

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 15, 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; Officer Michael Beal; Officer Rodney Gerald; Bailey Bernier Firefighter; Kate Carey and her boys.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence**

**D. Meet the Candidates**

Two members of the Town Council, David Hawes and Joel Dearborn are up for re-election this June. They both introduced themselves and gave brief statements about why they enjoy working on the Town Council and would like to continue to do so.

**E. Public Comment**

Town Manager, Ben Breadmore, relayed to the Council that Representative Kevin O'Connell had contacted him and dropped off the House calendar from Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and past Police Chief Greeley had received a legislative sentiment, Breadmore has it in his office, available for anyone interested in reading it.

**1. Public Hearing**

There was none.

**2. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council.**

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Town Council. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

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

**B. Department Reports**

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

**C. School Board Update**

There was no school board update.

**D. Recognitions**

Chairperson Campbell and the Town Council recognized Holden Cabinet for the month of May.

Chairperson Campbell and the Town Council recognized Officer Michael Beal for his achievement of Police Officer of the Year.

**4. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**5. New Business**

**A. Veterans Memorial Expansion discussion**

Councilor Copeland discussed the idea of putting a committee together to construct a tribute to first responders as an expansion of the Veterans Memorial and including a tribute to former Chief Greeley.

**B. Zoning Change as recommended by Planning Board**

Councilor Carey made a motion to support the Planning Board decision to amend a portion of Map 22 Lot 5 from R-3 Rural Residential to LC Limited Commercial. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**C. Amendment to Holden Town Council Rules and Procedure**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to amend the Holden Town Council Rules and Procedures by omitting the second public comment at the closing of the meeting. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; the motion 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 Spirit of America nomination. The Council voted unanimous to hear the Town Manager. Manager Breadmore suggested the Town of Holden nominate Chief Greeley to receive the Spirit of America award this year. Councilor Copeland made a motion to nominate Chief Greeley for the Spirit of America; Councilor Hawes seconded the motion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**E. Public Comment**

Noting that this will be the last second public comment on the agenda for the foreseeable future for the Holden Town Council, Manager Breadmore mentioned that the new garage doors are on the public works garage and look amazing and everyone should take a peek; roof work next week!

**F. Adjournment**

Councilor Carey made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 pm, Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.