

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Ellen Campbell, Chairperson; Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chairperson; Ryan Carey, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; David Hawes, Councilor, via Zoom.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

There was none.

1. Public Hearing

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Carey moved and Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting, the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the Department Head Reports as presented. Councilor Carey questioned the Fire Chief about the Clifton Fire Department and their new contract paying Eddington Fire. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

C. School Board Update

There was no school board update.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Viking Lumber.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Discussion of a Newsletter

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Campbell polled the Council to take up an issue Town Manager Breadmore would like to discuss, GA appointment. The Council voted 5-0 by roll call vote to hear the issues.

Town Manager Breadmore suggested that the Council appoint Ken Hanscom as an alternate Fair Hearing Officer for the Town of Holden when implementing the General Assistance Program for the State of Maine. The appointment would allow Mr. Hanscom to conduct hearings for GA when Ben is unavailable. Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve the appointment, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; the Council approved the appointment unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Public Comment

Chief Greeley thanked everyone for their efforts in making the 25 Days of Kindness a success, he stated that the program is definitely a team effort, pointing out that Tressa Smith, Finance Director and Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk have been helpful in directing him to situations where the 25 Days of Kindness would be helpful.

Councilor Dearborn complimented Chief Greeley on his news spots about the 25 Days of Kindness on National TV, stating that the program brings a lot of positive attention to the town.

Finance Director, Tressa Smith pointed out that Fire Chief Ryan Davis and his staff have secured a \$3,400 forestry grant for the Fire Department to purchase forestry gear for the upcoming wild fire season.

F. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.