

Town of Randolph
Monday, February 8, 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.

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

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

Mr. Azer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of: Edward Teed, Christine Pace, and Paul Dooner, Jr.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President William Alexopoulos:

**Commendation of Randolph Fire Department
2009 Firefighter of the Year Award Winners**

Fire Chief Foley read a report from the fire that occurred on November 24, 2008 on Reed Street.

V. PROCLAMATIONS

The Councillors presented each of the following Firefighters with proclamations:

Dan Kreckler, Tom Labelle, Mike McCarthy, William R. Brewer, Kevin Donovan and Joseph R. Messia.

Paul Lyons and Rick Potter were not present, but will also be receiving proclamations.

Rep. Joseph Driscoll presented each of the above with certificates.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dot Sullivan – President of the Council on Aging, reminded residents that the Senior Center is very active. She thanked Mr. Murphy for his attendance at the last Meeting of the Council on Aging, and invited each of the Councillors to attend any of their regular meetings held at 3:00 on the third Wednesday of each month.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

a. Town Council Appointments

A letter requesting reappointment to the Board of Registrars from Lallie Falls and William LeVangie, current Registrars, was read. An opening still exists pending a recommendation from the Republican Town Committee.

Motion to appoint Town Clerk Brian Howard, Lallie P. Falls and William P. LeVangie made by Mr. Azer, seconded by Ms. Pasquantonio. Voted 9-0.

b. Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mr. Murphy received many responses to the request of those to participate in local government. The list submitted is only the first pass. Noticeable changes: Increase Board of Health from a 3 member board to a 5 member board. Goal to limit participation on regulatory boards to one per person.

Mr. Goldstein asked why the DPW Board and Personnel Board were abolished. Mr. Murphy explained that the Charter eliminated the Public Works board and that he will work with the Superintendent on a daily basis to supervise. The Charter also says that that personnel matters are the purview of the Town Manager, eliminating the need for the Personnel Board. There are a few other boards and commissions that don't meet all that frequently. Thus far, he has used a residency requirement for the boards. If there is a talented business owner who wishes to serve on an advisory committee, he would consider putting the name forward to the Town Council.

Discussion re: Youth Commission/Youth Committee. BOS Established a Youth Committee.

Committees without specific appointments are being reviewed (Planning Board, Design Review, Business Industrial, Medallion Comm). Mr. Murphy recommended that the Boards remain as constituted until they are reappointed.

VIII. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Motion

Mr. Goldstein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on January 25, 2010, with a change to page 5 reading 1-8, not 1-9. Seconded by Mr. Burgess. Voted 9-0

b. Resolution

Pastor Ron Stephenson spoke about the Randolph 4 Haiti relief drive. The Interfaith Council helped put the organization together with David Murphy and Dr. Silverman. The organization will aid Haitian citizens in Randolph as well as in Haiti. Pastor Stephenson said that through the devastation in Haiti, he has seen the Town of Randolph come together in a significant way to address the needs of Haitians in Randolph. The school enrolled 18 new students who have come into Randolph from Haiti, which puts a need on the Town.

Mr. Clifton asked that the following resolution be adopted by the Town Council:

Whereas, it is estimated that about 16% of our total population is of Haitian descent and make their home in the Town of Randolph; and

Whereas, the people of Haiti and their friends and families throughout the world have been tragically impacted, either directly or indirectly, by the earthquake of January 12, 2010; and

Whereas, the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of the victims of the January 12th earthquake will likely last for a long time to come; and

Whereas, we as a government and a community have a moral responsibility to support our fellowmen in their time of need:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Randolph Town Council encourages all the residents and businesses of Randolph to bolster relief efforts in support of the Haitian community not only in Haiti but within the Town of Randolph as well. And, Be it Further Resolved, that the Town of Randolph and the Randolph Town Council encourage support of the local non-profit "Randolph 4 Haiti" in its efforts to provide sustained relief for the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of the Haitian people here in Randolph and in their homeland of Haiti.

Motion to accept resolution made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mr. Goldstein. Voted 9-0.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Evaluation Subcommittee - Reviews are to take place in June, so meetings should be held soon and a plan of action determined.

Mr. Clifton, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Alexopoulos to work with Mr. Murphy to seek ways to deal with the Transfer Station. If the council chooses to oppose the station, Mr. Murphy recommended that the entire range of strategies be presented.

Mr. Azer stated that since the last meeting, a joint School Committee/Town Council meeting was held to put Turnaround Plan in place. At the regular School Committee Meeting, the school calendars for the next three years were discussed and a Motor Vehicle Idling Policy was set.

Economic Development Subcommittee – Assigned to work on land swap for additional parking at Stetson Hall and Cell Tower at Lyons School.

X. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Council on Aging Grant received in the amount of \$39,697.

Update re: Veterans' Service District with Town of Milton. Mr. Murphy and the Milton Town Administrator developed a memorandum of agreement that sets out the guidelines for the Veterans' Service District. A Board of three members, with a rotating member from each town will be established. Randolph will have 2 members the first year. Milton does not currently have a Veteran's Agent. Mr. Murphy recommended that the Council consider referring the matter to the Human Services Committee for review and recommendations. Mr. Murphy offered to serve as a member with a member from Human Services subcommittee.

There will be one Veteran's Service Director for both towns. Three days will be spent in Randolph, and two days will be spent in Milton. The State has final say - Mr. Murphy is not seeking approval – rather an appointment to the rotating board and anything the subcommittee is not comfortable with.

Tuesday February 9, meeting at FEMA. Jean Pierre Louis and Richard McCarthy will be in attendance so that plan and FEMA grant information is gathered.

Transfer Station. Tri Town Alliance will be holding a workshop Wednesday, 10:00 at Braintree Town Hall. Randolph will be represented.

Insurance Coverage – 6 year agreement with employees was signed (Insurance Advisory Group). Open Enrollment period will be in April so that plans can be changed. Mid Year changes were made in order to deal with a significant budget gap – not the norm.

Request of Officer Gregory Foley for a transfer to the Arlington Police Department. Open position in RPD.

Memo for Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Process. Supplementary document will go out at end of week with specific instructions. Goal is to have a budget by March 22, earlier than Mr. Murphy would have liked, but Charter states April 1st.

Randolph Recreation Department Winter Break Camp – Field Trips, Ice Skating, etc., register on line at Randolphrec.com; 781-961-0939.

RFP for Zapustas Arena. Rough draft, produced months ago under old form of government. Should be viewed as an informational tool to let the council know that Mr. Murphy is looking for it to go out in the next month or so. If Mr. Murphy presents a recommendation to award a long term lease, the Council must approve it. The RFP would entail a number of qualifications for review – not necessarily the cheapest. Rink rates will still be regulated by the Town, and a significant capital investment would be required. Bids will be more comprehensive than a traditional bid, and Mr. Murphy does not anticipate a large number of responses. Mr. Murphy will present the results and put together a broad based committee to review the responses.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2010 Goals and Objectives Retreat

Dates and times to meet and obtain a facilitator within the next 2-3 weeks.

b. Bonding Authorization for water improvement project (ATM 2007)

David Zecchini, DPW. Station upgrades - 45% grant, 55% interest free loan. Keeps the sewer system running in good working order. **Motion made by Mr. Azer to approve the borrowing of \$354,200, seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.**

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Zecchini to make a presentation to the Council sometime in the near future re: Water and Sewer Treatment Plant.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Tri-Town Water Board – upgrade of water treatment plants. MWRA gave a brief overview – meeting Friday to get more information. Cost of a new water treatment plant is well over \$45 Million. MWRA – significant cost to hook up – all options are being explored. Mr. Alexopoulos will bring new information up at next meeting.

Mr. Murphy will create a strategy map for the council to weigh all options from a joint plant with Braintree, MWRA, etc.

Mr. Burgess asked that Town Counsel review the Acts of 1886 to see what Randolph's options are if Holbrook chooses to leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from James A. Sullivan of the Union Square Condominium Association re: Possible Land Swap – referred to the Real Estate and Economic Committee.
- Letter from Comcast containing complaint data.
- Letter from Comcast re: Bundled Service Offerings.
- Letter from NStar re: vegetation management plan - forwarded to Conservation Commission.

REQUESTS

- Request of St. Bernadette's Church for a one day liquor license February 14th. Mr. Goldstein asked that in the future such requests come at least 30 days prior to the event. Discussion followed. **Motion to approve request made by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.**

Action Item: Mr. Murphy to request 30 days notice when possible to anyone sending licensing requests.

- Request of May Institute for One Day Beano License on May 12. **Motion to approve request made by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Brewer, Voted 9-0.**
- Request of Showcase Cinemas to change Manager. **Motion for public hearing on March 22 made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Burgess. Voted 9-0.**
- Request of Clear Wireless to install a flagpole cell phone tower at the Lyons School. **Motion to schedule a public hearing for March 22 and to refer to Economic Development and Real Estate Committee made by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Azer. Voted 9-0.**

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Fernandes asked that the Trust Document for the Library be obtained. The document provided was not what he was looking for.

Mr. Meoni asked for applicable Massachusetts laws with regard to a free community library.

Mr. Murphy stated he would work with Town Counsel to draft a legal opinion with regard to the relationship between the Library and the Town.

Mr. Clifton commended Mr. Murphy for reaching out to residents who have not been previously involved in the town government.

Mr. Brewer thanked the DPW and commended them for a job well done during a water main break on Mazzeo Drive on January 29.

At 9:00 pm, Mr. Alexopoulos made a Motion to enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations, not to reconvene, seconded by Mr. Goldstein. After a roll call vote was taken, the Motion carried 9-0.

Approved on: March 8, 2010