

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2022
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Ellen Campbell, Chairperson; Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chairperson; Ryan Carey, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; David Hawes, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Phil Boyd, Holden P.D.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

Councilor Copeland informed the Council that he had been to Bucksport Monument and received an update on the cemetery headstone repairs. He was told they are coming along; they did not get as much accomplished as they had wished over the winter but they are hopeful to get much more done this fall.

1. Public Hearing

There was no public hearing.

2. Approval of Minutes for June 21, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 regular meeting the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the financial warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Hawes moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to approve the Department Head Reports as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

C. School Board Update

There was no School Board update

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Campbell and the Council recognized the Holden KOA Campground for being a long-standing business and making visitors feel not only welcome but right at home in our community.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. A. Set the FY 2022-2023 tax mil rate

Councilor Carey moved to adopt option #1 from the staff recommendations to use \$250,000 from the fund balance to offset the budget increase in the 2022 budget and the mil rate would remain unchanged at 17.85 (0.01785). Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

B. Establish Tax Due Dates

Councilor Dearborn moved to set the tax due dates as recommended by the Town Assessor as September 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023 for the upcoming year. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

C. Set Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes

Councilor Hawes moved to set the interest rate for delinquent taxes at 4%. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

D. 906 Order

Councilor Carey moved that the Council approve and sign the 906 Order (36 M.R.S.A. §906). Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

E. Pre-Paid Taxes

Councilor Hawes moved to set an interest rate of 0% on prepaid taxes for the Town of Holden. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

F. Overpayment of Taxes

Councilor Hawes moved to accept an interest rate of 0% on the overpayment of taxes for the Town of Holden. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Campbell polled the Council to see if they approved to take up one point of other business. The Council voted unanimously to hear the other business. Councilor Copeland requested that the Town Manager and Staff work on some discussion points for the next Town Council Meeting about the new law being passed regarding senior tax deferment.

Town Manager Ben Breadmore requested that all Councilors, if they so choose, sign the Maine Municipal Ballot before they leave the meeting tonight. Councilor

Carey moved that the Councilors sign the ballot for the MMA Policy Committee, Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

F. Public Comment

Town Manager thanked the Town of Holden Staff for their work in keeping a level mil rate and welcomed back the Council Chair, we are extremely happy to have you back!

G. Adjournment

Councilor Hawes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.; Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.