

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday December 13, 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; Tom Copeland, Councilor and Joel Dearborn, Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Chris Greely, Police Chief; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Bob & Debbie Harvey; Isaac Churchill.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Moment of Silence**

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Public Hearing**

**A. Sale of Fireworks Permit (Big Bang Boom Fireworks)**

There was no public testimony

**B. FY 22/23 Wages, Staffing, and Capital Improvement**

Bob Harvey spoke in favor of staff, taxpayers and making sure that the Capital Improvement plan is upheld.

**6. Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Councilor Dearborn moved and Councilor Hawes seconded to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

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

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor Copeland moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Councilor Dearborn expressed his concern, brought about by the Fire Department report, about community members heating their homes in non-conventional ways due to heat costs.

**C. School Board Update**

No formal report given but the school business is moving along nicely.

**D. Recognitions**

Chairperson Carey and the Council recognized Whitmore Contracting this month for their continuous support of the Town of Holden.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Discussion on Hog Hill access**

After receiving input from the Holden Land Trust, Councilor Dearborn moved to stay on course and take no action on this issue. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

**9. New Business**

**A. Big Bang Boom**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to approve the license for Big Bang Boom with the condition that all violations are taken care of within a 30-day period. Councilor Campbell seconded and the motion passed 4-1.

**B. Appointment to Holbrook Regional Recreation Committee**

Councilor Campbell moved that the Council appoint Tim Pearson to the Holbrook Regional Recreation Committee. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**C. Tax Acquired Property**

Councilor Copeland moved that the Town of Holden place tax acquired property at 286 Main Road out for sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$40,000. Councilor Hawes second the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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

**11. Public Comment**

Councilor Dearborn stated that Governor of Maine is offering monies to towns to add stations for electric cars to their towns, Councilor Dearborn is suggesting that we explore what options are out there that may work for the Town of Holden.

**12. Executive Session**

Councilor Campbell moved that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:42p.m. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**13. Adjournment**

Councilor Hawes moved; Councilor Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Hogan  
Town Clerk

True and Attested Copy Date: