

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING (AMENDED)  
Monday July 21, 2014  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

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

**Others Present:** Sherry Murray, Acting Town Manager; Millard Billing, Assessor; Benjamin Breadmore, Alternate Code Enforcement Officer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Christopher Beaumont, Firefighter; Bruce Dowling, Highway Foreman; Wanda Libbey, Clerk; Gene Worcester, Police Chief; Richard Hanson, David Merritt, John Bryant, Rodney Hanscom, Tom Kelly, Jennifer Newcomb, SAD School Board Member;

**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 Hearing**

**A. MMA General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A**

Chairman Harvey opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. There being no comments for or against Chairman Harvey closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting and July 2, 2014 Special Working Meeting.**

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Black seconded; to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting and July 2, 2014 Special Working Meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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**7. Consent Agenda**  
**A. Financials**

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

FY 2013/2014 Warrant #39 for:	\$ 26,645.76
FY 2013/2014 Warrant #40 for:	\$ 24,320.98
FY 2013/2014 Journal Entry #644 for:	\$ 14,557.35
FY 2013/2014 Journal Entry #594 for:	\$ 21,173.52
FY 2013/2014 Journal Entry #601 for:	\$ 24,706.86
FY 2013/2014 Journal Entry #623 for:	\$ 19,631.48
FY 2014/2015 Journal Entry #20 for:	\$ 31,770.36
FY 2014/2015 Warrant #1 for:	\$320,481.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$483,287.81</b>

**B. Department Reports**

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

**8. Old Business**  
**A. Finance Fire Chief Vehicle**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; accept the proposal from Peoples United Bank to finance \$28,665 for a 3 year term with an interest rate of 1.75%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**B. Plow Truck Bids**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Black seconded; to accept the bid for purchase of a plow truck from Daigle & Houghton for a Western Star Truck of \$74,654.00 (sale price after a \$31,000.00 trade in on our current Volvo Truck) and the bid for truck body, plow, wing and lighting from Viking Cives of \$72,684.00 for a total of \$147,338. Also, to accept the proposal from Peoples United Bank to finance \$147,338 for 5 or 6 year term with an interest rate of 1.75%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**C. Municipal Building Project**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Black seconded; to approve payment of \$28,500 from Building General Reserve # G-2-384-00 for a set of engineered plans, from Merritt Associates. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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**9. New Business**

**A. Set the FY 2014 Mil Rate**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Black seconded; to approve to set the FY 2014/2015 Mil Rate at 15.65. Vote 4-1 in favor.

**B. Holden Land Trust**

John Bryant and Rodney Hanscom from the Holden Land Trust updated the Council on Hog Hill and the Town owned property on Clark Hill Road.

**C. Approval of accrued time payout**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve payment from General Reserve # G-2-382-00. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**D. Set Special Council Meeting Date**

By unanimous consent the Council agreed to meet on July 30, 2014 to discuss paving bids.

**E. Review of Debeck Park Covenants**

Tabled until next Council Meeting.

**F. Appointment to Recreation Committee**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to appoint Mr. Carson Kelley to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Committee; his position will expire June 30, 2014. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**G. General Assistance Ordinance Amendment to Appendices A**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the recommended Amendments to Appendices A of the General Assistance Ordinance. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**H. Establish Tax Due Dates**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to set the tax due date of September 9, 2014 or 30 days after commitment (whichever is latter) as the first installment which is 50% of the total tax with interest to be charged on September 10, 2014 or 31 days after commitment. The second installment which is 50% of the total tax to be due on March 10, 2015 with interest charges on the remaining 50% to be charged starting March 11, 2015. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**I. Set Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to set the interest rate for delinquent taxes at 7%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**J. 906 Order**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to accept the 906 Order. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**K. Pre Paid Taxes**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to allow the Town to accept pre-payment of taxes; however, the Town will not pay interest (0% interest) on collected funds if the taxpayer requires reimbursement of the pre-collected funds. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**L. Overpayment of Taxes**

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to set the interest rate for overpayment of taxes at 3%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

None

**11. Public Comment**

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

John Bryant stated his appreciation to Council for their review of the reserve funds and inquired about John Butts and the open position for Code Enforcement.

**12. Executive Session**

**A. Discuss Personnel Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Black seconded; to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 406 (6) (A). Vote 5-0 in favor (8:32 p.m.).

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Paul seconded; to leave Executive Session. Vote 5-0 in favor (8:55 p.m.).

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**13. Adjournment**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Murray  
Acting Town Manager

Date Approved: 2/17/15