

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 11, 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.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Town Solicitor; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Andy Whitehouse, Police Lt.; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Mike Nelligan, Stewart Brooks, Janna Wood, Levi Sewall, Joel Butler, Laura McCue and numerous others who did not sign in but were there to support the new Holden Police Chief.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence**

**3D. Recognitions**

Chairperson Campbell took a vote of the Council to take the agenda out of order by managing the recognition part of the agenda before the Council proceeds with the rest of the agenda. The vote passed 5-0.

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Phantom Fireworks as the Business of the Month. Councilor Copeland will present the award later in the week.

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Mark Leonard for his help and attentiveness to the family of Chief Greeley. Chairperson Campbell read the resolve into the record.

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**TITLE: RESOLVE; RECOGNIZE MARK LEONARD FOR HIS SERVICE TO  
CHIEF OF POLICE CHRIS GREELEY.**

Filed April 11, 2023  
By Council Chair Campbell

WHEREAS, Mark Leonard has served as Chief of Police for the Town of Veazie since September of 2001, served as Town Manager since February of 2014, and served as President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association; and

WHEREAS, Mark has been a lifelong friend of Chief Greeley and his family, stepping up in their time of need to help Donna, Cole, Ali, and Sam during their

time of loss to orchestrate the Shrine Hall, music, and food for the event, giving many a chance to grieve; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Holden Town Council, on behalf of the Citizens of Holden, herewith commend Mark Leonard as an individual who leads by example; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town of Holden in testimony of the appreciation held for Mark Leonard by the citizens and officials of the Town of Holden, Maine.

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Chairperson Campbell called for the newly appointed Police Chief, Eduardo Benjamin, and his family to approach the Council to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. Chief Benjamin was pinned with his new badge by his beautiful children. The Councilors all congratulated and thanked Chief Benjamin and stated how proud they were to have him as their new Police Chief. Chief Benjamin thanked everyone for their support and promised to do his best and keep Chief Greeley's spirit alive and the department moving forward.

Chairperson Campbell called for the newly appointed Police Lieutenant Andrew Whitehouse and his family to approach the Council to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. Lieutenant Whitehouse was pinned with his new badge by his Mom and daughter. Chairperson Campbell and the Council congratulated Lt. Whitehouse.

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Fire Department Chief Ryan Davis. The Town of Holden submitted Chief Davis as a candidate for Maine Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Chief of the Year. Although we were unsuccessful, Holden wanted to recognized Chief Davis for all he does for the town consistently.

**D. Public Comment**

There was none.

**1. Public Hearing**

**A. Renewal application for sale of fireworks, Phantom Fireworks**

There were no comments/public testimony.

**B. FY 2023/2023 Proposed Budget**

There were no comments/public testimony.

**C. Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

There were no comments/public testimony.

**D. Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance**

There were no comments/public testimony.

**2. Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council and Budget Review Committee.**

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council and Budget Review Committee.

Councilor Carey seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Carey moved to accept the financial warrants as presented. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor Copeland moved to accept the Department Reports as submitted. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**C. School Board Update**

There was no school board update

**4. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**5. New Business**

**A. Sale of Fireworks Permit for Phantom Fireworks**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve the permit for the sale of fireworks by Phantom Fireworks. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hawes and passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**B. Consider Approval of the Annual Town Report**

Councilor Carey made a motion to accept the proof of the Annual Town Report with amendments. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**C. Consider Approval of FY 2023/2024 Council Budget Recommendations**

Councilor Copeland moved to approve the FY 2023/2024 Council Budget Recommendations. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Councilor Carey abstaining.

**D. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1 with Councilor Carey abstaining.

**E. Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Councilor Carey made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment approved by the Planning Board and Holden Staff. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**F. Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve the Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance approved by Planning Board and Holden Staff. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**G. Consider use of matching funds for purchase of a LUCAS Machine**

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the use of matching funds for the purchase of a LUCAS machine. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0-1 with Councilor Carey abstaining.

**H. Consider use of reserve funds for purchase of Geo Location equipment.**

Councilor Carey moved to use reserve funds to purchase Geo Location equipment. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**I. Purchase Map 19 Lot 8-5 in Debeck Business Park**

Councilor Carey moved that the Council approve the purchase of a lot in Debeck back from the current owner, \$30,000 which will come from the Building Reserve Account. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**J. Appointment of Deputy Code Official**

Councilor Carey moved to appoint Stewart M. Brooks to the positions of Deputy Code Officer, Deputy Local Plumbing Inspector and Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Holden. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

Chairperson Campbell polled the Council to receive consent to take up a topic Town Manager Breadmore would like to highlight, the 25 Days of Kindness and its composition. The Council voted unanimous to hear the Town Manager. Manager Breadmore updated the Council that the 25 Days of Kindness is working through the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization with the help of attorney Greg Dorr.

**E. Public Comment**

There was none.

**F. Adjournment**

Councilor Copeland made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.