

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday February 14, 2022
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Town Manager Breadmore read the remote participation policy into the town record.

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

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Town Solicitor; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Cameron Shaw, Public Works Director; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Lieutenant.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment

5. Public Hearing

A. FY 22/23 Wages, Staffing, and Capital Improvement

There was no public testimony

6. Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Campbell seconded to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairperson Carey and Councilor Hawes abstaining due to lack of attendance at the meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to approve the Department Reports as submitted. The motion passed 5-0.

C. School Board Update

The Superintendent of Schools submitted a monthly report covering quite a bit of information for R.S.U. #63. Councilor Campbell relayed information she had acquired during her meeting with Superintendent Smith, although, the situation is not ideal for the students and the schools, the school seems to have found their way and has a good system in place to help the students.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Council recognized Maine Military Supply as a Holden business who brings much to the community. The Council also recognized Police Lieutenant Eduardo Benjamin for his dedication to the Town of Holden. Chairperson Carey read the resolution into the record and presented the award to Lieutenant Benjamin and his family

8. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

9. New Business

A. FY 22/23 Wages, Staffing, and Capital Improvement

Councilor Dearborn moved that the Council approve the FY 22/23 Wages, Staffing and Capital Improvement plans as submitted. Councilor Campbell seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

B. Town Council appoints Budget Review Committee

Councilor Copeland moved to appoint Erika Honey, Henry Stewart, Ruky Somasundera, James Pelletier and John Cousins to the Budget Review Committee and Johnathan Racine as an alternate to the Budget Review Committee for the FY22/23. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

C. Discuss Dedication of the Town Report

Councilor Campbell moved to dedicate the 2022 Town Report to Allan Poole. Councilor Copeland seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

D. Tax Acquired Property

Councilor Campbell moved to approve the sale of Map 20 Lot 13 to David & Cassandra Matson in the amount of \$65,000.00 and for any proceeds above taxes owed and legal fees from the sale be dedicated to the Building Reserve account. Councilor Copeland seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

E. Use of Nature Trails Discussion

Councilor Campbell moved to allow R.S.U. #63 more usage of the Holden Nature Trails including the tapping of a few suitable maple trees to educate the children about the maple syrup process. Councilor Copeland seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

F. Budget Schedule

Councilor Dearborn moved to modify the current budget schedule by beginning the budget review process at the scheduled March 14th Council meeting. Councilor Campbell seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

G. Sand Salt Shed Discussion

Councilor Copeland moved to allow Town staff and Haley Ward to put the sand salt project out to bid and establish a schedule to include a Special Town Meeting sometime in early to mid-April in needed. Councilor Campbell seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

There was no additional other business.

11. Public Comment

Police Chief Greeley thanked Public Works Director, Cameron Shaw and his crew for their constant support of the Police Department. Councilor Campbell echoed Chief Greeley's sentiment and added that the roads in Holden are always top notch as compared to surrounding communities and Cameron and his crew should be proud. Town Solicitor, Roger Huber, wanted it entered into the record that the reason the Council had to sign a second check to his firm (for the same invoice) was not the fault of the Holden Town Treasurer but the mistake lies with his firm and he is apologetic to the Finance Director. He also wanted the Council to know that the Town Manager has been relentless in trying to secure funds for the sand/salt shed.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.