

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 13, 2023
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

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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; Roger Huber, Town Solicitor; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Bailey Bernier, FD; Eduardo Benjamin, Police LT; Andy Whitehouse, Police Sgt.; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; John Cousins, Budget Review Committee; Dave Matson, Budget Review Committee; James Pelletier, Budget Review Committee; Henry Stewart, Budget Review Committee; Danyell Taylor, Budget Review Committee; and Richard Barclay, Holden Town Resident.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell began the moment of silence by conveying her sincerest condolences to the Family of our Chief of Police Chris Greeley on his passing last Thursday.

“Our community and staff are truly saddened to lose such an integral part of what makes Holden so amazing. It has always been my belief that one is responsible for how they impact those whose lives they touch. Sometimes you meet someone during the day, who, after you’ve parted ways, you realize that your day is a little brighter and you may have a little more pep in your step and a smile on your face, even though you’re alone. That person you just encountered was Chris Greeley, and he gave you the impression that you had just made **his** day. In the week to come I encourage each of us to reflect on how Chris touched our lives and made them better, how it has been an honor and a privilege to know him. We’re going to do our best to carry on as Chris would like us to, thanks to his capable staff, caring for our community, giving back, being a friend, reaching out, always smiling and making people laugh. I would ask that we start reflection this evening as we take a moment of silence.”

D. Public Comment

There was none.

1. Public Hearing

A. Flood Plain Management Ordinance

There were no public comments entered into the record

2. Approval of Minutes for February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council.

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Town Meeting. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, the motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Copeland moved to accept the financial warrants as presented.

Councilor Carey seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Carey moved to accept the Department Reports as submitted.

Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

C. School Board Update

There was no update.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the rest of the Council recognized Garrett's Auto for the month of March.

4. Old Business

There was no old business.

5. New Business

A. Flood Plain Management Ordinance

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the Flood Plain Management Ordinance as presented by FEMA. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; the motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

B. Discussion on Highway/Fire Department Upgrades

Councilor Copeland moved to accept the expenditure out of the Municipal Building Reserve in the sum of \$243,000 for highway/fire upgrades. Councilor Carey seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

C. Budget Review with Budget Committee

Councilor Carey moved to add \$5,000 to the budget presented to establish the Chief Christian Greeley Scholarship with details to be worked out at a later date.

Councilor Copeland moved to accept the budget as presented and amended.

Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; the motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Councilor Carey abstaining.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Councilor Copeland asked for consent of the Council to bring up the topic of fund allocation for activities related to the memory of Chief Greeley. The Council voted by roll call vote, 5-0 to discuss the topic. Councilor Copeland moved that the Council authorize the Town Manager or his designee up to \$10,000 out of the Undesignated Fund Balance as provided by the Town Charter to support ideas to honor Chief Greeley. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion, the motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Councilor Carey abstaining.

E. Public Comment

There were none

F. Executive Session

A. Discuss Property Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C).

Councilor Dearborn moved to enter into Executive Session to Discuss Property Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(C). Councilor Carey seconded the motion, the motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:34 pm, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

G. Adjournment

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm, Councilor Carey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.