

Town of Randolph
Monday, March 8, 2010
Meeting of the Town Council

I. CALL TO ORDER

President William Alexopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Cheryl Sass, Recording Secretary

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

Ms. Pasquantonio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIAM ALEXOPOULOS

Mr. Clifton gave an update on the relief efforts for Haiti and thanked Randolph residents for their compassion and generosity. Relief drives were held on February 6 and February 13. A memorial service will be held on March 14 at Lombardo's at 5:00 p.m. More information to follow.

Motion to accept the minutes of February 8 and February 22, 2010 made by Mr. Azer, seconded by Mr. Goldstein. Mr. Meoni asked that the minutes reflect the following changes: Reason for entering into Executive Session (2/8), and that word "Town" be deleted when appearing before the words "Attorney General" (2/22). Mr. Clifton asked that the minutes of 2/8 reflect that fact that he made the Motion to accept the Resolution with regard to Randolph 4 Haiti. Voted 9-0 with amendments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kaplan – met with David Murphy and Bob Sullivan. Has had money taken from his bank accounts. Problems persist. Mr. Alexopoulos informed Mr. Kaplan that he would speak to Mr. Murphy on Tuesday and that he would be in touch to schedule a meeting sometime this week. Mr. Kaplan left his phone number so that Mr. Murphy can contact him.

VI. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Order 2010-003 – Transfer \$50,000 from Health Insurance to Veterans Benefits

Jim Campbell, Veteran's Agent, was present. He informed the Council that the account is currently empty, and a transfer is necessary. After a brief discussion by the Council about whether or not to refer the matter to the Finance Committee and whether or not an order must be published before hearing, **Mr. Goldstein made a Motion to transfer the amount of \$50,000 from Health Insurance to Veteran's Benefits. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.**

VII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER – RANDOLPH COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Alexopoulos read the legal notice. Mr. Jack Gateman was present on behalf of Randolph Country Club. He stated that Mr. Capone, the former manager, will stay on as a part time employee, and that Mr. Jonathan Raimond will be the Manager. Mr. Alexopoulos asked, three times, if anyone was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request. There was no response.

Letters from the Board of Health, Building Inspector, Fire Prevention Officer, and Chief of Police, with no objections to the change in manager.

Mr. Raimond stated that he has 10 years' experience in the hospitality business and that he has worked at other establishments owned by Mr. Gateman (Bar Lola's). There were no incidents at Bar Lola's while he was the manager. Mr. Raimond understands that by having his name listed on the liquor license, he is responsible for any actions that may occur. He said that he has read the liquor policy for the Town of Randolph and summarized it at Mr. Burgess's request. Mr. Burgess informed Mr. Raimond that he is required to attend 2 liquor policy meetings per year, and failure to attend those meetings can be held against the manager.

In the last 6 months, he was a manager in training. With regard to "Club 44," Mr. Raimond stated that there were some capacity and parking issues. To address those issues, the parking lot was painted and signage was added. Mr. Raimond understands the hours of operation are: no one allowed into the club after 1:00 a.m., no liquor on the bar past 12:45, everyone out of the building by 2:00 a.m.

Mr. Raimond stated that "Club 44" will no longer be operating, and that the room will remain vacant. There is a possibility that the room will be booked for private parties, but it will not be open for business on a regular basis. Mr. Gateman stated that all rentals will go through the Country Club, and that they do not rent to promoters. Mr. Gateman stated that there are plans to possibly change the business to a restaurant. He said that there are currently 10 employees, and he is planning on adding 30 more.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion to approve the change of manager. Seconded by Mr. Burgess. Voted 9-0.

VIII. SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING – T MOBILE AT 55 OLD STREET

Mr. Alexopoulos read the legal notice. Hearing continued at the applicant's request to March 22, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Flint Locke Road resident. Concerns about the safety of the cell phone tower. She was asked to come to the meeting on March 22nd so that the applicant can answer her questions.

Mr. Meoni asked for clarification with regard to the Balloon Test. Letter from applicant dated February 24 states that the balloon test is on hold until the lease is fully executed, but the procedures state that the balloon test must be completed before the Lease is signed.

The Town Council issues the special permit and the School Committee will sign the lease, since the property is controlled by the School Department.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to continue the hearing to Monday March 22 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Azer. Abutters will not receive new letters, but a notice will be on the website. Voted 9-0.

IX. GIS PRESENTATION – TOWN PLANNER RICHARD MCCARTHY

Heather Cabral, Project Manager with Applied Geographics, Inc. Presentation re: GIS program. GIS is a system that captures, stores, analyzes, manages and presents data linked to a location. It allows for a more efficient system and improves the quality of maps. GIS is used for planning purposes only, not for surveying purposes. The next phase of GIS depends on the needs assessment, and a timeline will be created. Once the needs are assessed, a proposed budget will be created and the program can be tailored from there.

Mr. Clifton asked if the contract between Town and Applied Geographics Inc. was a result of an RFP. Mr. McCarthy told the Council that A.G.I. was procured from the State Contractor List, and as such there is an MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) component. Mr. McCarthy will look into whether or not the MBE participation goal is being met.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Goldstein to propose an \$8,000.00 budget for FY 11 for the Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Fernandes. Mr. Goldstein stated that the Council is currently in violation of the Charter, which states that all budget requests are to be in by February 28th. A discussion followed. Mr. Burgess stated that the Clerk of the Council should be in the budget. Mr. Fernandes suggested that the council take some time to determine what should be in the budget. Discussion re: Expenses. **Mr. Burgess made a motion to table the item to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Azer. Voted 9-0.**

Formal Written Request from In-House Counsel Bob Sullivan to attend Municipal Law Conference at MCLE on March 10. Fee is \$245.00. **Motion to move the request made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Clifton. The Contract Subcommittee is meeting with Mr. Sullivan meeting tomorrow night at 6:30. Mr. Meoni suggested that Mr. Sullivan's contract be secured before spending money on his professional development. Mr. Goldstein stated that Mr. Sullivan is still an employee of the Town of Randolph. Voted 9-0.**

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Vacant position on the Board of Registrars. Discussion re: information requested on each of the candidates. Mr. Burgess recommended sending a letter to each of the three candidates asking them to explain their interest in the position, with a copy to the Republican Town Committee. Council to take a vote at next meeting.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Corporate Environmental Advisors re: Assessments on property located at 527 North Main Street.
- Letter from Bay State Gas Company requesting increase in budget. Department of Public Utilities Public Hearing will be held on March 22 at 2:00 at the Department's Office in Boston.
- Letter from Robert A. Powilatis Town of Holbrook re: Water Supply/Power Plant. Discussion re: Water Treatment Facility and Tri Town and putting a plan in place if Holbrook withdraws from the 1886 agreement.

Requests

- One Day Liquor License requested for Saturday June 19 at Stetson Hall from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Mr. Goldstein made a motion to approve the license subject to the acceptance by the Stetson Trustees, and that in the future, the Trustees are to request liquor licenses. Seconded by Mr. Meoni. Discussion re: procedures for requesting and accepting liquor licenses and liability. Voted 9-0.**
- Application for a Livery Permit at 158 Pond Street. Motion made by Mr. Burgess to hold a Livery Hearing for Monday April 12, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Brewer. Voted 9-0.

XIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee – Discussed and accepted the accounting policies that were accepted by Town Meeting, changing the wording where applicable to reflect the new form of Government. Council Order 2010-001 re: Funding of Police Admin Detail was also discussed. The Finance Committee Voted and Accepted the order as follows:

Be It Ordered:

That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the Town Council authorizes the establishment of a revolving fund for fiscal year 2010, for the sole purpose of helping to fund the cost in connection with police details of the Randolph Police Department.

The **Police Administrative Paid Detail Revolving Fund** shall receive one hundred percent (100%) of the total receipts of the Administrative Fee – Special Details account through June 30, 2010.

Expenditures from the **Police Administrative Paid Detail Revolving Fund** shall be made at the direction of the Town Manager, provided that not more than \$60,000.00 may be so expended from the **Police Administrative Paid Detail Revolving Fund** during fiscal year 2010.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion to adopt the order, seconded by Mr. Meoni. Voted 7-2 (Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Azer).

Mr. Goldstein made a Motion that the Town Council adopt the fiscal policies with the appropriate change in wording as approved by the Town Meeting in 2009. Seconded by Mr. Azer. Voted 9-0.

Human Services Subcommittee – Mr. Meoni stated that the subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 23 with the Town Manager to set up a Veterans Service District. At that meeting, Paul Meoni and David Murphy were chosen as Randolph's two members on the Randolph/Milton Veteran's Service District to serve for one year, and next year Milton will have 2 members. When it is a single member, it will always be the Town Manager.

Motion made by Mr. Azer to appoint Mr. Meoni and Mr. Murphy to the Randolph/Milton Veteran's Service District. Seconded by Mr. Goldstein. Town Manager of Milton, Kevin Mearn is the third member. Discussion re: whether a final approval by the Town Council is necessary. Voted 8-1 (Mr. Burgess).

At the Council's Goals Meeting, an ad hoc committee was formed to create a Mission Statement. The draft is as follows:

As a diverse and dynamic community, Randolph will promote and provide exceptional services to all its residents and businesses and a top-notch education to all its children. Randolph strives to make our town the desirable place for all your business and community needs by enhancing our special character and high quality of life.

Discussion re: amendments to mission statement. It was determined that the Subcommittee will reconvene to redraft.

Evaluation Subcommittee – Reviewed evaluation tools as last meeting. They are meeting again tomorrow night.

School Committee – Interviewed three finalists for Superintendent last week (Dr. Pope, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Santos). Finalists will be at RCMS tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday to answer questions.

The School Committee Chair established a subcommittee to review the Religious Holidays. The make up of the committee will be 3-5 parents, 1 Representative from each collective bargaining unit, 3-5 staff members and Ms. Nearen and Mr. Wortzman. Parents interested in serving on the committee should email a letter of interest to the School Committee by March 15.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education notified the Committee that although Randolph is still categorized as a Level IV, but none of the individual schools are categorized as Level IV. Raise to the Top favors those districts characterized as Underperforming.

With respect to grants and revolving funds outside of the general budget requested by Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Azer provided the response to each of the Councillors. Mr. Goldstein stated that the total expenditures for the school department is over \$40M. Mr. Meoni stated that there are many other departments in the town who apply for and receive grants. Mr. Meoni suggested doing the same to all of the Town Departments, not just the schools. **Mr. Fernandes made a motion to request the Town Manager to provide a summary of all grants that the Town has received. Seconded by Mr. Goldstein Voted 8-1 (Mr. Burgess).** Discussion re: Health Insurance, FICA, etc. allocations by department to be aware of what they are spending, for informational purposes.

Ownership and Pride Subcommittee of the Joint School Committee and Town Council–April 19th RHS will be participating on the PBS quiz show. The event will be held at Piccadilly Pub.

Contract Negotiation sub meeting tomorrow. Contract proposal at next Town Council meeting.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Meoni – thanked the Russ Street Neighborhood Association for doing great work and inviting him to their meeting. Reminder: Daylight Savings this weekend - turn your clock ahead. Census Forms will be arriving next week. Returning your Census is vital for Town and Financial support, as well as representation in government.

Mr. Brewer – Requested that the town come to Piccadilly Pub on April 19, to support RHS Students on PBS Quiz Show.

Mr. Goldstein – Suggested that subcommittees be created to conduct hearings and report back to the Council with a recommendation on minor items. Mr. Burgess stated that in instances where public hearings are required, a subcommittee would not be appropriate. Discussion re: Minor changes to the Charter.

Mr. Clifton – Congratulated 3 students were inducted into the Hall of Black Achievement at Bridgewater State College – Anthony Straughn, Cynthia Fabian and Anthony Goss.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation made by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Goldstein. Mr. Clifton asked that in the future more information is provided to the Council about the reason for meeting in Executive Session in order to make an informed vote. **Mr. Burgess withdrew the Motion.** Ms. Pasquantonio stated that the need for Executive Session is based on the Economic Development Subcommittee. **Mr. Alexopoulos acknowledged the withdrawal of Mr. Burgess's Motion.**

Ms. Pasquantonio made a motion to enter into Executive Session, for purposes of potential litigation, not to reconvene. Seconded by Mr. Goldstein. Mr. Meoni stated that in the future, the Town Manager is present during Executive Session. Mr. Alexopoulos asked that in the future, requests for Executive Session are presented to the President prior to the meeting, with an explanation as to why Executive Session is necessary. **Voted 9-0.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved on: March 22, 2010