

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday September 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; Paul Amoroso, Councilor; Ralph McLeod, Councilor; Robert Harvey, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Sherry Murray, Treasurer; Bruce Dowling, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Christian Greely, Police Chief; Pat Sirois; Richard Barclay; Kerry Zimmerman; John Zimmerman; Ellen Campbell; Chris Beaumont, firefighter; Larry Lafland; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Ruth Dunbar 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. Public Hearing

A. Recycling Permit (Joel Butler)

Chairperson Black opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

There being no comments for or against Chairperson Black closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

B. MMA General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices (A-C)

Chairperson Black opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

There being no comments for or against Chairperson Black closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

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5. Public Comment

Chris Beaumont expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers that helped with the 6th Annual Holden Fall Frolic.

Vice Chairperson, Copeland gave a special thank you to Chris Beaumont and the Fire Dept. for all of their hard work with the 6th Annual Holden Fall Frolic.

6. Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting, August 31, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, August 31, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

FY 2015/2016 Journal # 95 for:	\$ 30,560.11
FY 2015/2016 Journal # 116 for:	\$ 45,860.89
FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 3 for:	\$456,713.95
Total:	\$533,134.95

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

Vice Chairperson, Copeland updated the Council that Jen Newcomb has selected a Holden resident to serve on the New School Committee.

Town Manager Benjamin R.K. Breadmore informed Council that there will be an informal Meet and Greet with new Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Smith on September 28, 2015 at the Holden Elementary School Gymnasium from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

A. Consideration of Joel Butler's Recycling Permit

Councilor Amoroso moved and Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the application for a Recycling Facility Permit for Joel Butler. Vote 5-0 in favor.

B. General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices (A-C)

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

C. Investment Policy

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve Investment Policy and sign at next Council meeting. Vote 5-0

D. Snowmobile Club Grant

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to allow the Eastern Maine Snowmobile Club to apply for a State Grant to assist with trail improvements. Vote 5-0 in favor.

E. Snowmobile Trails Extension

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the extension of snowmobile trails in Holden to extend from Fisher Rd. to Holden Nature Trail behind Holden Elementary School. Vote 5-0 in favor.

F. Motor Vehicle Accident and Billing

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to move forward with cost recovery program for Holden Fire/Rescue. Vote 5-0 in favor.

G. Appointment of Animal Control Officer

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to appoint Police Chief Christian Greeley as Animal Control Officer.

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10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Black requested consent to discuss a tax abatement for Map 12 Lot 31.

Chairperson Black polled the Council and received unanimous consent.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the 2012–2014 tax abatement for Map 12 Lot 31 for the amount of \$457.76. Vote 5-0 in favor.

11. Public Comment

John Zimmerman inquired about the hiring of a new Police Officer to fill a vacant position previous held by now Police Chief Christian Greeley.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wanda Libbey
Town Clerk

Date Approved: October 19, 2015