

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday June 21, 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 Chairperson; David Hawes, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor and Ellen Campbell, via Zoom, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Lieutenant; Cameron Shaw, Public Works Director; Bruce Dowling; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk; Bob & Debbie Harvey; Phil Boyd, Police Officer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Elect New Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Copeland thanked the Council, Town Manager and his staff for everything they do, stating that it made his year as Chairperson very enjoyable; he then opened the floor to nominations for a new Chairperson. Councilor Dearborn nominated Councilor Carey, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Newly elected Chairperson Carey opened the floor to nominations for a Vice Chairperson. Councilor Dearborn nominated Councilor Campbell, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Public Comment

Lt. Benjamin reported on the Bureau of Highway and Safety Funding, stating that due to the good job that Holden P.D. is doing the bureau is willing to help them out financially.

6. Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Copeland and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Unanimous approval by a roll call vote with Councilor Campbell abstaining due to the fact that this is her first Council meeting as a newly elected Councilor.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the financial information as presented. Unanimous approval by a roll call vote.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Unanimous approval by a roll call vote.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager, Ben Breadmore, gave a quick update of the election results for the school board and reported that Holly Whitmore is the new Chair of the RSU #63 School Board.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

A. Recognitions

Town Manager, Benjamin Breadmore, presented Bruce Dowling with a Road Scholar Award from the Maine Local Road Center who unfortunately was not able to be at the presentation in person. Chairman Carey and the Council presented Mr. Dowling with an appreciation award for his 40 years of service to the Town of Holden.

The Council also presented Leadbetter's Convenience Store of Holden with a recognition of their continued support to the Town. Councilor Copeland moved to adopt the recognition, Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by roll call vote.

B. Mobile Home Park License Renewals

C. Appointment of Town Officials

D. Town Manager Authorization (Annual Delegated Authority by Council)

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve items B., C., and D. under New Business on the agenda together as one roll call vote. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion, they were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Discuss FY 2021/2022 Road Paving

Councilor Copeland moved to approve the road paving for FY2021/2022 as presented. Councilor Hawes seconded and the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Replacement of Town Office Front Door

Councilor Campbell made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement front door for the Town Office, Councilor Copeland seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Town Sign Discussion

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve \$6,000 out of the Economic Development Reserve for welcoming signs for both ends of Route 1A, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote. The Council has instructed the Town Manager to look into similar signs for Route 46.

10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Councilor Copeland mentioned the new carpet that has been installed by Salibas in the entry way of the Town Office and how nice it looked; and made a motion to have the Town Manager look into getting a price for replacing carpet in the Police Department. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Public Comment

Bob Harvey mentioned that he would like to recognize past Councilor Rod Black for the knowledge and expertise that he brought to the Council. Chairperson Carey stated that there is a recognition in the works.

Bruce Dowling thanked the Council, the Town Manager and his staff and the citizens of the town for his last 40 years. He hopes he was able to serve the town well and he is proud to be leaving the town in capable hands.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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