

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday September 19, 2022
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

MINUTES

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; Roger Huber; Town Solicitor; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Officer Whitehouse; Holden P.D.; Ronda J. Hogan, Town Clerk; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Kate Carey and sons; Thomas and Laurie Kelly; Rachel & Marco, representatives from Blue Wave.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

Thomas and Laurie Kelly expressed their continuing concern over short term rentals currently operating on Collette Road, suggesting to the Town Council some ordinance regulations that may help if adopted.

1. Public Hearing

A. MMA General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-F & H)

There were no public comments

B. Impact Fee Ordinance

There were no public comments

2. Approval of Minutes for August 15, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Carey seconded to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 regular meeting, the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

B. Department Reports

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes 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 Pine Cone Mobile Home Park.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-F & H)

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Carey seconded to approve the new GA amounts, the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Capital Improvement Committee

Councilor Copeland moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to appoint Councilor Carey and Councilor Dearborn to the Capital Improvement Committee, the motion was passed unanimously.

C. Staffing Review Committee

Councilor Carey moved and Councilor Dearborn seconded to appoint Councilor Copeland and Councilor Hawes to the Staffing Review Committee, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Impact Fee Ordinance

Councilor Carey moved and Councilor Copeland seconded to approve the presented Impact Fee Ordinance, the motion passed unanimously.

E. Presentation on Solar by Pine Tree Solar

Mike Riggs from Pine Tree Solar made a presentation to help residents/Council understand how solar works for the town.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Councilor Copeland requested the consent of the Council to have a discussion on the State of Maine Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens. The Council voted unanimously to take up the discussion. Councilor Copeland wanted to discuss different methods to reach the community members about the program and wanted to make sure we were doing our best to educate people.

Councilor Carey requested the consent of the Council to have a discussion about the Subdivision Ordinance. The Council voted unanimously to take up the discussion. Councilor Carey voiced his concern about having a water study be added to the list of amendments to the subdivision ordinance in order to protect local aquifers.

Town Manager Ben Breadmore requested the consent of the Council to discuss the schedule of Town Council meetings. The Council voted unanimously to take up the discussion. Ben requested at the pleasure of the Council to switch the January meeting date from January 9th to the 10th, from a Monday to the Tuesday of that week.

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

F. Executive Session

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

Councilor Carey made a motion to move to executive session, Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Adjournment