

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday November 15, 2021
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

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

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Town Solicitor; Chris Greely, Police Chief; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Craig Russell, EMT, Members of the Holden Land Trust, John Bryant, Carol Cuddy, Betty Jamison and Kris Reed.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

5. Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Campbell seconded to approve the minutes for the October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the financial information as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Campbell seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore relayed that the school board/bus garage passed through Holden Planning Board subdivision process and they will be moving in the end of this month.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Council recognized the Ron's Moving this month, for their longstanding partnership with Holden and all that they bring to the community.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

A. Discussion on Hog Hill access

Councilor Dearborn moved to table the decision on the Hog Hill access until the next Council meeting which would be after the Holden Land Trust has had their meeting and a chance to discuss. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

B. Grant Match for Snowmobile/Utility Trailer

Councilor Copeland moved to authorize funds from the Equipment Grant Match Reserve Fund for the purchase of a snowmobile/utility trailer. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

C. Discussion on Fire Department Position

Councilor Dearborn moved to create an additional full-time position in the Holden Fire Department. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous consent.

9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

A. Allocation of monies from the sale of a lot in Debeck Park

Councilor Dearborn recommended that the profit from the selling of a lot in Debeck Park (\$6,000) be allocated to the Building Department Reserve Account. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Overview of the Capital Improvement/Wages and Staffing Committee

Town Manager, Benjamin Breadmore, gave a quick update stating that the Capital Improvement committee has decided it is a good idea to put some funding into the cemetery reserve. It was also noted that the committee is taking a very hard look at wages and staffing and keeping tabs on what neighboring towns are doing and where we are.

10. Public Comment

Councilor Copeland informed the Council that on Veterans Day, not only did the Town recognize the Veterans of the Community but this is the first year that they included the Veterans that work for the Town but are not necessarily residents of the Town.

11. Adjournment

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Hogan
Town Clerk

True and Attested Copy Date: 10/20/2021