

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday December 16th, 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; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Brooke Billings, Clerk; Melissa Gray, Deputy Clerk; Garrett Clark, Officer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; and Dan, Crosby Welding.

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

1. Public Hearing

2. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.

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

C. School Board Update

Town manager Breadmore let participants know that the school was holding a meeting at 6:30 p.m. same evening.

D. Recognitions

None at this time.

4. Old Business

None at this time.

5. New Business

A. Donation of Minivan

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the recommendation of accepting & selling of the minivan. Funds would be used for upgrades and repairs to the fire station. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

B. Abatement Consideration

Councilor Campbell moved to accept the recommendation to abate property rather than track the mobile home down. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed 4-0-1.

C. Trash Update

Town Manager Breadmore gave an update about the follow up conversation about a 10-year deal. Casella is open to a 5-year plan with a 5-year extension. Councilor Dearborn did ask for numbers per household.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Town Manager Breadmore asked council to open up other business for reevaluation discussion. It passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

E. Executive Session

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

Councilor Dearborn moved to enter Executive Session at 6:15 to Discuss Property Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (C). Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Vice-Chair Copeland motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Dearborn; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Unanimous Consent was given to take up Other Business to authorize the Town Manager to work with legal counsel on selling Map 19 Lot 8-8 to Crosby Welding.

Councilor Campbell motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Hawes; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

F. Adjournment

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., Vice Chair Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.