

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday March 16, 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 (via zoom); Chad Foley, Police Lieutenant; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Brad Billings, Highway Foreman; Danyell Taylor, Budget Committee Member; Henry “Hank” Stewart, Budget Committee Member; James Pelletier, Budget Committee Member; and Isaac Churchill, Budget Committee Member

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

1. Public Hearing

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 17, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting.

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

B. Department Reports

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

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore gave a brief update on the school board. A special meeting is being held on Thursday March 19th, 2026 to make up the cancelled meeting in February. The chair of the school board Scott Walton will be moving and the Town will be looking to appoint someone of his position until Municipal Elections. Currently four school board openings are available, a 3-year, 2 years, and two 1-year terms are up for election.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey presented Town Attorney Roger Huber with a plaque for his time and dedication to Holden for his upcoming retirement. Thank you Roger for the friendship and work relationship that you've built with the Town of Holden.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. Budget Review with Budget Committee

Councilor Dearborn made a motion to accept the budget as presented.

Councilor Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 4-0-1.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

There was none.

E. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

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