

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 21, 2015
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Members present: Robert Harvey, Chairman; Rod Black, Vice Chairperson; Paul Amoroso, Councilor; Ralph McLeod, Councilor; Tom Copeland, Councilor.

Budget Committee Members present: Pat Sirois, Chair; Kerry Zimmerman; Carol Cuddy; Kevin Cuddy; Ellen Campbell; Bonnie Clark; Mary McDonald; Malcolm Coulter.

Absent Budget Member: Barbara Veilleux

Others present: Benjamin R. Breadmore, Town Manager; Sherry Murray, Treasurer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Brent Basley, Firefighter; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Bruce Dowling, Public Works Director; Gene Worcester, Police Chief; Jennifer Newcomb; Ryan Carey; Michele Archambault; Sally Waterhouse; Rick Whitmore; Holly Whitmore; Michael Lessard; Richard Barclay; Bunny Barclay; Louise Cox; Jane Black; John Dunton; Richard Hansen; Catherine Gignac; and other members of the public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Harvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Chairman Harvey asked for a moment of silence to reflect on someone or something positive that has touched their lives since we last met.

4. Public Comment

Fire Chief, Ryan Davis announced that Fire Department has been awarded an AFG Grant in the amount of approximately \$30,000 for the replacement of thirty-seven SCBA Air Pack bottles.

Richard Barclay inquired about the town's total indebtedness and if additional funds are needed to complete the Fire Department addition.

Ryan Carey thanked Town Council and Budget Committee for all of their hard work with the budget.

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5. Public Hearing
A. FY 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

Kevin Cuddy spoke regarding an email that was forwarded to the Budget Committee from Ken Jarvis.

Kerry Zimmerman expressed her concern with the Budget Committees role concerning the approval of the Municipal Budget.

6. Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, March 23, 2015 Joint Council/Budget Committee Meeting, March 30, 2015 Town Council Budget Meeting, April 6, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting and April 13, 2015 Special Meeting.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015, Regular Meeting the March 23, 2015 Joint Council/Budget Committee Meeting and the April 13, 2015 Special Meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the minutes of March 30, 2015 Town Council Budget Meeting and April 6, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting. 4-0-1 in favor. (Councilor Amoroso abstained for he was absent from meetings.)

7. Consent Agenda
A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

FY 2014/2015 Journal # 412 for:	\$ 32,211.67
FY 2014/2015 Journal # 436 for:	\$ 37,353.99
FY 2014/2015 Warrant #13 for:	\$368,527.97
Total:	\$438,093.63

B. Department Reports

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve Department Reports as submitted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. School Board Update

Jennifer Newcomb from the SAD School Board updated the Council on upcoming meetings and briefed them on discussion from previous meetings.

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8. Old Business

A. Time Clock Policy

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Black seconded; to table until a later date. Vote 5-0 in favor.

B. Rules of Procedure update

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to table until May 18, 2015 Council meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

9. New Business

A. DOT Presentation

John Devon, Bangor DOT Regional Engineer discussed centerline rumble strip being installed on Route 1A this year from the westerly end of the Church Road extending to the Red Barn Campground. An exact start date has yet to be determined.

B. Consider Approval of FY 2015/2016 Council Budget Recommendations

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to reinstate the Holbrook Recreation line item to its original amount of \$15,720 and approve 2015/2016 Budget in the amount of \$2,593,540. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. Consider Approval of FY 2015/2016 Budget Committee Budget Recommendations

The Budget Committee unanimously elected to reduce the Holbrook Recreation budget line item to \$13,720 and approve 2015/2016 Budget in the amount of \$2,591,120.

D. Consider Approval of the Annual Town Report

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve Annual Town Report as presented. Vote 5-0 in favor.

E. Presentation from Historic Holden Town Hall Committee

Pat Sirois went over the 2015 list of maintenance, repairs and upgrades needed for the Historic Town Hall. The list is attached.

F. Discuss FY 2015/2016 Road Paving

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to go out to bid for the 2015/2016 paving list. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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G. Discussion on public access to Sewall website

Council elected to have staff review options and bring information back at a later meeting.

H. Tax Abatement Request

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve real estate tax abatements in the amount of \$211.24. Vote 5-0 in favor.

10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

None

11. Public Comment

Richard Whitmore spoke regarding the Sewall website access.

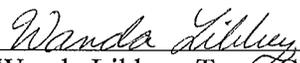
Kerry Zimmerman and Bunny Barclay spoke of their concerns with the Historic Old Town Hall future and lack of support from the Council.

Bunny Barclay asked if there is a 2015 Fall Frolic being considered. Ben Breadmore, Town Manager explained that it is under consideration, but the priority in the past few weeks has been focused on the 2015/2016 Municipal Budget.

12. Adjournment

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

Date Approved: May 18, 2015