

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday May 20, 2020  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Members present:** Thomas Copeland, Chairperson Rod Black, Vice Chairperson; Patricia Sirois, Councilor; Robert Harvey, Councilor; and Ryan Carey, Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Treasurer; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Bruce Dowling, Highway Foreman; Jared Lebarnes, Code Enforcement Officer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief (via zoom); David Hawes (via zoom), Arthur Unobskey (via zoom), Susan Smith, Superintendent (via zoom), Roger Huber, Legal Counsel, (via zoom), Joel Dearborn (via zoom), Gavin Robinson (via zoom), Kate Carey (via zoom), iphone user, unidentified (via zoom),

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Moment of Silence**

Chairperson Copeland asked that we take a moment to reflect on something positive since we last met.

**4. Meet the Candidates**

Candidates present in person and via zoom were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and state why they were running for a position on the Holden Town Council.

**5. Public Comment**

Arthur Unobskey questioned why the election was being held in June and not postponed as the State has done, and wouldn't two elections cost more.

Councilor Harvey stated that with Town Meeting and implementation of the budget there is an order to the process.

Town Manager Breadmore explained that as of June 1<sup>st</sup> the Governor's order allows for gatherings of up to 50 people and the voting room is not able to hold more than 50 people

allowing us to hold the election in compliance. Additionally, absentee voting is offered to all registered voters. In regards to cost of the election it will be conducted in two sperate fiscal years so there will be no greater impact on this fiscal year.

**6. Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Harvey seconded; to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 5-0

**7. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Harvey seconded; to approve the financials. Councilor Black inquired as to the additional revenues from Capital Ambulance and Councilor Sirois inquired about outside agencies. Vote 5-0

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Sirois seconded; to approve the Department Reports. All Council commended the staff for their outstanding work during these unique times. Vote 5-0

**C. School Board Update**

Susan Smith gave an update of the goings on with the School and their end of year plans, thanking the Town of Holden for our willingness to recognize students on our sign out front of the Town Office. Mr. Modrey will be moving on as the Principal of Holbrook School to take the Superintendent position with the Town of Glenburn. She also relayed that the budgetary increase to the Town of Holden this year would be \$2,944..

**8. Old Business – None**

**9. New Business**

**A. Noise Ordinance Proposal Discussion** – Councilor Black moved; Councilor Carey seconded; to approve moving forward with a Public Hearing and adoption of the Noise Ordinance at the June Meeting. Councilor Harvey has some questions and grammatical corrects for the final version. Vote 5-0

**B. Appointment of Jared LeBarnes** – Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Black seconded; to appoint Jared LeBarnes as Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector, and Health Officer for the Town of Holden. Vote 5-0

**10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent) – None**

**11. Public Comment**

Roger Huber comments on his appreciation of Mr. Modrey hiring him for his first post as a cross country coach.

**12. Adjournment**

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Black seconded; to adjourn. Vote 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Breadmore, Town Manager

June 15, 2020

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