

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday February 16, 2021  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Members present:** Thomas Copeland, Chairperson; Ryan Carey, Vice Chair Person; Rod Black, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; and David Hawes; Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Chris Greeley, Chief of Police; Roger Huber, Legal Counsel; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Luitenant; and Hunter Christian, Police Officer.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Moment of Silence**

**4. Public Comment**

Chris Greeley, Chief of Police introduced Hunter Cristian to the Town Council. Hunter will be deployed as a service member in the National Guard for the next 13 months. The Holden Town Council and those present thanked Hunter for his service and wished him well serving our country.

**5. Approval of Minutes for January 19, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Carey seconded; to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2021, Regular Council Meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Fire Training was discussed in regards to cost prohibitive measures required to do live fire burns. Town Manager Breadmore was requested to reach out to Representative Lyford and Senator Rosen to see what changes maybe be possible to alleviate this concern in the future.

**C. School Board Update**

Council Chair Copeland and Town Manager Breadmore gave an update on the Schools use of COVID-19 relief funds as well as the activities of the Holbrook Recreation.

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business**

**A. Town Council appoints Budget Review Committee**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to appoint Jonathan Racine, James Pelletier, Hank Stewart, Bonita Clark, and Ruky Somasundera. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**B. Discuss Dedication of the Town Report**

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to nominate Chief of Police Chris Greeley as this year Town Report dedication. After protest from the nominated individual, the decision was unanimous. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**C. Solar Discussion**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to meet with Blue Wave Solar the following month and to have Town Manager Breadmore and Legal Counsel Huber meet with the interested party prior to the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**D. Acceptance of Donation to the M.A.C account**

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Haws seconded to accept the \$500 donation to the M.A.C. account. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**E. Tax Acquired Property**

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Carey seconded to rescind the vote made at the January Regular Town Council Meeting on selling the property at Map 12 Lot 6-G. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to authorize the Town Manger to sell the tax acquired property at Map 12 Lot 6-G to Matson Holdings LLC in the amount of \$21,000.

**9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

Councilor Carey requested the Town Council allow for discussion related to “State Wide Police Powers” for our Police Department. Unanimous Consent was given.

Chief of Police Chris Greeley along with Police Luitenant Eduardo Benjamin presented the idea of having the ability enforce their police powers across Town and/or County lines. More research will be done on this topic to and information will be brought before

the Town Council at a later date. Town Manager Breadmore will also reach out to Maine Municipal to assure insurance will not be a concern.

**10. Public Comment**

None

**11. Adjournment**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Vote 5-0 in favor.

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