

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday October 14, 2025  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**Members present:** Ryan Carey, Chairperson; Ellen Campbell, Vice-Chairperson; Joel “Jody” Dearborn, Councilor; Tom Copeland, Councilor; and David Hawes, Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Roger Huber, Town Attorney; Brooke Billings, Town Clerk; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Chad Foley, Police Lieutenant; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Brad Billings, Highway Foreman; Evan Roy, Asst. Highway Foreman; Poppy, Evan’s Daughter; Chris Sanborn, Laborer; Paul Hollobaugh, Laborer; Sean Dickey, Resident; and Tamara Mitchell, Resident.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence**

**D. Public Comment**

Tom Copeland presented the WW1 memorial piece that was found last year has been added to the Veteran’s Memorial.

Brad introduced Chris and Paul, and what they have to offer to Holden’s Highway Department.

Chief Benjamin introduced Lt. Chad Foley and his experience to the Town of Holden’s Police force.

**1. Public Hearing**

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

Chairperson Carey opened public hearing at 6:03 and with no discussion or questions closed it at 6:03.

**2. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Vice-Chairperson Campbell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a vote of 5-0.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Copeland moved to accept the Financial Warrants as presented. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**B. Department Reports**

Vice-Chairperson Campbell moved to accept the Department Reports as presented. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**C. School Board Update**

Ben gave a brief update on those who were unable to attend that the new playground that was built was dedicated to the memory of Chief Greeley.

**D. Recognitions**

The Town Council recognized Eastern Maine Emergency Vet Clinic.

The Town Council also presented Chief Benjamin with a Maine Jersey signed by the UMaine hockey team with his call number and "Chief Eddie". In November they will be hosting a 25 Days of Kindness event!

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

**A. Audit Discussion** – Mindy Cyr was unable to attend the meeting but did send a letter for Ben to read to the town council. Ben did read that aloud.

**B. MMA General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-f & H)** – Councilor Dearborn moved to approve as presented. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**C. Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals** – Councilor Copeland moved to approve as presented. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

Ben presented a letter of the resigning of Tim Pearson for the Holbrook Rec Committee.

**E. Executive Session- Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A)**

Councilor Dearborn moved to enter Executive Session to Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A). Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Dearborn moved to exit Executive Session. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Copeland moved to enter Other Business to discuss the Contract of the Town Manager. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Hawes moved to approve the Town Managers Contract as presented. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**F. Adjournment**

Councilor Dearborn moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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