

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday November 16, 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; Christian Greeley, Police Chief; Pat Sirois; Richard Barclay; Kerry Zimmerman; Ellen Campbell; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Brent Basley; Dale Wunder; Nate Hasting; Ben Rogers; Rodney Gerald; Kevin Cuddy; 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.

10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Treasurer, Sherry Murray asked Council if they would be willing to work with residents located on Map 4 Lot 51F that may be foreclosed on December 7, 2015.

Unanimous consent was given by Council to give the residents located on Map 4 Lot 51F the same opportunity to buy back their property as they have given residents in the past concerning tax foreclosure.

Cemetery Board Member, Ellen Campbell briefed Council of an old family cemetery located on Map 4 Lot 51F. Ellen would like to ask for Council's permission to approach the land owners to ask if they would be willing to grant the town an easement to this cemetery.

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If an easement and right of way was granted to this cemetery, which is in dire need of some major work, this would enable the town to take care of it. This could also be an eligible service project for Boy Scout Eagle project.

Unanimous consent was given by Council to allow the Cemetery Board to approach the land owner and negotiate both an easement and right of way to the cemetery or granting the cemetery to the town entirely.

4. Public Comment

Chief Davis updated the Council on an MMA grant awarded to the Fire Department for up to \$2,000 for turnout gear. Firefighter, Chad Bean is responsible for applying for the grant.

Chief Greeley introduce the newest member of the Holden Police Department, Rodney Gerald.

Town Manager Breadmore briefed the Council on the grand opening of the Grand Lodge Masonic Library. The library is open to the public Monday through Friday and has free Wi-Fi.

5. Public Hearing

A. Sale of Fireworks Permit (Big Bang Boom Fireworks)

Chairperson Black opened Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

There being no public input, Chairperson Black closed Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

6. Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2015 Town Council Meeting

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015. Vote 5-0 in favor.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

FY 2015/2016 Journal # 188 for:	\$ 31,378.21
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 214 for:	\$ 32,347.13
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 5 for:	\$703,061.83
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 6 for:	\$ 2,100.00
Total:	\$768,887.17

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B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

None

8. Old Business

A. Fire Department Vehicle Update

Unanimous consent was given by Council for Chief Davis to continue moving forward in gathering replacement cost estimates for 398 Rescue truck. Council did ask that a Plan B be presented at a future Council meeting.

9. New Business

A. Consider Renewal of Big Bang Boom Annual Fireworks Sale Permit

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the renewal application for Sale of Fireworks Permit for Big Bang Boon Fireworks. Vote 5-0 in favor.

B. Appoint Charter Amendment Committee

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to appoint Ellen Campbell, Jeff McBurnie, John Bryant, Richard Barclay and Richard Hansen to the Charter Amendment Committee. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to appoint councilors Ralph McLeod and Thomas Copeland to the Charter Amendment Committee. Vote 3-0-2 in favor. Councilor McLeod and Copeland abstained.

11. Public Comment

Richard Barclay asked the town attorney if he could clarify what the difference is between a Charter amendment and revision.

Mr. Barclay asked Chief Davis if there is a PM schedule in place for Fire Department equipment and if there were any spares for the DOT 10 year bottles?

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Chief Davis stated that they do have a PM schedule in place and they do not have spares for the DOT 10 year bottles.

12. Executive Session

A. Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A)

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to enter into Executive Session (7:07 p.m.) to discuss personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A). Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to leave Executive Session (8:15 p.m.) Vote 5-0 in favor.

13. Adjournment

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Libbey
Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

Date Approved: 12/21/2015