

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday May 16, 2022
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

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; Thomas Copeland, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; David Hawes, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Chris Greeley, Birthday Boy; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Lt. Chris Luce, Fire Department; Carol Cuddy; Katherine Morelli; Heather Lander; Barbara Carey; and Kate Carey.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

Chairperson Carey broke from the agenda at this point and the Council wished Police Chief Chris Greeley a Happy 60th Birthday and welcomed everyone to celebrate by enjoying cake and ice cream. Chief Greeley thanked the Council and stated how appreciative he is for his position as Chief and for the community and Council.

4. Meet the Candidates

Chairperson Carey opened the meeting, giving the candidates from the upcoming municipal election a chance to introduce themselves and state why they have decided to run for office. Katherine Morelli and Heather Lander, both candidates for the SAD #63 Board of Directors and Thomas Copeland and Ryan Carey both candidates for Holden Town Council introduced themselves and stated why they were interested in running for office.

5. Public Comment

Town Manager, Ben Breadmore, took a minute to recognize Darrin Gray and thank him for stepping up for the Public Works Department and filling the role of Public Works Director. Darrin thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and stated that he is eager to help out the community in his new position.

6. Public Hearing

A. Subdivision Amendment Proposal

There were no comments from the public.

7. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting & April 25, 2022 Special Town Meeting

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 regular meeting and the April 25, 2022 Special Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Campbell seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Hawes moved; Councilor Campbell seconded to approve the Department Head Reports as submitted. Councilor Dearborn spoke to the Police Chief in regards to his report about citizens being scammed, Councilor Dearborn would like to see a public class offered so that citizens are more aware and maybe run less risk of losing funds. Councilor Campbell echoed Councilor Dearborn's thoughts/sentiments. Councilor Dearborn also took the opportunity to thank Darrin Gray for accepting the Public Works Director position. Darrin thanked Councilor Dearborn and the Council. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager, Breadmore gave a quick overview of the upcoming school budget and how it will affect the Town.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Council recognized Jones Lobster for their relatively new business to the community and the deliciousness it provides.

9. Old Business

A. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Councilor Campbell moved to approve the Town Meeting Warrant Articles as presented, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote 5-0.

10. New Business

A. Subdivision Amendment Proposal

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve the Subdivision Amendment Proposal; Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Personnel Policy Amendments

Councilor Copeland moved to approve the Personnel Policy Amendments with the amendment of including Easter as a paid holiday; Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Accept Donation from Phantom Fireworks

Councilor Campbell moved to accept the donation from Phantom Fireworks; Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Carey polled the Council to see if they approved to take up two points of other business. The Council voted unanimously to hear the other business.

Councilor Copeland moved to accept grant funding, \$5,803.00, from Penobscot County which Holden received due to the covid process. A portion of this grant funding will go to the Fire Department (\$2,055.30) for their drone grant and the remainder will be put in the municipal building reserve account. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawes made a motion to have the Town Solicitor draft a proposal for the Council to consider regarding the new “Maine Housing Crisis” legislation recently passed. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Executive Session

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

The executive session was tabled due to the presenter not being prepared.

14. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.; Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.