

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 17th, 2022
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; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Lt. Luce, Fire Chief; Mindy Cyr; Raymond and Katherine Campbell.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

Town Manager Breadmore read into the record an email received from Kathy and Kevin Crossman regarding the Maine Property Tax Stabilization Program.

1. Public Hearing

2. Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 regular meeting, the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Carey seconded to approve the Department Head Reports as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Greeley gave an update on the directed patrols on the South Road.

Councilor Dearborn inquired of Chief Greeley and Lt. Luce the resources available for officers and fire fighters to cope with situations such as the fatal car accident on Route 1A that occurred recently.

Both Chief Greeley and Lt. Luce discussed the resources we have through the employee health trust and the annual training.

Councilor Carey requested an update from Lt. Luce on the ongoing ambulance situation in our area, to which Lt. Luce updated the Council on the struggles due to call volume and staffing currently facing the region.

C. School Board Update

There was no School Board update

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Hill View Mini Barns.

The Town Council also recognized Raymond W. Campbell for his 46 years of Scouting, 43 of those years with the Cub and Boy Scouts of Troop 21 here in Holden Maine.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Audit Presentation

Mindy Cyr was on hand to answer any questions the Town Council had regarding the Audit.

B. Appointment to the Board of Cemetery Trustees

Councilor Carey moved and Councilor Copeland seconded to appoint Andrew Bryan to the Board of Cemetery Trustees, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

F. Executive Session

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

Councilor Carey made a motion to move to executive session, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes second to exit to executive session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Copeland seconded to include the handouts provided by Town Manager Breadmore be made part of the minutes of the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilor Copeland moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the Town Manager contract as amended. The motion was approved 4 to 1.

G. Adjournment

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Carey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.