

**Town of Randolph
Regular Meeting Minutes
Selectboard (DRAFT)
February 1, 2024**



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2 ***This meeting was in a hybrid format, with access provided via Zoom.**

3 ****This draft is intended for open meeting law compliance. A more detailed version may**
4 **replace the draft.**

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6 **Selectboard:** Trini Brassard (via Zoom), Larry Satcowitz, Alissa Matthews (~5:45 p.m.),
7 Stephanie Tyler (via Zoom), and Tom Ayres.

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9 **Municipal Staff:** Trevor Lashua, Town Manager; Chief Scott Clouatre, Randolph Police (via
10 Zoom).

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12 **Public Attendees:** Neil Richardson, “Steve,”

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14 **Public Attendees** (via Zoom): Joe Voci, Jon Kaplan, Charlene Baker, and the “Collins family.”
15 others.

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17 **Media:** None.

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19 **Regular Meeting**

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21 **1. Call to Order**

22 Trini called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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24 **2. Public Comment**

25 Jon Kaplan asked when to talk about budgets and policing. Trini responded that the later
26 business item would be appropriate.

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28 **3. Approval of Agenda**

29 *Larry moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tom seconded. The motion passed 4-0.*

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31 **Consent Calendar (#4)**

32 *Larry moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tom seconded. The motion passed 4-0.*

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34 **Business (#5)**

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36 **5.a. – Consider Adopting 2024 Town Meeting.**

37 The Board reviewed the latest warning draft, which did not include articles on expansion of the
38 police district boundaries. The idea will continue to be discussed, with other opportunities to vote
39 (if determined).

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41 The Board briefly discussed the article about moving to Australian ballots for all voting.
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43 Jon Kaplan provided an opinion about policing and stated his confusion with the capital plan
44 sheet. The capital sheet was explained, namely how the funding is shown.

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46 The discussion turned to policing, and the police budget proposed for FY25. Board members
47 expressed support for hiring additional officers, as a resource to provide service and avoid
48 burning out existing employees.

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50 Larry introduced the idea of using ARPA funds to mitigate the potential tax increase for police
51 district taxpayers. He presented an idea where the funding level include consideration of the
52 amount of general funding provided by the district taxpayers.

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54 The Board members discussed the timing of the change, the goal of using ARPA funds for non-
55 operating purposes, State Police call stacking and response, the need to fund vehicle
56 replacements, and other related items. The conversation was robust.

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58 *Tom moved to adopt the FY25 budget and the 2024 Town Meeting Warning, with the articles on*
59 *police district expansion removed. Stephanie seconded. The motion passed 4-1 (Larry opposed).*

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61 **Manager's Report (#6)**

62 There was brief discussion about ARPA funding and the required steps to create an evaluation
63 framework to guide the Board's decision making.

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65 **Executive Session (#7)**

66 No session was required.

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68 *Stephanie moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Tom seconded. The motion passed 5-0.*

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70 **The Board's next meeting is Thursday, February 8th, at 5:30 p.m.**

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