

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday November 14, 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.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber; Town Solicitor; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Rodney Gerald, New PD hire, Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Capt. Wunder, Fire Department; Ron Bragg.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

Councilor Copeland thanked everyone for the efforts made in putting together the Veteran's Day ceremony and reported that it was a very nice ceremony.

1. Public Hearing

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes for October 17, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Ryan moved and Councilor Dearborn seconded to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 regular meeting, the motion was passed 4-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Carey seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the Department Head Reports as submitted. The motion passed 4-0.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore updated the Council that the interim Superintendent has been hired as the permanent Superintendent for SAD #63.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Dorsey Furniture.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Consider Renewal of Big Bang Boom Annual Fireworks Sale Permit

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve the annual permit for Big Bang Boom to sell fireworks, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Cemetery GIS Mapping

Councilor Carey moved to proceed with Haley Ward on the creation of a GIS mapping program for the Holden cemeteries, Councilor Dearborn seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

C. Blue Wave Solar

Councilor Carey moved to proceed with the option of leasing land at the Town Office to Blue Wave Solar and to appoint Councilor Carey, Councilor Dearborn and Town Manager Breadmore to select either Prentiss & Carlisle or Sappi to responsibly harvest the property this winter, Councilor Copeland seconded. The Town Solicitor noticed the proposal from Blue Wave in front of the Council was not the most up to date proposal. Councilor Dearborn moved to table the motion; Councilor Copeland seconded. The motion was tabled by a vote of 4-0.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Campbell polled the Council to take up two issues the Town Manager would like to present. The Council voted 4-0 to hear the issues.

Town Manager Breadmore informed the Council that the municipal complex has experienced water issues and although the issues have been resolved, it was at a cost to the Town. Councilor Dearborn moved that the funds be taken from the Building Reserve Account, Councilor Carey seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

Town Manager Breadmore brought to the Council attention that the Highway Department equipment trailer is in pretty rough shape and in order to make it through the upcoming year the department would have to refurbish the trailer at a cost that may not actually be beneficial to the Town. Breadmore had instructed the PW Foreman, Darrin Gray to see if he could find a new suitable trailer while Breadmore ran some numbers to see if purchasing the trailer would be feasible. PW Foreman Gray spoke to the Council about the state of the current trailer and the safety issues with it. Councilor Copeland moved to purchase the new trailer for the Highway Department, Councilor Dearborn seconded. The motion passed by 4-0.

E. Public Comment

Police Chief Greeley introduced Rodney Gerald his new police department hire, who he is very pleased with. Greeley also thanked Tressa Smith for her help with the accounting issues of the 25 Days of Kindness and Town Manager Breadmore for working for the Town every day of his three-day weekend.

Town Manager informed the Council that he had a conversation with B&B Paving and the paving world is changing and he will be checking the roads in Holden with the PW Foreman to see what needs paving, earlier than normal, because the paving company is very short on staff and equipment and they are scheduling way ahead of normal.

F. Executive Session

A. Discuss Property Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (C)

Councilor Carey made a motion to move to executive session, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Carey second to exit to executive session. The motion was approved 4-0.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Carey seconded to approve the Sale of lot 8-6 in Debeck Business Park to Ron Bragg of Ron Bragg Carpentry. The motion was approved 4-0.

G. Adjournment

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Copeland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.