

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 15, 2019
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Thomas Copeland, Chairperson; Rod Black, Vice Chairperson; Patricia Sirois, Councilor; Robert Harvey, Councilor; Ryan Carey, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Andy Fish, Treasurer; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Bruce Dowling, Highway; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Carol Cuddy; Art Unobskey; Greg Hawes; John Mills and other members of the public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Chairperson Copeland asked for a moment of silence to reflect on someone or something positive that has touched their lives since we last met.

4. Public Comment - None

5. Approval of Minutes for June 17, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to approve the minutes for June 17, 2019, Regular Council Meeting as amended. Vote 5-0 in favor.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Sirois seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

FY 2018/2019 Journal Entry #513	\$	235.08
FY 2018/2019 Journal Entry #532	\$	47,218.85
FY 2018/2019 Journal Entry #535	\$	465.45
FY 2019/2020 Journal Entry # 16	\$	40,727.18
FY 2019/2020 Warrant # 10	\$	21,339.81
FY 2019/2020 Warrant # 13	\$	19,048.22
FY 2019/2020 Warrant # 3	\$	402,994.88

Total: \$ 532,029.47

B. Department Reports

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. School Board Update - None

7. Old Business

A. Marijuana Ordinance Discussion

Several revisions were recommended by Councilors which the town's lawyer, Roger Huber, will make and have ready for Planning Boards review on July 16, 2019.

B. Warrant Officer Discussion

It was recommended to not appoint a Warrant Officer and continue the warrant process as it is currently done.

8. New Business

A. Set the FY 2019-2020 tax mil rate

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to approve setting the FY 2019/2020 Mil Rate at \$17.00 using \$410,200 from fund balance. Vote 5-0 in favor.

B. Establish Tax Due Dates

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Sirois seconded; to set the first installment of 2019 property and personal taxes, which is 50% of the total tax, will be due on September 17, 2019 or 30 days after commitment or whichever is later. Interest will be charged on September 18, 2019 or 31 days after commitment, whichever is later, on unpaid portion of 50% of tax bill. The second installment of 2019 property and personal taxes, which is 50% of the total tax, will be due on March 17, 2020. Interest will be charged on March 18, 2020, on the remaining 50% of tax bill. Unpaid taxes as of April 30, 2020 will be listed in the Town Report. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. Set Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes

Councilor Harvey moved, Council Carey seconded; to fix an interest rate of 9%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

D. 906 Order

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to accept the 906 Order. Vote 5-0 in favor

E. Pre-Paid Taxes

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to accept pre-payment of taxes; however, the Town will not pay interest (0% interest) on collected funds if the taxpayer requires reimbursement of the pre-collected funds. Vote 5-0 in favor.

F. Overpayment of Taxes

Councilor Carey moved, Councilor Sirois seconded; to set the interest rate for overpayment of taxes at 5%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

G. Cost Recovery Ordinance Discussion

To move forward with the drafting of a Cost Recovery Ordinance to be discussed at the August 21, 2019 Council Meeting. Then possibly bring draft ordinance to Public Hearing at Town Council Meeting in September 2019.

H. Discussion on the Removal of Bloods Hill Road Barricade

Discussion was held and Council asked Chief Davis to get the input of the residents who reside on Bloods Hill Road and also the Highway Department. Council also asked that further research be done on the cost and type of gate and bring this information back to Council.

I. Cemetery Trust Interest

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to transfer \$544.13 from the Cemetery Interest Account into the Cemetery Reserve Account. Vote 5-0 in favor.

9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Unanimous consent was given by Council to take up other business at this time.

Councilor Black asked to change the August meeting to Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Council voted 5-0 in favor of date change.

Councilor Sirois was asked by a resident if it is possible to have a sign that reads Air Brakes Prohibited in the Village Zone? Town Manager Breadmore and Councilor Sirois will speak with a MDOT representative to see if this is possible.

10. Public Comment

Several residents spoke of their concerns and the negative effects that the passing of a Marijuana Ordinance will have on the Town of Holden and its residents. It was also recommended that this be brought to referendum vote at the November 5, 2019 election.

Executive Session

A. Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A)

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to enter into Executive Session (5:01 p.m.) to discuss Personnel Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C). Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Sirois moved, Councilor Carey seconded; to exit Executive Session at (6:25 p.m.). Vote 5-0 in favor.

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11. Adjournment

Councilor Carey moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

Date Approved by Council: August 21, 2019