

Town of Holden
Joint Town Council & Budget Review Committee Meeting
Monday March 22, 2021
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

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

Members present: Vice-Chairperson Carey, Councilor Black, Councilor Dearborn, and Councilor Hawes.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Bruce Dowling, Highway Foreman; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; James Pelletier, Budget Committee Member; Hank Stewart, Budget Committee Member; Johnathan Racine, Budget Committee Member; Ruky Somasundera, Budget Committee Member; Bonnie Clark, Budget Committee Member; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Department; Dale Wonder, Fire Department; Cameron Shaw, Highway Department; Robert Harvey, Resident; Pat Sirois, Resident; and Ellen Campbell, Resident.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairperson Carey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Vice-Chairperson Carey asked that we take a moment to reflect on something positive in our lives since we last met.

4. Public Comment

Robert Harvey spoke to the proposed budget before the Town Council and Budget Committee. He relayed his understanding and support for the increase. The community has worked very hard to build reserves in an effort to plan for tomorrow, where for many years we cut to off set other costs.

5. New Business

A. Discussion with Town Manager and Staff FY 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Vice Chairperson Carey asked that Town Manager Breadmore lead the discussion concerning the budget before the Town Council and Budget Committee.

Town Manger Breadmore reviewed the budget with the Town Council and Budget Committee members department by department, answering questions and noting proposed clerical errors under the Administration narrative.

Town Manager Breadmore thanked everyone for their participation in the crafting of the budget and taking their time to review the material. The budget was crafted with input from all sides, with Department Heads and staff looking very closely at what it takes to run the operation in order to offer the best level of service to our residents.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

None

7. Public Comment

Councilor Black spoke to echo Robert Harveys comments on the importance of the Reserve Accounts and there will come a day interests rates go back up and we will be in a much better position financially to serve the town.

8. Adjournment

Councilor Dearborn moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Councilor Hawes. Vote 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager

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