

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 19, 2016
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; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Brent Basley, Firefighter; Chris Greely, Police Chief; Richard Barclay; Kerry Zimmerman; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Kevin Cuddy; Carol Cuddy; Edward Moul; Jen Newcomb; Rod Hanscom.

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.

8. New Business

A. Holden Land Trust

The Council agreed to take up Item 8A at this time.

Rodney Hanscom and Kevin Cuddy from the Holden Land Trust updated the Council on Hog Hill parcel.

4. Public Comment

Ryan Davis, Fire Chief, announced that the Fire Department has been awarded a Maine State Forestry Grant written by Lt. Brent Basley. This grant will help purchase one new chainsaw and two GPS's. An AFG grant has been applied for as well and they are awaiting the decision. The AFG grant is for \$65,000 and would help with the cost of the new cascade system for the rescue truck.

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5. Approval of Minutes for December 21, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the minutes for December 21, 2015 regular Council Meeting with a correction to the second vote on 11. Executive Session. Vote 5-0 in favor.

6. Consent Agenda
A. Financial

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

FY 2015/2016 Journal # 276 for:	\$ 36,266.32
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 294 for:	\$ 36,232.49
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 8 for:	\$309,710.06
Total:	\$382,208.87

B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

Jennifer Newcomb from the RSU 63 School Board updated the Council on upcoming meetings and briefed them on discussion from previous meetings.

7. Old Business (None)

8. New Business
B. Tax Acquired Property

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to allow an extension to pay all taxes for the five parcels that were foreclosed on December 5, 2015. The tax payers for those five parcels have until July 19, 2016 to pay all outstanding taxes owed to reclaim their property. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. April Council Meeting Date

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; that from here forward if a holiday falls on a Monday the Council Meeting would be held the Tuesday of that same week. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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D. Review and Discuss FY 2016/2017 Budget and Town Meeting Schedule

Councilor Harvey moved; Councilor McLeod seconded; to accept FY 2016/2017 Budget and Town Meeting Schedule as presented. Vote 5-0 in favor.

E. Mid-Year Budget Review

A review of financial status as of December 31, 2015 was conducted by the Council. Items discussed were Revenue Summaries, Expense Reports by Department, Tax summaries (outstanding taxes), and Reserve Fund Balances.

F. Discuss and Select Individual for Dedication of the Annual Town Report

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to dedicate the Annual Town Report (2015) to Donna Hall for her contributions to our community over the years and also Holden Fire Department. Vote 5-0 in favor.

G. Capital Improvement Subcommittee

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to appoint Paul Amoroso and Rod Black to the Capital Improvement Subcommittee. Vote 3-0-2 in favor. Councilor Amoroso and Black abstained.

9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairman Black polled the Council and unanimous consent was given to discuss a donation to Holden Historical Society and Fire Department Hose Tower.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to accept a donation of a door from Viking Lumber to the Historical Society for the rear entrance of the Historic Town Hall. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to accept a donation of \$2,446.52 from the Fire Auxiliary for equipment for the Fire Department Hose Tower. Vote 5-0 in favor.

10. Public Comment (None)

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11. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Libbey
Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

2/16/2016
Date