

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 18th, 2021
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Roger Huber, Town Solicitor; Chris Greely, Police Chief; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Deputy Grand Master RW Daniel E. Bartlett; Grand Secretary RW Scott C. Walton; and the Foundation's Executive Director, Susan Scacchi.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment – Town Manager Benjamin read the thank you letter from the Holden Historical Society into the record.

Councilor Dearborn motioned for the letter to be made part of the official record, Seconded by Councilor Campbell, no discussion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the financial information as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Hawes moved; Councilor Campbell seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore gave a brief update on the previous School Board meeting to approve the purchase of the Bus Garage.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Council recognized the Grand Lodge of Maine and the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation this month, Deputy Grand Master RW Daniel E. Bartlett, Grand Secretary RW Scott C. Walton and the

Foundation's Executive Director, Susan Scacchi received the award from the council members.

7. Old Business

- A. MainePERS** - Councilor Dearborn moved to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as of October 18, 2021. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. New Business

A. Audit Presentation

There were no questions from the Public or Town Council regarding the Audit prepared for the previous fiscal year.

B. Waiver of Foreclosure

Councilor Dearborn moved to waive foreclosure on the mobile home of 7 Lloyd Lane; Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. ARPA Discussion

Councilor Campbell moved to authorize Premium Pay for all employees currently working as of October 18th, 2021 in accordance with the scenario provided by our Finance Department; Councilor Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

A. Naming of a Private Way

Councilor Hawes moved to name the new Private Way "Carey Way"; Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote, with the Chair abstaining.

B. Appointment to the Penobscot County Budget Committee

Councilor Campbell moved to appoint Town Manager Breadmore; Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Public Comment

Town Manager Breadmore congratulated Chief Davis on being appointed as Fire Chief to the Town of Eddington as well as continuing to serve Holden.

11. Executive Session

Councilor Hawes moved; Councilor Campbell seconded to enter into Executive Session to Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A). The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A. Discuss Manager Annual Evaluation Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405, (6) (A)

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded to leave Executive Session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to enter into Other Business for discussion of Town Manager Employment Agreement and making Cemetery Lots available for purchase. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to adopt the amended Employment agreement as presented and that the narrative provided be part of the official record. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to allow Town Manager Breadmore to purchase lots in Hill Rest Cemetery on the former access road that has been discontinued. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Campbell moved; Councilor Hawes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Hogan
Town Clerk

True and Attested Copy Date: 10/20/2021