

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 18, 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; Bruce Dowling, Public Works Director; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Roger Huber, Town Attorney; Carol Cuddy; Kevin Cuddy; Ellen Campbell; Teresa Montague; Peter Lyford; Bonnie Clark and other members of the public.

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. Meet the Candidates

Chairman Black introduced the candidates running for Town Council and State Representatives. Candidates were asked questions by various members of the audience regarding their views on different topics about the offices they seek. All the candidates were articulate and gave excellent responses to the questions asked.

5. Public Comment

Fire Chief Ryan Davis informed Council and members of the public that the new rescue truck is here and invited them to stop in to view it.

Teresa Montague thanked the Council for choosing MRC.

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6. Public Hearing

A. Renewal application for sale of fireworks, Phantom Fireworks

Chairman Black opened Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Councilor McLeod commented on how well the Holden business is doing.

Chairman Black closed Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

7. Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the minutes of April 19, 2016 minutes. Vote 5-0 in favor.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

FY 2015/2016 Journal # 456 for:	\$ 29,372.17
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 484 for:	\$ 33,186.83
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 11 for:	\$336,132.27
Total:	\$398,691.27

B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

Councilor Copeland briefed Council and members of the public on the school budget.

9. Old Business

None

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10. New Business

A. Consider Approval of Traditions Golf Club, Inc. Liquor Licenses

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the liquor license for Traditions Golf Course. Vote 5-0 in favor.

B. Consider Approval of Sale of Fireworks Permit for Phantom Fireworks

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the renewal application for Sale of Fireworks Permit for Phantom Fireworks. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. Appointment of Ballot Clerks

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to appoint the recommended list of ballot clerks for the June 14, 2016 Municipal Election as listed below. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Warden (6:30 am-5:00 pm): Donna Tolman
Warden (5:00 pm- Done): Bonnie Clark
Warden (5:00 pm- Done): Ellen Campbell

Clerks (7:00 am-5:00 pm): Jan Michaud (D), Mary Messer (R)
Clerks (5:00 pm-Done): Mary Ann Perry (D), Heather Willett (R)

D. Create Cemetery Reserve Account

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the creation of the Cemetery Reserve Account. Vote 5-0 in favor.

E. Proposed Reserve Account Definitions

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to approve the definition of the reserve accounts. Vote 5-0 in favor.

F. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the Town Meeting Warrant Articles as presented. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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11. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

None

12. Public Comment

Teresa Montague briefed the Council on the Stream Smart Program.

13. Executive Session

A. Consideration of an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 841 (2)

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to enter into Executive Session (6:28 p.m.) to discuss abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 841 (2). Vote 5-0 in favor.

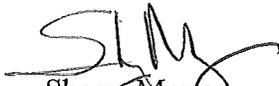
Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to leave Executive Session (6:47 p.m.) Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to deny the abatement request due to lack of information. The property owner failed to demonstrate that they are unable to contribute to the public charges by reason of hardship or poverty. Also, hardship or poverty abatements are only available on a taxpayer's primary residence. Vote 5-0 in favor.

14. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,


Sherry Murray
Treasurer

Date Approved: June 20, 2016