

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday February 17, 2026  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**MINUTES**

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**A. Call to Order**

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Ryan Carey, Chairperson; Ellen Campbell, Vice-Chairperson; Joel “Jody” Deaborn, Councilor; Tom Copeland, Councilor; and David Hawes, Councilor (via zoom).

**Others present:** Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Roger Huber, Town Attorney; Brooke Billings, Town Clerk; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Gabe LeClair, Firefighter; Brad Billings, Highway Foreman; Becky Heikkinen, Resident; Scott Walton, Resident; and Suky Somasundera, Resident.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence**

**D. Public Comment**

**1. Public Hearing**

There was none.

**2. Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting.**

Councilor Dearborn motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Copeland motioned to approve the financial warrants as submitted. Vice-Chairperson seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor Dearborn motioned to accept department reports as submitted. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

### **C. School Board Update**

Scott Walton Holden resident and Chair of SAD 63 School Board, gave an update to the council and residents. Scott informed the council and residents that they held their first meeting in several weeks with a full board. Scott also notified the board that their business manager resigned the day before they were supposed to start. They are once again seeking a business manager.

### **D. Recognitions**

There was none.

### **4. Old Business**

There was none.

### **5. New Business**

#### **A. Town Council appoints Budget Review Committee**

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to appoint the individuals that submitted applications to the Budget Review Committee. The individuals are; John “JC” Cousins, James Pelletier, Henry “Hank” Stewart, Danyell Taylor, and Isaac Churchill. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

#### **B. Discuss Dedication of the Town Report**

Councilor Copeland made a motion to nominate Roger Huber for the 2025 Town Report Dedication. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

#### **C. Resolve# 2026-1**

Town Manager Benjamin Breadmore read the Resolve into the meeting minutes, “Be it further resolve, the Town of Holden designates Town Manager Breadmore or his designee to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.” Councilor Copeland made a motion to accept as presented. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

#### **D. Appointments**

Councilor Copeland made a motion to appoint Johnathan Racine as the alternate to the Assessment Board of Review, and Beck Heikkinen to the ACE committee. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

### **6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

Chairperson Carey polled the board to take up other business. Vice-

Chairperson Campbell made a motion to accept the abatements presented.  
Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**E. Adjournment**

Councilor Copeland made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:20 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

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