

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Ryan Carey, Chairperson; Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chairperson; Ellen Campbell, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; and David Hawes, Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Legal Counsel; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Andy Whitehouse, Police Lt.; Hunter Christian; Officer; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Millard Billings, Tax Assessor; Brent Basley; Fire Captain; Brooke Billings, Christopher Rowell, Guy Morrill, Josh Berry, Larry Lafland.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence**

**D. Public Comment**

Christopher Rowell spoke asking timing of revaluation and what that means for real estate. Guy Morrill expressed their concern with the revaluations and what that will mean for residents.

**1. Public Hearing**

There was none.

**2. Approval of Minutes for July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council.**

Councilor Campbell moved to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Town Council. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0-1.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

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

**B. Department Reports**

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

**C. School Board Update**

Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager mentioned the School Department has several open positions looking to be filled.

**D. Recognitions**

Chairperson Carey and the Town Council recognized Port Harbor Marine for the month of August. Ronda Hogan was recognized for her time served as Town Clerk/Registrar.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Town-Wide Revaluation**

Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager gave quick update on more information into the revaluation. Councilor Dearborn asked Tressa in regards to the State Revenue Share loss and how that was determined. Millard Billings, Tax Assessor addressed how the revaluations will be done.

**5. New Business**

**A. Snowmobile Club Grant**

Councilor Hawes moved to approve the grant for the Snowmobile Club. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

**B. Winter Salt Quotes**

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve using New England Salt Company at \$75.05 per ton. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

**C. Winter Sand Quotes**

Vice-Chairperson Copeland moved to approve using Rick Whitmore for purchasing sand at \$14.00 per yard. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

**D. Consider Approval to Traditions Golf Club, Inc Liquor License**

Councilor Hawes moved to approve Traditions Golf Club, Inc Liquor License. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

**6. Other Business**

**A.** Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager brought to the Councils Attention the first couple checks for stumpage came in and asked for approval for funds to be put back into Building Reserve. Vice-Chairperson Copeland moved to approve. Councilor Campvell seconded the motion; it pass unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

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

**A. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

Vice-Chairperson Copeland made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:27 pm, Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Councilor Dearborn made a motion to come out of

Executive Session at 7:15 pm, Councilor Campbell seconded motion; it passed unanimously by a vote 5-0.

**Other Business**

Town Council went into other business to set another Town Council meeting on August 28, 2023 for public discussion concerning revaluation. Councilor Campbell made a motion to hold meeting, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

**E. Adjournment**

Councilor Hawes made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm, Vice-Chairperson Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.