

Town of Holden
Joint Town Council & Budget Review Committee Meeting
Monday March 23, 2020
Holden Municipal Building
5:00 P. M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Copeland called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M

Members present: Thomas Copeland, Chairperson; Patricia Sirois

Members via phone: Rod Black, Vice Chairperson; Councilor; Robert Harvey, Councilor; Ryan Carey, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Bruce Dowling, Highway; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; James Pelletier, Budget Committee Member, Hank Stewart, Budget Committee Member, and Shawn McDougall.

Others present via phone: Roger Huber, Legal Counsel, Tressa Smith, Treasurer, Ryan Davis Fire Chief, Johnathan Racine, Budget Committee Member, Michael Pedreschi, Budget Committee Member, and Bonnie Clark, Budget Committee Member.

2. Executive Session 5:00pm to 6:00pm

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

Vice Chair Black moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Property Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C), seconded by Councilor Sirois. Roll call taken and all Councilors in favor. Vote 5-0

Councilor Carey moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Sirois. Roll call taken and all Councilors in favor. Vote 5-0

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

5. Public Comment

None

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6. New Business

A. Discussion with Town Manager and Staff FY 2020-2021 proposed budget.

To join by phone (207) 973-9190, access code # 8703438

Chairperson Copeland asked that Town Manager Breadmore lead the discussion concerning the budget before the Town Council and Budget Committee.

Town Manger Breadmore review the budget with the Town Council and Budget Committee department by department, answering questions and noting proposed clerical errors under General Government and Sanitation.

Discussion took place regarding the size of the proposed increase in relation to the timing of COVID-19 and the economic impact on our residents. The Town Council explained that this would not be the last bite at the apple as we still have future meetings if we need to make substantial cuts and we will still be holding a Public Hearing before it goes to the Town Meeting.

Town Manager Breadmore thanked everyone for their participation in the crafting of the budget and taking their time to review the material. The budget was crafted with input from all sides, with Department Heads and staff looking very closely at what it takes to run the operation in order to offer the best level of service to our residents.

7. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

None

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Councilor Sirois moved to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Councilor Black. Roll call taken and all Councilors in favor. Vote 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager

April 21, 2020