

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Sherry Murray, Treasurer; Bruce Dowling, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Chris Beaumont, Firefighter; Brandi Beaumont; Dale Wunder, Firefighter; Brent Basley, Firefighter; Tim True, Asst. Fire Chief; Christian Greely, Police Chief; Pat Sirois; Richard Barclay; Kerry Zimmerman; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Chairperson Black 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

Pat Sirois spoke concerning the recent work done on the Town Hall. While Pat was helping lay wreaths on veteran's graves at Hill Rest Cemetery on December 12th she noticed that the retaining wall was in need of repair as well as several grave stones. She thanked Bob Harvey and Ben Breadmore for attending the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6th.

Councilor Copeland commented on the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 12th and how well attended it was.

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5. Approval of Minutes November 16, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the minutes for November 16, 2015 regular Council Meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

FY 2015/2016 Journal # 225 for:	\$ 31,581.36
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 240 for:	\$ 34,017.71
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 260 for:	\$ 39,384.52
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 7 for:	\$318,264.25
Total:	\$423,247.84

B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

Councilor Copeland shared with Council and the audience that the School Board is anticipating a meeting in January with town officials to discuss results of facilities study.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. Employee Recognition

Councilor Harvey presented Chris Beaumont with a plaque of recognition for his many years of service and dedication to the Town of Holden as a Firefighter/EMT.

C. Amendment to the Personnel Policy Section on Sick Leave

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve amendment to sick leave section of Personnel Policy. Vote 5-0 in favor.

D. Set Date for Employee Appreciation Breakfast

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to set the Employee Appreciation Breakfast for Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the Eastern Maine Snowmobile Club. Vote 5-0 in favor.

9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Executive Session

A. Continuing the Town Manager's Annual Evaluation Which Began at the Town Council's November 16, 2015 Meeting, Including a Discussion of Contractual Terms for Continued Employment and Compensation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to enter into Executive Session (6:20 p.m.) to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A). Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to leave Executive Session (6:55 p.m.). Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to approve Town Manager contractual terms for continued employment and compensation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).

12. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Libbey

Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

January 19, 2016
Date