

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday December 12, 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; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Lt. Luce, Fire Department; Sgt. Whitehouse, Holden P.D.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

There was none.

1. Public Hearing

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting and November 22, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting and November 22, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting, the motion was passed 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the Department Head Reports with minor spelling corrections. The motion passed 5-0.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore updated the Council that there was an electronic survey sent out from SAD #63 and he would forward it to them.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized Apex Metals.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Consider Approval of the 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Plan

Councilor Copeland recommended approving the Capital Improvement Plan as presented, Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Establish 25 Days of Kindness account at Machias Savings Bank

Councilor Carey recommended approving the creation of an account at Machias Savings for the 25 Days of Kindness, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Updates to the Holden Highway Garage

Councilor Carey moved to approve the discussed upgrades to the Holden Highway Garage to include expanding the office and replacing the hearing system, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. Road Improvement

Councilor Dearborn moved to discuss work to be conducted next spring prior to paving on Mann Hill Road, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Campbell polled the Council to take up an issue Councilor Copeland would like to discuss, wages and staffing. The Council voted 5-0 to hear the issues.

Town Manager Breadmore submitted a short summary compiled by the wages and staffing committee for the upcoming budget year. The Council approved the wages and staffing proposal unanimously.

E. Public Comment

Chief Davis stated that he was pleased to see the Council recognize Apex Metals, the fire department has a great working relationship with Apex Metals that Chief Davis really appreciates.

Town Manager Breadmore informed the Council of a new project coming to town, a new sports dome that will be 69,000 sq feet in addition to outdoor sports fields on Route 1A. The dome is in the fundraising phase but hopes to have the dome completed by November 2023 and the outdoor fields completed by March of 2024.

F. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Carey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.