of the Randolph School Department, shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager, consistent with the Randolph Town Charter, Section 3-2; Powers and Duties of the Town Manager.

Furthermore, that the Town of Randolph General By-laws be amended to add the following section:

Add Chapter 39-25; Consistency with Town Charter of 2009.

All powers and duties of the Personnel Board previously referred to herein shall be transferred to the Town Manager in accordance with the Randolph Town Charter, Section 3-2; Powers and Duties of the Town Manager.

Mr. Fernandes made a Motion to refer the amendment to the Ordinance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Meoni. Voted 9-0.

Mr. Murphy will work with the Town Attorney to draft a document pointing out the inconsistencies.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy presented each Councillor with a copy of the Youth Activity Task Force Report and the Capital Improvement Plan. He recommended that the Council refer the Capital Improvement Plan to the Finance Committee. **Mr. Azer made a motion to refer the Capital Improvement Plan to the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.**

Abandoned/Dilapidated properties. The Town of Randolph has established a partnership with Attorney General Martha Coakley's office to address residential properties that have fallen into neglect or disrepair. Working together with the Attorney General, the Town will assist with the Attorney General's receivership program to get

chronically dilapidated and potentially dangerous properties secured, fixed up, and improved. The Attorney General has petitioned the Court to place the abandoned house on Lafayette Street into receivership. If the receivership goes through, a Receiver will be appointed by the Attorney General's office. Contractors can apply to rehab the property with no town capital involved. This will create work when there otherwise might not be, with no exposure on the town's part. Court date is set for March 10.

Mr. Murphy has been working with Rena Baker to develop a program to extend the hours at the Senior Center without extending the budget. Beginning sometime in the Spring, the Senior Center will be open on Thursday evenings. Classes being discussed are art, computers, and knitting.

Adopt an Island Beautification program. Mr. Murphy is reaching out to businesses with high profile locations in town to enhance the aesthetics of the locations with limited to no town resources involved. The Garden Club maintains several sites in Town on a volunteer basis. This would supplement the Garden Club's work.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Goals and Objectives Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Washington Room

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Republican Town Committee submitting the names of three Registered Republicans – James Curtis, Susan Curtis and Mark Kittredge. Information on the three people named was requested and a vote will be made at the next meeting.
- Letter from the Town of Holbrook re: Special Permit Hearing of proposed transfer station. March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A discussion re: the Council's position followed. Mr. Murphy suggested that the Council work with him to make a specific position a priority. Further discussion. **Mr. Clifton made a motion that the Town Council oppose the location of the Holbrook Transfer Station. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. Mr. Burgess amended Mr. Clifton's motion so that it reads: The Town Council shall use all appropriate resources available to oppose the location and construction of the proposed Holbrook Transfer Station. Voted 9-0.**

Mr. Azer made a Motion to amend the resolution to reflect Town Council's vote taken on February 22nd. Voted 9-0.

- Letter from TLA Holbrook. Response to Mr. Walsh reiterating request for documentation back in December.

- Jewish War Veterans South Shore Post – Breakfast at Temple Beth Am on March 7, 10:00 a.m.
- Letter from St. Bernadette's Parish. St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 13. A one-day liquor licenses was requested. **Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the one-day beer and wine liquor license. Seconded by Mr. Azer. Mr. Murphy informed the Council that the usual applicants have been informed about the 30 day request. Voted 9-0.**
- Letter from Showcase Cinemas re: Midnight showing on Tuesday March 4, 2010. **Mr. Burgess made a Motion to approve the midnight showing. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. Mr. Murphy to notify Cinema of 30 day rule. Voted 8-1. (Mr. Goldstein)**

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Goldstein - Furniture.

Mr. Fernandes – Library and Town legal opinion. Mr. Murphy stated that the Trustees are reviewing and updating their bylaws in accordance with the Charter. The Town Council will have an appointment to the Board.

Mr. Clifton – Memorial Service in honor of those who lost their lives in Haiti will be held at Lombardo's on March 14th at 5:00 p.m.. More information to follow.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion to enter into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations, not to reconvene. Seconded by Mr. Azer. After a roll call vote, the Motion carried 9-0.

Approved on: March 8, 2010