

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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; Brooke Billings, Clerk; Melissa Gray, Deputy Clerk; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Andy Whitehouse, Police LT.; Hunter Christian, Officer; Brent Basley, Fire Captain; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Superintendent Fulgoni; School Board member Amy Hart; Jim Dunning, Cassella; Gary Ferrill, Clifton Selectboard; John Williams, Clifton Select Board.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Moment of Silence
- D. Public Comment

Vice Chair Thomas Copeland let those present know that the First Responders Memorial dedication would be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

**1. Public Hearing**

**A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to incorporate changes from LD 337 and the Fee Schedule.**

Town Council Chair Cary Opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. and closed the Public Hearing with no comments at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.**

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

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

C. School Board Update

Superintendent Fulgoni updated the Town Council and those present about the state of our educational system and steps taken towards consolidation of our schools in the future.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Town Council recognized A&M Men's Collective for the month of October.

4. **Old Business**

**A. Abatement Request**

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve the abatement request as presented.  
Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

5. **New Business**

**A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to incorporate changes from LD 337 and the Fee Schedule.**

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to incorporate changes from LD 337 and the Fee Schedule. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**B. Curbside Collection Discussion**

Jim Dunning provided a presentation on the future of Municipal Solid Waste pickup for the Town of Holden related to the curb side bins and changes in operation post our current contract.

**C. School Consolidation Discussion**

Superintendent Fulgoni gave a deeper dive along with Town Manager Breadmore about the process thus far and what to expect in the future.

**D. Foreclosures**

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

**E. Shooting Range Discussion**

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve the construction of the Shooting Range. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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

E. Executive Session

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

Councilor Dearborn moved to enter Executive Session to Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A). Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Campbell moved to exit Executive Session. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Copeland moved to enter Other Business to discuss the Contract of the Town Manager. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve the Town Managers Contract as presented. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

F. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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