

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 16, 2023
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

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

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Legal Counsel; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Andy Whitehouse, Police Lt.; Rodney Gerald, Police Sgt.; Tony Cobb, Officer; Rich McCue, Officer; Hunter Christian, Officer; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Brooke Billings, Town Clerk; Jared Jacobs; Apex Metals; Theresea Cobb, Michael Murphy, Ellen Murphy, and Mindy Cyr(zoom).

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

1. Public Hearing

Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager; spoke on the Town doing their diligence along with the State on proper inspections in the past 5 years. No past issues with Apex Metals.

2. Approval of Minutes for September 18,2023 Regular Meeting of the Town Council.

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Town Council. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

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

B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

There was none.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Town Council recognized Al Benner Homes for the month of September. Officer Tony Cobb was recognized for 35 years with the Town of Holden.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Audit Presentation

Mindy Cyr gave a brief overview on the audit, and went over the small mathematical error that was found and fund balancing was down from last year due to the loan funds for the salt shed.

B. Consideration of Apex Metals LLC Auto Recycling Permit

Vice-Chairperson Copeland moved to approve renewing Apex Metals LLC Auto Recycling Permit. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

C. Purchase of Body/Plow Equipment for Mack Plow Truck

Vice-Chairperson Copeland moved to approve the purchase of Body/Plow Equipment for Mack Plow Truck. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Benjamin Breadmore; Town Manager has a waiver for foreclosure. A mobile home in Cedar Haven Trailer Park, older trailer and an addition that isn't moveable. Benjamin presented costs if we were to foreclose on the trailer. Councilor Campbell moved to approve. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously 5-0.

E. Executive Session

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

Benjamin Breadmore; Town Manager asked if anyone from Loss Lamb was present, and there was not. Chairperson Carey moved onto next line of business.

B. Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to §405, (6) (A)

Vice-Chairperson Copeland made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:13 pm, Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:21 pm, Vice-Chairperson Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilor Campbell motioned to enter Other Business to discuss the renewal of the Town Manager's Contract, Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

Councilor Hawes motioned to renew to Town Manager's Contract as presented, Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

F. Adjournment

Councilor Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m., Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.