

# TOWN OF Holland VERMONT

## 2025

Thank you for the memories...

**UNITED WARRANTY DEED**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF HOLLAND, who Town School District, Town of Holland, a municipal corporation with a office in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans and State of Vermont (hereinafter "Grantor"), in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, paid to Grantor's full satisfaction by the TOWN OF HOLLAND, a municipal corporation located in the County of Orleans and State of Vermont ("Grantee"), by these presents does hereby GIVE, GRANT, SELL, CONVEY AND CONFIRM unto the said Grantee TOWN OF HOLLAND, and its successors and assigns forever, certain lands and premises in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, and State of Vermont, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises of the School District of the Town of Holland, 4th Town School District, Town of Holland comprised of two parcels, as more particularly described below:

Parcel 1.

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Helen Wheeler and Evelyn Wheeler to the Town School District, Town of Holland by Warranty Deed dated and recorded on July 14, 1971 in Book 50, Page 283 of the Holland Land Records, and further described therein as follows:

Being a parcel of land located on the northerly side of the highway leading from Morgan to Derby Line in the Town of Holland and being a part of the land conveyed to the grantors by warranty deed of Helen Wheeler March 7th, 1977, which deed is recorded in Book 14, Page 13 of Holland Land Records. Said parcel described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the northerly side of the highway leading to Derby Line, which stake is eighteen and one-half feet (18 1/2 ft.) from the center of the black top road and on the westerly side of the County Road, so-called, which crosses with the black top road, thence in a straight line in a general easterly direction three hundred four (304 ft.) to another stake bearing eight and one-half feet (8 1/2 ft.) from the center of the black top road, thence bearing at right angles and running in a straight line in a general northerly direction three hundred seventy and one-half feet (370 1/2 ft.) to an iron stake, thence bearing at right angles and running in a general westerly direction in a straight line four hundred thirty-four and one-half feet (434 1/2 ft.) to another stake, which stake is located ten feet (10 ft.)

Warranty Deed transferring the Holland Elementary School to the ownership of the Town of Holland.

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL  
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

On the Cover: The deed transferring the Holland Elementary School to the ownership of the Town of Holland.

# TOWN OF HOLLAND VERMONT

**ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT 2025**

**Year Ending December 31, 2025**

**Annual Town & School Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**10:00 am**

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### Reminders –

**Have you filed your HS-122 for 2025 with the State of Vermont yet?**

**You must claim a homestead each year if you reside in Holland. If you qualify - have you filed for your property tax credit?**

**If you don't know what this is, call the office at 802-895-4440 or check with whomever does your income taxes.**

**Tax bills go out in August – be sure to notify the office of any address changes. If you don't get your bill, please call.**

**Taxes are delinquent as of the close of business on the tax due date.**

**Postmarks are not accepted. There is a mail slot in the office door that is available 24 hours.**

**If you have not signed up for our auto information and want to; either call the office 802-895-4440 or send an email to: [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com). Or, you can access the sign up on our homepage at [www.hollandvt.gov](http://www.hollandvt.gov). Click on the red box. You can get a phone call, email or text to let you know about meetings, important information and just keep up with town happenings.**

**WARNING**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Holland Unity Center in said town on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, at 10A.M. to transact the following business:**

- Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- Article 3.** To elect all Town Officers required by law for the ensuing year.
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money by tax to meet the expenses and liabilities for the ensuing year, not to exceed \$967,203.00 less such revenues as are received by the Town.
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer with a due date of October 15, 2026, by 5:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland raise the amount of \$20,000 by tax, for the upkeep of the Town Cemeteries?
- Article 7.** Shall the Town vote to apply surplus funds of \$51,861 from the 2025 tax year to establish a reserve fund for Holland Unity Center repairs and upkeep?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?
- Article 9.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will appropriate \$500.00 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of building and supporting one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered.
- Article 11.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?

- Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?
  - Article 13.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900.00 for the support of Dailey Memorial Library to provide services to residents of the Town?
  - Article 14.** To see if the Town of Holland will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.
  - Article 15.** Shall voters of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing and finding homes for unwanted pets?
  - Article 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs?
  - Article 17.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,258 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?
  - Article 18.** To inform the voters of the Town of Holland on the current status on Bridge #30 reconstruction, (for discussion purposes only)
  - Article 19.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting.
  - Article 20.** To adjourn the meeting.
- Dated this 20th day of January, 2026**

**By the Selectboard members of the Town of Holland:**

**Trevor Gray – Chair  
Dave Jacobs  
Hugh Flynn**

**WARNING**

**ANNUAL MEETING HOLLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters in the School District of the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Holland School Building in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:00 AM. to transact the following business:

- Article I.** To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for the ensuing year.
- Article II.** To elect a School Director for a three-year term.
- Article III.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$1,174,495, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Holland Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$9,448, which is 3.6% LESS than per pupil education spending for the current year.  
**(Australian Ballot)**

**Article III** will be voted using the Australian Ballot System on **MARCH 3, 2026**. The polls, located at the Holland Elementary School, will open at seven-thirty, (7:30 am) in the forenoon and close at seven, (7:00 pm) in the evening.

The Holland Town School Board will be holding an informational meeting on Monday March 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Holland Town School. This meeting shall constitute the public informational hearing required by 17V.S.A. 2680(G).

Dated at Holland, Vermont this 6<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2026:

Town of Holland  
Board of School Directors

Gina Miller  
John Castle  
Heather Dowland  
Gina Miller

Received for the record this 6<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2026 at Holland, VT

ATTEST: Diane Judd, Town Clerk

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**

**NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Article IV:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$24,273,900, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,213, which is 3.44% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

**Article V:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$300,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund?

**Article VI:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,169,400 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,594, which is 1.58% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

**Article VII:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?

**Article VIII:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$150,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations to the Field of Dreams Reserve Fund?

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 5:30 p.m. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. @2680(0).

The above articles shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4 from 7:30 ó 7:00 at the Holland Unity Center

Ballots will be available for early voting prior to Town Meeting.

<u><b>Town Officers</b></u>		
<b>Elected Position</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Moderator (Town).....	1 Year .....	<b>Michael (Mitch) Wonson.. 2026</b>
Moderator (School).....	1 Year....	<b>Michael (Mitch) Wonson.. 2026</b>
Town Clerk.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd ..... 2028
Treasurer.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd ..... 2028
Selectboard.....	3 Years....	<b>Hugh Flynn ..... 2026</b>
	3 Years....	Dave Jacobs ..... 2027
	3 Years....	Trevor Gray ..... 2028
Listers.....	3 Years....	<b>Heather Dowland ..... 2026</b>
	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude..... 2027
	3 Years....	Diane Judd ..... 2028
Auditors.....	3 Years....	Heather Dowland.....2026
	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude .....2027
	3 Years....	Suzanne Moulton.....2028
Constable.....	1 Year .....	<b>Greg Bronson (resigned) .. 2026</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector ...	1 Year .....	<b>Diane Judd..... 2026</b>
School Director .....	3 Years....	<b>Gina Miller ..... 2026</b>
	3 Years....	John Castle..... 2027
	3 Years....	Heather Dowland..... 2028
Union School Director.....	3 Years....	Jennifer Harlow Jacobs..... 2028
Cemetery Commissioner .....	5 Years....	<b>Diana Emmerson ..... 2026</b>
	5 Years....	Helen Flynn ..... 2027
	5 Years....	Kenric Gonyaw ..... 2028
	5 Years....	Heather Dowland ..... 2029
	5 Years....	Laurie Gray..... 2030
Solid Waste Supervisor.....	1 Year .....	<b>Darrell Martin ..... 2026</b>
Planning Commission .....	3 Years....	<b>Darrell Martin ..... 2026</b>
	3 Years....	<b>Kenric Gonyaw ..... 2026</b>
	3 Years....	Jonathan (Parker) Castle.....2027
	3 Years....	Jim Davis.....2028
	3 Years....	Stacy Boone.....2028

<u><b>Town Officers</b></u>	
<b>Appointed by Selectboard:</b>	
Tree Warden.....	Andre Morin
Emergency Management.....	Dave Jacobs
Green-Up Coordinator .....	John Castle
<b>Appointed by State of Vermont, Selectboard recommendation</b>	
Town Health Officer .....	Lucy Neel
Town Fire Warden .....	Dave Jacobs
Flood Coordinator .....	Selectboard
Environmental Conservation Officer...	Selectboard
<b>Appointed by Town Clerk/Treasurer:</b>	
Assistant Clerk .....	Vacant
Assistant Town /School Treasurer. ....	Brian Currier
<b>Appointed by Cemetery Commission:</b>	
Treasurer .....	Diane Judd
<b>School District Officers by Virtue of Town Office held:</b>	
Treasurer .....	Town Treasurer

**Justices of the Peace** (Elected Nov 2024)  
 Thomas Adams  
 Brian Currier  
 Kenric Gonyaw  
 Diane Judd  
 Lucy Neel

## Town of Holland Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Holland as of and for the year ended as listed in the table of contents. The Board of Auditors appreciates the outstanding accounting work Diane Judd does as Treasurer. Thank you, Diane,

Suzanne Moulton  
Gaetane Patenaude  
Town of Holland Auditors

### Financial Statement Town of Holland

#### Assets Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

General Fund:	Balance	
Checking #01	47,284.99	
Money Market #13	493,741.43	
HRA Account	1,610.91	
Highway Checking #01	18,240.77	
Municipal Acct# 5601	<u>443.57</u>	
		\$561,321.67
Cemeteries:		
Checking #13	7,333.83	
Savings #19	67.03	
CD #70	4,378.78	
CD	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		\$31,779.64
Accounts Receivable:		
Delinquent Taxes:		
2015	602.73	
2016	617.94	
2017	623.87	
2018	633.77	
2019	658.74	
2020	651.17	
2021	672.97	
2022	674.80	
2023	6,174.78	
2024	10,201.04	
2025	51,574.66	
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$73,086.47

Indebtedness:

#### Bank Loan – Balance on December 31, 2025

2022 International Truck (2026)	31,691.43
2024 International Truck (2029)	107,247.00

Total Debt \$138,938.43

### Inventory Listing

Office on 1 acre (1985)  
Garage on 3.6 acres (1973/2001)  
Recycling Trailers

#### Highway Equipment

CASE Loader Model 621F (2013)  
Grader, John Deere 672GP (2015)  
International Truck, Diesel (2022)  
International Truck, Diesel (2024)  
Ford F550 Truck, Diesel (2017)  
Backhoe John Deere (2013)  
Generator/welder (2006)  
V-Plow (Used 1997)  
V- Plow (Used)

#### Cemetery Equipment

Storage Building  
Mead Hill Cemetery, 3.23 acres  
Marston Cemetery



**STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SUMMARY – 2025**

*(Money received from the State of Vermont)*

<b>Department</b>	<b>01/01/25 - 12/31/2025</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	
Town Clerk Fees	120.00
Current Use – Hold Harmless	130,011.00
2025 Taxes - Fish & Wildlife	31,480.32
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	15,951.00
Equalization Payment	519.00
Land Use Change Tax	1,274.00
Cannabis Fees	200.00
Act 60 – Reappraisal/EEGL Study	4,411.50
Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant	7,662.49
Judiciary (Tickets)	65.50
Ticket Refund	<u>271.57</u>
	\$191,966.38
<b>Highways</b>	
State Aid - Class 2*	30,653.05
State Aid - Class 3*	25,366.48
State Aid (pre-paid in 2024)	54,411.38
FEMA (2023)	15,655.02
Grants In Aid GA0802	9,500.00
State of VT Grant BC2436 (Valley Rd Culvert)	45,702.00
State of VT Grant PO2261 (Paving)	<u>200,000.00</u>
	\$381,288.29
<b>School</b>	
State Aid	499,526.77
<b>TOTAL All Departments</b>	<b>\$1,071,781.44</b>

**TAX TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Taxes</b>
2021	580,824.59	2.5655/2.8726	1,563,986.92
2022	581,368.74	2.4975/2.8353	1,546,155.78
2023	587,242.00	2.5673/2.9069	1,602,315.78
2024	590,689.00	2.5416/2.9978	1,625,796.49
2025	592,612.16	2.7074/3.2329	1,743,102.39

Grand List size reflects Current Use Reductions

**2025 Taxes As Billed – after all Homestead Changes**

Rate Category	Rate	Grand List	Total Tax Billed
Non-Homestead Education	2.1694	262,043.37	568,476.91
Homestead Education	1.6439	330,568.79	543,422.09
Paving/Retreatment	0.0844	592,612.16	50,016.49
Veteran’s Exemption	0.0067	592,612.16	3,970.50
Town Highway	0.7212	592,612.16	427,391.85
Town General	0.2512	592,612.16	<u>148,864.25</u>
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>			<b>1,743,102.39</b>
Total State Payments (Education)			125,417.23

**Listers Report**

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXABLE PARCELS IN HOLLAND ..... 519

The Vermont Tax Department Division of Property Valuation and Review makes an annual study of the real estate sales in each town. From this study they come up with an equalized Grand List based on the relationship between sales and listed values.

In 2021 our listed values were at .....	80.27%
In 2022 our listed values were at .....	74.56%
In 2023 our listed values were at .....	66.75%
In 2024 our listed values were at .....	56.80%
In 2025 our listed values were at .....	47.05%

This means that the majority of Holland properties are appraised at far below market value. This is the reason for the Town-wide reappraisal.

**2026 Reappraisal Update:**

The townwide reappraisal will be completed before June 2026. The prior reappraisal for the town was in 2006 and values have changed significantly since then. The reappraisal will establish new land schedules and cost tables to reflect current market values in the town.

All property owners will be receiving an official notice of Change of Appraisal in the mail by the end of May. This booklet will contain new values as well as previous values for all Grand List parcels in town. You will have the opportunity to view your data online and talk with an assessor from NEMRC after new values are established.

**Please be aware that the filing of any appeal is timely, so watch for this mailing.** This new appraisal is to be considered current market value - based on the most recent 3 years of town sales.

Please also be aware that property values will be increasing dramatically for 2026. We have all seen what properties have been selling for. The State of Vermont requires the Town listed values to be at or near 100% of their true market value.

This does **NOT** mean that your property taxes will increase dramatically. When values increase, this allows the tax rate to drop, depending on where budgets fall.

\*\*Please note that you can also speak with Diane Judd regarding your change of property value. If you just have questions, please contact me. I have been a Lister for thirty years for the Town of Holland - Diane

Holland Board of Listers:

Diane Judd, Chair  
Gaetane Patenaude  
Heather Dowland

***Current Use Exemptions Report***

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Adams, Thomas & Cynthia	255,300	78,500	176,800
Ashford, Judith	142,600	72,400	70,200
Bailey, Brent	91,600	35,800	56,300
Barrup, Lee & Amy	87,600	56,400	31,200
Campbell, Kellie & Taplin, Jeff	44,000	29,400	14,600
Castle, John, Paul & Jane	233,000	47,800	185,200
Castle, Nancy	126,400	21,800	104,600
Chalifour, Anne	173,500	83,600	89,900
Champigny, Tony & Ann Marie	170,000	126,800	43,200
Champney, Gary Jr & Leighann	121,100	92,900	28,200
Champney, Linda H	88,100	70,500	17,600
Champney, Linda H	2,107,000	1,619,800	487,200
Dagesse, Daniel & Irene	316,300	199,000	117,300
Daggett, Dave & Claire	17,200	15,200	2,000
Daggett, Steven	268,600	77,300	191,300
Davidson, Scott & Tim/Jacobs D	73,800	44,500	29,300
Ducharme, Daniel L	47,400	40,400	7,000
Durocher, Matthew	93,300	83,400	9,900
Emery, Catherine/Tice, Allen	239,000	93,913	145,087
Fadden, Benjamin	73,800	46,000	27,8000
Farrow, Michael W & Melanie F	201,500	23,500	178,000
Fecteau, Betsy Victoria	131,100	36,100	95,000
Ferwerda, Michelle	245,000	106,500	138,500
Fortin, Adrian & Jessica	25,500	14,100	11,400
Fortin, Adrian & Jessica	938,900	615,200	323,700
Fortin, M&D/Sanville, A	54,100	29,900	24,200
Foster, Laura	461,200	40,800	420,400
Gentile, Nicola & Maria	257,700	44,000	213,700
Gonyaw, Kenric & Avalena	180,200	47,300	132,900
Gray Farms Realty LLC	15,800	14,400	1,400
Gray Farms Realty LLC	53,900	45,000	8,900
Gray Farms Realty LLC	59,100	48,000	11,100

***Current Use Exemptions Report***

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Gray Farms Realty LLC	70,000	56,200	13,8000
Gray Farms Realty LLC	77,000	61,700	15,300
Gray Farms Realty LLC	227,100	202,000	25,100
Gray Farms Realty LLC	655,600	462,500	193,100
Gray Farms Realty LLC	2,508,900	2,170,000	338,900
Gray, Keith & Trevor	138,400	103,900	34,500
Gray, Keith & Trevor	232,500	187,700	44,800
Gray, Keith & Ruth & Bush, T	87,700	19,230	68,470
Gray, Keith & Ruth	142,700	114,700	28,000
Hamblett, Nathan & Tracy	146,600	44,400	102,200
Hutchins, Anna	359,700	84,300	275,400
JLS Forestry LLC	514,700	353,800	160,900
JLS Forestry LLC	97,900	79,800	18,100
Judd, Eric & Jessica	332,900	55,303	277,597
Judd, Jaret & Jessica	128,400	64,200	64,200
Judd, Lawrence Jr	52,600	33,100	19,500
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	101,900	57,900	44,000
Lafreniere, Leon & Tammy	190,100	56,500	133,600
Leitch, Jamie & Lynne	195,800	45,0000	150,800
Letourneau, Priscilla & Tanya	215,000	21,100	193,900
Line Farm, LLC	221,800	104,233	117,567
Macgillivray & Cox	220,300	114,600	105,700
Marquis, Robert C	429,500	75,200	354,300
Marquis, Robert J	79,600	53,700	25,900
Martin, Darrell & Carol	198,300	28,400	169,900
Mclure, David	227,400	191,600	35,800
Merrill, Cynthia	282,800	240,100	42,700
Merrill, David	77,400	24,000	53,400
Merrill, Jacob	53,800	36,500	17,300
Morin, Andre	80,600	65,000	15,600
Morin, Andre	403,200	196,500	206,7000
Morin, John	649,800	453,300	196,500

***Current Use Exemptions Report***

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Morin, Jonathan & Nathan	197,500	34,800	162,700
Morin, Jonathan & Nathan	88,900	37,400	51,500
Murphy, Jeremy	131,000	62,700	68,300
Nadeau, Aaron & Chantale	1,432,400	820,000	612,400
Parenteau, Robert & Cynthia	201,200	119,900	81,300
Patenaude, Jason & Alison	35,700	24,800	10,900
Patenaude, M&G, M&D	41,600	35,700	5,900
Patenaude, M&G, M&D, S	106,100	10,500	95,600
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	149,900	120,800	29,100
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	554,600	387,700	166,900
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	1,937,300	1,146,700	790,600
Petell, Patricia	374,000	131,405	242,595
Petell, Victor A	514,400	235,400	279,000
Peter Piper Timber LLC	132,700	114,300	18,400
Provencal, Arthur	521,700	331,900	189,800
Richards, D & Karalunas, D	150,900	6,000	144,900
Russell, Thomas & Jamie	284,300	62,300	222,000
Schub, William & Lisa	317,900	148,200	169,700
Sullivan, Suzanne	73,900	56,300	17,600
Tatum, Miriam	89,000	75,300	13,700
Tice, Mark	196,000	140,900	55,100
Tice, Paul & Tice, Mark	142,600	105,400	37,200
Trudeau, Heather	<u>199,100</u>	<u>32,900</u>	<u>166,200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,538,400</b>	<b>14,023,584</b>	<b>10,514,816</b>

\*The Town taxpayers make up the difference the first year a property is enrolled. The following year money is sent from the state to make up a portion of the municipal tax lost due to Current Use. We received \$130,011 in 2025. The municipal and school taxes are made up by taxpayers throughout the state. There were 85 properties enrolled in 2025.

**Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes**

As collector of delinquent taxes for the Town of Holland, I believe it is in the best interest of the Town, as well as its residents, that property taxes be paid when they are due, but I recognize that there are circumstances beyond the control of a taxpayer that may cause them to become delinquent. I will work with these delinquent taxpayers to help them come current in their obligation to the Town and will deal with them in a diplomatic and professional manner. However, should I encounter a taxpayer who fails or refuses to deal in good faith, I will proceed with any and all collection methods appropriate to recover the debt in a timely manner.

1. An 8% penalty is charged on all delinquent taxes. In addition, interest on delinquent taxes accrues at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% interest per month thereafter.
2. Within 15 days after the warrant for collection of delinquent taxes has been issued and each month thereafter until taxes are paid in full, a notice will be sent to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, interest and penalty owed.
3. Partial payments will only be accepted with a written payment agreement. Said written payment agreement must be executed by the delinquent taxpayer within 45 days of the first monthly delinquency notice. Partial payments are applied to interest first and then proportionally to the principal and penalty.
4. If a payment agreement is not executed by the delinquent taxpayer, mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the delinquency 60 days after the first delinquency notice has been sent to the delinquent taxpayer.
5. If a payment agreement is not executed by the delinquent taxpayer, or if the terms of such a payment agreement are breached, the tax collector will initiate formal proceedings to collect outstanding taxes, interest and penalty. Such proceedings may include tax sale, legal action to recover the debt, distraint of personal property, and/or foreclosure.
6. If a tax sale is held and the property is not purchased, or, if in the judgment of the delinquent tax collector, proceeding with a tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any method permitted by law.

Diane H Judd - Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2025**

Beede, Jonathan\*  
 Bickford, Shawn  
 Burnett, Joseph  
 Carter, Carrie \*  
 Coblent, Angela  
 Corriveau, Roger  
 Davison, Jared  
 Dellert, Douglas\*  
 DKB Dairy\*\*  
 Farrow, Marc\*  
 Gellman, Morton  
 Griffith, Erik  
 Guerrero/Dinicola

Haldane, Roslyn  
 Kingsley, Carlton  
 Lagana, John \*\*  
 Lemieux, Elise & Joe  
 Marcoux, Jason  
 Marquis, Robert J.  
 Mills, Pauline\*\*  
 Newell, Mark  
 Penkava/ Colella  
 Rolfe, Justin  
 Scott, Daniel & Kory  
 Searles, Richard & Katie  
 Sinclair, Joy\*\*

<b>2015 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>602.73</b>
<b>2016 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>617.94</b>
<b>2017 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>623.87</b>
<b>2018 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>633.77</b>
<b>2019 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>658.74</b>
<b>2020 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>651.17</b>
<b>2021 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>672.97</b>
<b>2022 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>674.80</b>
<b>2023 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>6,174.78</b>
<b>2024 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>10,201.04</b>
<b>2025 Delinquent Total</b> .....	<b>51,574.66</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL Delinquent 12/31/2025</b> .....	<b>73,086.47</b>

2021 Delinquent taxes collected .....	2,044.36
2022 Delinquent taxes collected .....	676.52
2023 Delinquent taxes collected .....	4,432.22
2024 Delinquent taxes collected .....	18,826.89
2025 Delinquent taxes collected (10/17-12/31) .....	46,139.40

**Total Delinquent Taxes Collected**..... **72,119.39**

**\*Payment Agreement in place and following it.**  
**\*\*Paid in full after 12/31/2025**

**Every effort is made to collect delinquent taxes prior to having a tax sale.**

**HOLLAND CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

Over the last few years stone repair and straightening have been our main focus, We are now at the point that only issues that develop over winter need to be addressed. That allowed us to devote more funds to other esthetic improvements.

These are the two large improvements were made at Mead Hill Cemetery in 2025:

1. The shed was re-sided with a durable brown metal and a new single door was installed.
2. In the early fall every stone in the Cemetery was cleaned professionally. Every stone now looks like it was just placed, with inscriptions easily read, even the very old ones are now bright white.

In addition to those very visible improvements, the lawn care continues to be done on a regular basis and always looks well groomed. Also, the outside perimeter of fence line is kept clear, to prohibit grass from growing onto and around the fence.

The Commission meets on a regular basis and promptly addresses any issues that arise. Our meeting dates and time are posted at the Town Office, the Recycling center, the Unity center and sent on the call-out. We invite public comment at our meetings.

At every meeting any updates needed to the Cemetery cards or map, regarding lots or lots sold, is done Our goal is to keep the records of the Cemetery complete and correct, not just for the present Commissioners, but those who follow us. The Commission works as a team and each one is aware of what is happening, so informed answers can be given to any questions posed by concerned citizens or others.

The Commission has developed a concise set of Cemetery Rules. Those rules are posted at the Town Office, the Recycling Center and the Unity Center. In the spring a laminated copy will be posted on the Cemetery shed. The Commissioners names and contact phone numbers are listed with the rules.

The Holland Cemetery Commission

**Holland Cemetery Commission**

**Perpetual Care – Cemetery – Trust Funds**

Total in Trust Account	\$4,378.78
Funds held in Trust Account #19Ritchie Trust 1966	<u>\$67.03</u>
<i>Grand Total of All Funds Held in Trust</i>	<u>\$4,444.78</u>
<i>(Interest only is for use in the Cemetery upkeep)</i>	

**Cemetery Commission  
2025 Financial Statement**

<b>Checking</b> - Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$19,695.60
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Town Appropriation	20,746.36
Interest from CDs x 2	977.76
Interest from NOW account	<u>7.57</u>
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>21,731.69</u>
<i>Total Funds Available</i>	\$41,427.29
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Mowing Mead Hill/Marston Cemetery	10,148.46
Stone Repair & Cleaning	21,000.00
Flags – American Legion	75.00
Shed Repairs	2,870.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$34,093.46</u>
<i>Ending Balance, December 31, 2025</i>	\$7,333.83
CD Investment Account balance	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$27,333.83

**Town of Holland Cemetery Policy**

The front portion of the Mead Hill Cemetery having been donated to the Town carries no charge. Space being very limited, only lots for cremation are available in the front portion. The newer rear section was purchased by the Town of Holland and those lots will be sold. Shrubbery that will attain a height of more than two (2) feet will not be allowed on the cemetery lots. This is meant to include any bush that spreads.

This policy was adopted in 1993 by the Holland Cemetery Commission.  
*Addendum:* Please be aware that all flags, silk flowers and flowerpots will be removed as soon as possible after Veteran’s Day.

## Town Clerk – Treasurers’s Report

### WEBSITE

Holland has a website. [www.hollandvt.gov](http://www.hollandvt.gov) Property tax bills from 2025 are on the website – in case you misplaced yours.

### DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expire April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Please make sure your dog has a current rabies vaccination and certificate which has been signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Fees are as follows: Prior to April 1:

Spayed/Neutered dogs	\$11.00
Not spayed/neutered dogs	\$15.00

If your dog died during the year or you have given it away to out-of-town residents please contact the Town Clerk’s office so we may remove it from our records. 802- 895-4440 or [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com).

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents of Holland may register to vote at the town office or online at: <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard> You may also change your mailing address here or request an absentee ballot. Voters are automatically registered to vote when they either apply for a driver’s license or renew their existing license unless they opt out.

### LAND RECORDS

If you didn’t know, you can now look up Holland land records online. This is the link to go to: <https://holland.lr-1.com/>.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
Closed Wednesday & Friday

We have the town callout for keeping folks up to date with Town and School happenings. If you don’t know what that is – it is the opportunity to sign up to get phone calls, emails, or text messages. Or all 3 if you wish. You can sign up on the home page of our website or send me your info.

If you have a non-profit event that you would like announced, send an email to: [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com) in advance so I can set it up to go out.



**“Diane Judd receiving her Magna Cum Laude Certificate”**

I was awarded my Certified Vermont Clerk Magna Cum Laude at our September conference. Currently there is only one certification higher. Perhaps I can achieve that prior to my retirement. Speaking of retirement, my goal is to find someone and train them before I step down in the coming years. The job has changed in so many ways since I was appointed June 30, 2008. My wish is to find a qualified individual that can serve the people of Holland well.

I served as President of the Vermont Municipal Clerks’ & Treasurers’ Association for two years and my term ended in September 2025. It was such an honor to represent the Clerks and Treasurers of the State of Vermont.

***I am looking for a Holland resident that would like to be the next Holland Town Clerk and Treasurer. If you or someone you know might be interested, stop in the office and speak with me. If you simply want to find out what it entails, stop in, or give me a call. 802-895-4440***

Diane H Judd CVC/CVT/MMC ~ Town Clerk/Treasurer

## Holland Recycling Report

I again want to thank the residents and businesses of Holland for their continuous support and conscious effort to recycle as much as we can. We serve as environmental stewards by shipping a large portion of our plastics, cardboard, paper, tin and aluminum cans to be recycled, thus keeping them out of the landfill in Coventry. In addition, the electronics (TV's, Computers, and Copy Machines) are salvaged for their precious metals. Used motor oil and old tires are reused as valuable energy sources. Though it is a financial burden to the town, our collection has reduced the number of tires left abandoned along the sides of the road.

Recent progress has been made with Shaw's, and Market Basket taking in small plastic bags. Our recycling center in Lyndonville (NEKWMD) has set up a machine to recycle styrofoam, and we might be able to collect it in the future at our facility. In addition, there is a program that is working with our farmers to collect clean plastic from their farms.

We also do have a container on site that we can all use for collecting various metals. Please do **not** leave anything that contains a **refrigerant**.

Remember, the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:00 to 1200. Occasionally, during the summer months, I'll be open on the fifth Saturday of the month. Check your calendar!

**Holland Recycling Attendant – Darrell Martin 802-895-4901**

## Residential Recycling in Holland

**MIXED PAPER:** Can be mixed together – includes catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color and type of paper can be in this category **except** brown Kraft bags and boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN KRAFT BAGS & BOXBOARD:** All cardboard and boxboard food packaging. **NO** wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. **Please flatten.**

**TIN CANS:** Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. Separate from aluminum cans **MUST** be Rinsed!

**ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL, AND FOOD TRAYS:** Labels OK. Flattening is not required, keep clean. **NO** Snack bags, candy wrappers or coffee bags!

**GLASS (ALL COLORS):** Clear, green, blue, and amber bottles and jars. No porcelain, Pyrex, windows or crystal, light bulbs. **NO** lids! Rinse clean.

**All #1 through #4 PLASTICS & #5 food containers:** 2 gallons or smaller. Look for the recycling number stamped on the bottom of the container inside a triangle. #5 only if it's a food container. Includes all labeled rigid plastic containers and lids. Rinse all containers, please! **No** plastic bags or films, screw top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes or medical devices. **No black plastic! Remove caps from bottles!!**

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, metal aerosol cans, scrap metal, fluorescent bulbs, and electronics (tv's, computers, radios, telephones, gaming consoles)

We (the Town) have to pay to recycle tires.

**Please do not leave miscellaneous trash at the recycling area.**

This listing shows what we will accept. There is a metal container for miscellaneous metals, also **NOT** for trash. As taxpayers we are the ones who pay for trash to be removed from this site. If you see someone leaving trash, not accepted for recycling, please either speak to them or call the attendant.

### **2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

SATURDAY, MAY 5 by Appointment in Lyndonville NEKWMD

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. Derby, Recycling Center

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 8:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m. Lyndon, Recycling Center

For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at 802-626-3532, 800-734-4602 or by email at [adminasst@nekwmd.org](mailto:adminasst@nekwmd.org) or check out the calendar of events at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)

**Fire Protection Report – 2025**

Fire calls to Holland from the Derby Line Fire Department

**Expenses**

January	Newell – House Fire – Gore Road	979.00
January	Shelp – Chimney Fire – Mead Hill Rd	322.50
April	Utility Pole – Line Down	351.00
October	Lackey Rd – Wishinski	421.00
December	Andres Rd – Chimney Fire	305.00

***Total paid fire calls for 2025..... 2,378.50***

**Town of Holland FIRE POLICY**

1. Brush and grass fires require a signed permit issued by the Town Fire Warden. However, a permit is not required when the ground is wet from rain or is covered with snow. The purpose of this policy is to establish a control on brush and grass fires in the Town. The Fire Warden’s responsibility is to be aware of daily fires within the town and to respond with trained personnel and necessary equipment to contain the fire. When a permitted fire is out of control the Town Fire Warden will make the determination to call the Fire Department. If the Town Fire Warden determines that a permitted brush or grass fire requires the Fire Department assistance, the cost of the service will be paid by the town.
2. The Town Fire Warden has the authority to levy a fine to the person responsible for creating a grass or absurd fire without the benefit of a permit. When the Fire Department is called to control a non-permitted fire, the person responsible for creating the fire will be liable for the cost of the responding Fire Department.
3. All billings from the Derby Line Fire Department for Town fire calls will be sent to the Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer will pay the billings immediately and send an invoice to the responsible party for reimbursement to the Town.
4. The Town will charge the person responsible for non-permitted fires that a Fire Department responds a minimum fee of \$250.00.

**Fire Warden is Dave Jacobs 802-673-2272**

**Town Planning Commission**  
**2025 Annual Report**

The Town Planning Commission members focused their energies toward three main projects in 2025: Town Plan Final Approval; Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update & Approval; and options for redeveloping the Town Garage facility.

1) An updated and approved *2024 Town Plan* allows the Town of Holland to apply for Federal & State funds to assist with projects or emergencies. The Planning Commission held several public meetings and submitted an updated Plan to the Select Board, which was reviewed and approved on January 7, 2025. The Plan was then formally submitted to Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) and received their final approval on June 19, 2025. In accordance with state regulations, this plan will need to be revised by 2032.

2) Utilizing a grant from the State of Vermont, the Town of Holland hired Paul Luciano of OPH Consulting Services to review and revise the Town’s *Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*. That plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission, submitted to the Select Board and formally adopted on September 11, 2025.

3) After the approval of the *2024 Town Plan*, the Planning Commission had an earnest conversation regarding issues facing our community and selected the redevelopment of the Town Garage as our primary 2025 project. Our approach was to review the physical property, identify wetlands and complete a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to determine if the site had any environmental conditions that would negate redevelopment of the current town garage. Horizons Engineering completed the ESA on July 10, 2025. With this critical assessment completed, the Planning Commission applied for a \$20,000 State of Vermont Municipal Planning Grant. The grant was awarded on December 10, 2025. With the grant, we can begin reviewing options regarding the existing garage, develop a landscape plan for equipment and materials, and provide a cost assessment for a tear-down/rebuild or a renovation of the existing structure. The Planning Commission is developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for local architects, landscape architects and structural engineers to complete this next redevelopment step. Our intention is to have a final plan with cost estimates, available for community review by August 2026.

We are excited to move the Town Garage project forward. Community members can review the *2024 Town Plan*, *Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* or the Horizons Engineering “*Phase I Environmental Site Assessment*” on the Town of Holland website: [www.hollandvt.gov](http://www.hollandvt.gov).

Holland Planning Commission:  
Stacy Boone, Parker Castle, Jim Davis, Kenric Gonyaw and Darrell Martin.

**Holland Select Board Report**

To the Taxpayers of Holland,

2025 brought significant changes to our Town. As many of you know through your participation in town discussions and votes, we now officially own the Town School, hereafter known as the Holland Unity Center. This new ownership has brought fresh challenges for the Select Board, our Town Clerk, and our Treasurer. We have worked diligently to support our current tenants while exploring new ideas to fill vacant spaces. As we look to host more events for the general public, we welcome your continued input and exciting ideas for the Unity Center. This marks a new and historic chapter for Holland.

On the roads, 2025 saw our largest paving project to date. Our Road Crew did an excellent job managing this workload, often staying ahead of schedule on various projects. Speaking of the crew, Adam Provost has stepped into the role of Foreman and is performing well with the support of our seasoned members, Bob and Dennis. These three face the constant challenge of maintaining our dirt roads through Vermont’s "five seasons"—Mud, Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. This winter has already proven challenging, but the crew remains on top of it.

Regarding infrastructure, as most of you are aware, Bridge #30 (Stearns Brook) is currently closed. This will be a primary topic of discussion during our upcoming Town Meeting.

The Town Planning Commission has also been very active this year, finalizing the Town Plan and working tirelessly on long-term infrastructure planning. The Select Board would like to extend our sincere thanks to the commission for their hard work.

In preparing the upcoming budget for your consideration, the Select Board has done its best to remain fiscally responsible. We owe a debt of gratitude to Diane Judd, the heart and soul of our town, who has worked to bring our operations further into the 21st century. By streamlining paperwork and making it accessible via the Town Website, she has made it significantly easier for residents to access the information they need.

In closing, the Select Board thanks all Town employees for their dedication. We look forward to seeing you all at the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *The Holland Select Board* Trevor, Dave & Hugh

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
2025 BUDGET EXPENDITURES  
FY 2026 Proposed General Fund Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2025</b>	<b>Actual FY 2025</b>	<b>Budget FY 2026</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Assistant Clerk	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	47,730.00	47,730.28	50,116.50
Selectmen	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Constable	600.00	600.00	600.00
Auditors	500.00	310.43	500.00
Listers	2,500.00	1,389.84	3,000.00
Delinquent Tax Coll Fees	0.00	6,828.51	0.00
Ballot Clerks	350.00	333.00	450.00
Recycle Attendant	2,800.00	2,336.00	2,500.00
Clerk to the Board	<u>800.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>825.00</u>
	<b>70,780.00</b>	<b>56,999.55</b>	<b>73,491.50</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Consolidated Insurance	4,300.00	3,222.84	7,062.54
Officers Bond	130.00	130.00	130.00
Dental Insurance	480.00	467.88	500.00
Health Insurance/HRA	<u>17,400.00</u>	<u>14,339.11</u>	<u>17,100.00</u>
	<b>22,310.00</b>	<b>18,159.83</b>	<b>24,792.54</b>
<b>OFFICE</b>			
Electricity	900.00	1,151.59	1,300.00
Telephone/Internet	2,160.00	2,373.27	3,600.00
Office/Computer Supplies	1,200.00	998.12	1,250.00
Bldgs & Grounds	3,500.00	3,933.25	5,000.00
Postage	1,000.00	950.61	1,100.00
Record Book	425.00	0.00	425.00
Land Record Portal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lister’s Reappraisal Expense		32,090.14*	
Office Equipment	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>10,585.00</b>	<b>43,132.48</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>			
FICA & Medicare Share	5,600.00	5,230.46	6,000.00
CCC Expense	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.88</u>	<u>425.00</u>
	<b>5,900.00</b>	<b>5,531.34</b>	<b>6,425.00</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2025 BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
**FY 2026 Proposed General Fund Budget**

	Budget FY 2025	Actual FY 2025	Budget FY 2026
<b>GENERAL OPERATION</b>			
Town Reports	1,500.00	701.62	1,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Recycling	3,000.00	2,059.72	2,500.00
Training	2,500.00	2,423.18	2,500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	825.00	572.60	700.00
Advertising	150.00	0.00	150.00
Dues	8,000.00	8,174.26	8,300.00
Planning Commission Costs	100.00	11,077.45*	4,480.00
Blackboard Connect(Finalsite)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Dispatch Services (Fire)		714.85	800.00
Property Tax Refunds		8,137.26	
Tax to Schools		1,016,427.69	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,040.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>22,400.00</b>	<b>1,052,328.63</b>	<b>24,530.00</b>
<b>SERVICES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b>			
Ambulance	38,556.00	38,671.19	39,938.36
Fire Protection	4,000.00	2,378.50	4,000.00
County Taxes	12,000.00	13,134.03	14,500.00
NVDA Dues	600.00	600.00	630.00
Rural Fire Program	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sheriff Patrol	11,041.00	11,500.25	14,248.00
Contingency	<u>500.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<b>66,797.00</b>	<b>66,783.97</b>	<b>73,916.36</b>
<b>HOLLAND UNITY CTR</b>			
Total Budget (6 Months)	35,000.00		
Electricity		2,839.73	6,000.00
Phone		910.22	1,500.00
Heating Oil		4,036.72	13,000.00
Insurance		3,310.78	8,785.16
Building/Yard Maintenance		20,274.71	17,157.00
Custodian	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,610.37</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>
	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>35,982.53</b>	<b>55,442.16</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2025 BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
**FY 2026 Proposed General Fund Budget**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232,947.00</b>	<b>2,457,673.85</b>	<b>272,697.56</b>
Voted Assessments		13,683.00	
Cemetery Assessment		<u>20,746.36</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>2,492,103.21</b>	
*Reappraisal Fund			
*Haz Mit Grant			

**Statement of Revenues – General Fund**

Town Clerk Fees	11,011.00
State Aid:EEGL Study/Homestead	4,930.50
Current Use (Hold Harmless Pmnt)	130,011.00
Dog Licenses	807.00
Interest on Accounts	9,084.41
Delinquent Taxes	72,119.39
Interest on Del. Taxes	7,450.75
Penalty on Taxes	5,981.26
PILOT-F&W	31,480.32
Cemetery – Tax Raised	20,746.36
Voted Appropriations	13,683.00
Metal Scrap Income	325.82
Late Homestead Penalty	960.30
Land Use Change Tax	1,274.00
Property Tax-Current	1,543,961.06
Property Tax – 2026 Prepay	9,071.20
Land Records (Online Sales)	207.00
Judiciary	337.07
Cannabis	200.00
Municipal Planning Grant	7,662.49
Roof Reimbursement (from School)	7,458.82
Holland Unity Center Income	14,152.81
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,858,486.20</b>

**Funds that are collected but turned over to other entities**

Dog & Marriage License Fees to State	(440.00)
Restoration Fund	(2,568.00)
Pre-pay 2026 Tax	(9,071.20)
Current Use to Highway	(85,000.00)
Prop Tax to Schools	(1,016,427.69)
Prop Tax to Highway	(427,177.02)
Lister Reappraisal Fund	(4,930.50)
Penalty on Taxes	(5,981.26)
Property Tax Overpay	(8,137.26)
To Cemetery	(20,746.36)
Voted Appropriations	(13,683.00)
<b>TOTAL (This Section)</b>	<b>1,166,985.27</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
2025 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES  
FY 2026 Proposed Highway Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2025</b>	<b>Actual FY 2025</b>	<b>Budget FY 2026</b>
<b>LABOR</b>			
Overtime Pay	5,000.00	6,118.74	5,000.00
Highway Crew	156,395.00	151,730.20	157,000.00
Retirement	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
FICA Share	13,500.00	13,266.69	13,700.00
CCC Contribution	<u>600.00</u>	<u>736.23</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	<b>193,495.00</b>	<b>189,878.89</b>	<b>194,500.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Unemployment Comp.	365.00	310.00	400.00
Consolidated Insurance	18,532.02	14,751.09	22,000.00
HRA Account	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,542.00
Health	15,600.00	13,766.95	20,200.00
Dental Insurance	1,860.00	1,816.51	1,900.00
Advertising	175.00	0.00	175.00
Training	6,000.00	30.00	6,000.00
Safety Equipment/Supplies	3,000.00	2,359.44	3,000.00
Uniforms/Shoes	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>1,655.92</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
	<b>49,282.02</b>	<b>36,189.91</b>	<b>57,467.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT HIRE</b>			
Equipment Hire	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>5,905.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
Repair & Maintenance	30,000.00	34,752.01	35,000.00
Repair & Maint. Mileage	1,600.00	2,671.90	1,600.00
Tires & Chains	5,000.00	11,256.60	12,000.00
Fuel – Diesel	50,000.00	43,488.86	50,000.00
Oil & Grease	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,499.49</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
	<b>87,600.00</b>	<b>93,668.86</b>	<b>100,200.00</b>
<b>GARAGE</b>			
Supplies	1,500.00	1,623.48	1,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,173.78	1,400.00
Telephone/Internet	2,160.00	1,927.03	2,160.00
Propane/Hot Water	3,000.00	3,088.08	3,500.00
Buildings & Grounds	3,250.00	13,298.05*	3,250.00

**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2025 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
*FY 2026 Proposed Highway Budget*

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,094.186</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>12,910.00</b>	<b>23,204.60</b>	<b>13,810.00</b>
<b>RETREATMENT</b>			
Retreatment	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>470,000.00*</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>ROAD MATERIALS</b>			
Gravel	80,000.00	80,871.88	80,000.00
Chloride	38,000.00	38,484.80	38,000.00
Salt	28,000.00	34,419.65	35,000.00
Culverts	5,000.00	2,700.40	5,000.00
Patching	250.00	1,065.10	250.00
Signs & Posts	2,500.00	2,169.40	2,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	0.00	495.00	0.00
Winter Sand	25,000.00	18,154.68	25,000.00
Ditching Materials	3,500.00	3,158.61	3,500.00
General Road Permit Fee	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>184,250.00</b>	<b>181,030.72</b>	<b>190,100.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND</b>			
Equipment Loan Payments	<b>60,440.00</b>	<b>60,439.14</b>	<b>59,928.44</b>
<b>SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS</b>			
Valley Road Culvert		54,794.00*	
Bridge #30 (Engineering)			16,500.00
Valley Road Culvert			5,000.00
Better Roads Grant Match			<u>5,000.00</u>
			<b>26,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>639,977.02</b>	<b>1,115,111.12</b>	<b>694,505.44</b>
*Garage Project		-10,034.00	
*Paving/Retreatment Fund		-430,000.00	
*Valley Road Culvert (Grant)		<u>-45,702.00</u>	
<b>Actual Budgeted Expense</b>		<b>629,375.12</b>	

**Statement of Estimated Revenues – Highway Fund**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimated</b>
State Aid, Regular	108,768.96	110,431.26	105,000.00
Interest on Accounts	1,000.00	9,035.64	2,000.00
Property Taxes	404,854.24	427,177.02	
Current Use		85,000.00	85,000.00
Overweight Permits	100.00	195.00	100.00
Access Permits	50.00	150.00	50.00
Paving/Retreatment Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
FEMA (2023)		15,655.00	
Grants In Aid		9,500.00	
State Grant (Paving)		200,000.00	
State Grant (Culvert)		<u>45,702.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>952,845.92</b>	

**Restricted Funds**

<b>*Restoration Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2025	\$24,283.95	
Fees received	<u>2,568.00</u>	
<i>Restoration Fund Balance 12/31/25</i>		\$26,851.95
<b>*Grand List Reappraisal Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2025	\$60,931.66	
State Reappraisal Funds received	4,930.50	
Reappraisal Expense	<u>(-32,090.14)</u>	
<i>Reappraisal Fund Balance 12/31/25</i>		\$33,772.02
<b>*Lister Education Fund</b>		
Balance, December 31, 2025		\$3,106.01
No change as this is now handled by the state as a reimbursement program		
<b>*Equipment Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2025	\$23,762.87	
<i>Equipment fund balance 12/31/25</i>		\$23,762.87
<b>*Highway Resurfacing/Retreatment Reserve Fund (est 1998)</b>		
Balance January 1, 2025	\$140,000.00	
Raised by Tax (2025)	50,000.00	
2025 Budget	40,000.00	
Voted at Town Meeting (carryover from 2024)	40,000.00	
State of Vermont Grant	200,000.00	
Paving Expense 2025	<u>(470,000.00)</u>	
<i>Retreatment Fund Balance 12/31/25</i>		\$0.00
<b>*Highway Garage Reserve Fund (est 2023)</b>		
Balance January 1, 2025	93,421.00	
OPH Consulting (New Garage Research)	<u>(10,034.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2025		83,387.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$170,879.85</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
SELECTBOARD'S POLICY  
PERTAINING TO CURB CUTS**

All private roads or driveways entering State or Town highways require an access permit that will be issued by the Town Clerk and approved by the assigned inspector (Road Commissioner, Road Foreman or Select board.) Culvert pipes will be of sufficient size and lengths to insure proper drainage and provide access for emergency vehicles. All expenses for culvert pipes, other drainage and private road construction is the responsibility of the land owner. Anyone replacing an existing culvert within the highway right-of-way after the enforcement date of this policy will also be required to obtain a permit and upgrade culvert to state minimum. For the protection of State and Town highways a permit shall be required for any use of any highway right-of-way, consistent with the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 1111.  
Adopted August 8, 1994  
Amended July 5, 2011

**TOWN POLICY ON CLASS IV ROADS**

Warned and voted at Town Meeting of 1989 the following: the Landowner is responsible to upgrade Class IV roads to Class III specifications before the town accepts the upgrade.  
Specifications: The landowner will be required to upgrade road bed to the following standards: the roadbed should be raised, where possible, above the surrounding terrain to provide adequate drainage and to facilitate snow removal. Alignment and grades should be the best obtainable at reasonable cost, and adequate to provide safe travel at reasonable speeds. No unshielded vehicle hazards should be permitted within the clear zones. Roads where daily vehicle traffic is one to three cars, the minimum road surface width is 20 ft. with a gravel surface depth of 12 inches before the town accepts the upgraded road. A minimum right-of-way for roadway is 50 feet. The road must be inspected and approved by the Vermont District Engineer as a Class III road.

**SNOW LEFT ON ROADS**

**Please do not leave snow in the road when clearing your driveway. This is hazardous for drivers and very hard on our highway equipment. Also, please do not cover the ends of culverts – this blocks drainage and makes them freeze causing problems on the roads.**

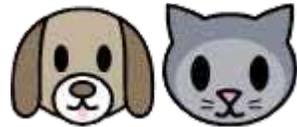
Towns have the authority under 23 V.S.A. § 1126 to demand that snow not be left in the road. The statute reads: “no person shall drop or deposit upon any highway...any...substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon the highway.”

Another statute, 19 V.S.A. § 1105, also addresses the issue of placing an obstruction or encroachment in a public highway “so as to hinder or prevent public travel, or to injure or impede a person traveling on the highway.” If friendly persuasion doesn’t work, we may have to enforce the law.

# Rabies Clinic

**Saturday, March 21  
9-12**

**Derby Line Fire Department  
239 Elm Street – Derby Line**



Please bring prior proof of rabies vaccination or your pet's vaccine will only be good for 1 year.

**Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier**

Holland Dog Licenses will be available –

<b>Spayed/Neutered</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
<b>Intact</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

Vaccines will be done by Nelson Veterinary Associates

**\$20 for each vaccination**

Rabies  
Distemper (canine and feline)  
Lepto and Bordetella  
Microchipping for \$65 (includes lifetime registration).

## **Disabled Veterans Holland Property Exemption**

Disabled veterans who own their homes (in fee simple) may be eligible for a property tax exemption. The exemption reduces the assessed value of the property, lowering the veteran's property taxes. See [32 V.S.A. § 3802](#).

**In Holland the exemption is \$40,000 from a homestead property.**

State law mandates a minimum \$10,000 property tax exemption for veterans in both the municipal and education grand list. Cities and towns may vote to increase the exemption up to \$40,000 in the municipal grand list. The value of a veteran's property will be reduced by the amount of the exemption. Veterans are eligible for the exemption in one of three circumstances:

- Disability compensation for 50% or higher disability **or**
- Non-Service connected pension ("improved pension") **or**
- Military retirement pay for a permanent medical military retirement

If a disability qualifies a veteran for this exemption, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs will issue a Summary of Benefits Letter. Submit the current year application to the [Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs](#) by May 1 of each year. **Please note:** Surviving spouses of veterans who had previously qualified for this exemption may also be eligible if they do not re-marry.

For questions regarding the application process and eligibility visit the [Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs website](#) or call (802) 828-3379 or (888) 666-9844.

**\*There are applications available at the Holland Town Office.\***

## **Green Mountain Passport**

A Vermont State Park  
Visitor's Pass Discount Program  
For Seniors and Veterans

### **What is the passport for?**

- Free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded)
- Free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites
- Free admission to events that are fully State sponsored

### **Who is eligible?**

Must be a legal resident of the Vermont town or city in which you are applying

Must be either:

- 62 years of age or older, or
- A veteran of the uniformed services

### **How do I get a Green Mountain Passport card?**

- Fill out an application at your local City or Town Clerk's Office
- Pay a one-time, \$2 fee to the municipal clerk
- Receive your Green Mountain Passport Card!

For more information on the Green Mountain Passport Card, contact  
your local Town Clerk's Office. 802-895-4440 or [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com)

For more information about Vermont State Parks, visit [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

## **NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter**

### **Explanation of Education Funding, Town Meeting, 2026**

The big story of the 2025 – 2026 school year is Act 73, the legislation that was passed at the end of the session. Act 73 is intended to enact many future changes to Vermont's educational systems. Currently, there are 119 school districts in the state of Vermont, and if Act 73 is implemented in its current form, it will drastically reduce the number of districts, significantly decrease the number of board members in the state, and change entirely the way that schools are funded. The three components of Act 73 are implementing redistricting, governance changes, and a foundation formula.

Under Act 73, new districts would be from 4,000 – 8,000 students. There was a redistricting task force that met eight times last year to determine up to three maps to present to the legislature. However, the redistricting task force came up with one map that didn't force any kind of consolidation. Instead, it allowed for Cooperative Education Service Areas (CESAs), which would be a voluntary merger of districts to share educational services and regional high schools. In North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU), we have about 2700 students, and the only way for us to get to a district with a minimum size of 4,000 would be to merge with Essex North Supervisory Union (ENSU) and Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU). Although we have had a series of meetings with board members and superintendents from these SUs over the fall and winter, our analysis is that there is no cost savings in creating a district that would stretch westward to Jay-Westfield, northward to the Canadian border, eastward to the New Hampshire border, and southward to Glover. With a regional high school in this region, it might be difficult to find one place that would be in the middle for students traveling from this large geographical region, and there currently is no high school that is large enough to house the number of students that would be required in this merged school. With PCBs at North Country Union High School, the largest high school by far in the region, we would likely need to build a new high school. I'm not sure closing three high schools and building one new one would actually save money in the short-term, but perhaps in the long-term.

Another component of Act 73 is to create voting wards for school board (governance) purposes. In these much larger districts, there

would not be one-to-one representation, but instead voting wards would be established, much like the wards that exist for electing state representatives and senators. Therefore, several towns might elect one school board member. In a system like this, the voices of smaller towns may not be as loud as they are with one-to-one representation.

The final component of Act 73 is to create a foundation formula. Currently, Vermont funds its education differently than a lot of other states. We have a statewide education fund which means all the budgets that are passed across the state are added together, and that money is then raised by the legislature to pay for education. Most of education is paid for using property taxes, but there are other revenue sources that are also used, like lottery sales, cannabis sales, and short-term rental sales. The proposed change to a foundation formula would echo what most other states do: the state tells schools how much they will give them for educating each student, with weights added in for poverty, special education, and other special categories, and that's what the schools receive for funding. In this system, voters don't vote on the budget, nor is there any say about how much money a town will get for educating its students.

Although the governor and legislature have said that Act 73 will save taxpayer money, the only modeling we have to date shows that many of our local towns will actually see a tax increase. This is because there will be a statewide tax rate. In this new system, lower spenders will see a tax increase and higher spenders will see a tax decrease.

Act 73 aside, we are still budgeting using the same system we have been using for decades. Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

### **1. Number of students and education spending**

As you know, we have *weighted* pupils that include students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, who count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divided the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

The NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, and when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number

of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount spent per weighted student.

**Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.**

### **2. Dollar yield**

Dollar yield is the amount the legislature determines the state education fund will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate.

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1st and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. This year's recommendation is \$8,849, which is approximately \$250 more than last year's yield. The yield would be \$12,154 except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8849. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe this is an attempt to further blame education for rising property taxes, when CLA does in fact have an effect.

**Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.**

### **3. Common level of appraisal**

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home's appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised at on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home was appraised at what it sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates. Essentially this is a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes, but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA. In our region, the CLA has dropped significantly except in two towns. This has having a very negative impact on tax rates across NCSU.

**Regardless, common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.**

There is no doubt that the legislature will continue to work through Act 73 to determine what needs to be changed and what needs to stay the same in this law. Regardless, there will be significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe and agree that we must make changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like in that district. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like universal Pre-K and universal school meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

Our primary responsibility is to educate the NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that would be incalculable.



Elaine Collins  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 North Country Supervisory Union

**Greetings Holland Residents,**

This year marked an historic time for the town of Holland. On June 26, 2025, the Holland School Board and the Holland Select Board, along with our Town Clerk, Diane Judd, and several community members met to sign over the deed giving full ownership of the school property to the town. Some in attendance shared stories of attending the Holland School; others in attendance reflected on what a wonderful education their children received. It was also a wonderful place to be a teacher or principal.

The budget for the FY 2026-2027 school year is in the amount of \$1,174,495, an increase of \$111,086. The board worked closely to find ways to reduce this amount, however, the tuition to Derby Elementary was increased from \$15,200 to \$17,000. Salaries and health care costs for teachers, administrators, and staff have contributed to the increase. Our budgets no longer include the building maintenance.

Education spending per pupil has decreased from \$9800 to \$9448. The District also decided to carry the cost of ELL services (English Language Learners) which reduced our first draft budget by over \$90,000. A fund balance of \$36,000 is also being used to reduce the final budget.

The number of K -6 students attending Derby Elementary has averaged around 51 students. The town has a healthy Tuition Fund of approximately \$133,000 should that number increase.

We encourage community members to attend our informational meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6:00pm to learn more details regarding the FY27 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Miller

John A. Castle

Heather Dowland

Holland Enrollment (as of 1/13/2026)

PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
8	5	6	8	8	9	10	7	61

**HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***FY2027 Proposed Budget***

	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
Investment Earnings - Interest .....	\$ (800)	\$ (1,320)	\$ (800)	\$ (1,000)
Interest Income - TAN .....	(3,500)	0	0	0
Other Revenues & Rentals .....	(12,600)	(19,968)	0	0
Sales Of Goods .....	0	(80)	0	0
<b>Total Local Revenues .....</b>	<b>(16,900)</b>	<b>(21,288)</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
Education Spending Grant .....	(1,053,862)	(1,063,862)	(1,062,609)	(1,137,495)
ELL Categorical Aid .....	0	(25,000)	0	0
<b>Total State Revenues .....</b>	<b>(1,053,862)</b>	<b>(1,088,862)</b>	<b>(1,092,609)</b>	<b>(1,137,495)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE</b>				
Fund Balance As Revenue/Transfers .....	0	0	0	(36,000)
<b>Total Fund Balance as Revenue .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$(1,070,762)</b>	<b>\$(1,110,150)</b>	<b>\$(1,063,409)</b>	<b>\$(1,174,495)</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Contract Services-Elementary .....	\$ 55,000	\$ 63,253	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000
Tuition .....	716,202	636,624	775,200	850,000
<b>Total Direct Instruction .....</b>	<b>771,202</b>	<b>699,877</b>	<b>830,200</b>	<b>915,000</b>
<b>PRE-K</b>				
Tuition-Pre-K Students .....	46,608	48,406	31,856	41,060
<b>Total Pre-K .....</b>	<b>46,608</b>	<b>48,406</b>	<b>31,856</b>	<b>41,060</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>				
Speech Services from NCSU .....	-	33,269	-	-
<b>Total Speech Services .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
Board Member Stipend .....	2,600	2,599	2,600	2,600
Legal .....	1,000	936	1,000	1,000
Liability Insurance .....	1,931	1,807	2,221	2,398
<b>Total Board of Education .....</b>	<b>5,531</b>	<b>5,341</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>5,998</b>
<b>OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment .....	42,654	42,654	48,108	44,240
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>42,654</b>	<b>42,654</b>	<b>48,108</b>	<b>44,240</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Contracted Service .....	6,720	6,700	6,922	7,000
Interest Current Loans - TAN .....	2,500	-	-	-
<b>Total Fiscal Services .....</b>	<b>9,220</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>7,000</b>

	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>AUDIT SERVICES</b>				
Audit Services .....	4,430	4,650	4,430	7,400
<b>Total Audit Services .....</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>7,400</b>
<b>OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Contracted Serv .....	15,525	7,099	-	-
Water Testing .....	2,250	1,480	-	-
Rubbish Services .....	500	978	-	-
Contracted Serv .....	4,500	10,564	-	-
Property Ins .....	3,093	2,940	-	-
Telephone .....	2,300	1,545	-	-
Supplies .....	2,000	3,592	-	-
Electricity .....	7,500	6,607	-	-
Heating Oil .....	15,000	12,272	-	-
<b>Total Operations and Maintenance .....</b>	<b>52,668</b>	<b>47,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CARE AND UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>				
Playground .....	1,750	1,836	-	-
Lawn Care .....	1,600	3,215	-	-
<b>Total Care and Upkeep-Grounds .....</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Services-NCSU .....	18,000	7,500	18,000	10,000
<b>Total Transportation .....</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Contract Services-NCSU .....	101,678	101,678	98,283	119,987
<b>Total Special Programs .....</b>	<b>101,678</b>	<b>101,678</b>	<b>98,283</b>	<b>119,987</b>
<b>EEE</b>				
EEE Local .....	15,421	15,421	19,790	23,810
<b>Total EEE .....</b>	<b>15,421</b>	<b>15,421</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>23,810</b>
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Contract Services-Before School Program ..	-	3,000	-	-
<b>Total Direct Instruction .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPEND ...</b>	<b>\$1,070,762</b>	<b>\$1,020,623</b>	<b>\$1,063,409</b>	<b>\$1,174,495</b>
<b>NET BALANCE .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ (223,338)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet. We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally sourced workforce.

We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

**BUILDING CAPACITY**

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org). or [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net)

**CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE**

Projected Growth by Year

<b>2025</b>	<b>2026 projected</b>
Towns served 40	Towns served 55
Miles built 510	Miles built 555
Addresses passed 10,026	Addresses passed 15,000

NEKCV is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.



On behalf of everyone at Newport Ambulance Service, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued trust and partnership over the past year. Serving your community is a responsibility we never take lightly, and your support makes it possible for us to deliver high-quality, timely, and compassionate emergency medical care when it matters most.

Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont, employing over sixty employees with four stations covering 830 sq. miles for 17 Towns, and five Unified Towns & Gores. In 2025, we responded to 5,809 calls for service.

This year brought its share of challenges, but also incredible moments of teamwork, resilience, and progress. In 2025, Newport Ambulance Service was name “**Service of the Year**”. In addition, our employee Samantha Atwood was named “**BLS Provider of the Year**”. Additional recognition to Jeffrey Johansen (NAS Director) and Robert Jacobs (Division Supervisor) were both honored at the Jay Peak “**One Town**” celebration. We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for two cardiac saves in 2025, one in Hyde Park and the other in Coventry.

Our crews respond to calls day and night in every kind of weather, providing critical care, safe transport, and reassurance during some of life’s most stressful moments. None of this would be possible without the commitment each Town shows through funding, collaboration, and open communication.

Highlights from this year include:

- Continued investment in advanced life-support equipment and cardiac monitoring technology.
- Ongoing training in trauma care and community risk reduction
- Improvements in response times and coordinated dispatch with partner agencies
- Strong collaboration with local fire departments, police, and emergency management teams
- Service of the Year Award by the Vermont State EMS office.

Every upgrade we've made – whether equipment, training, or staffing – reflects our core mission: to protect the health and safety of the people who live, work and visit in your Towns.

Your support is the backbone of a reliable EMS system. When you partner with Newport Ambulance Service, you're investing in readiness, professionalism, and the assurance that help will arrive quickly, fully equipped, and with the skill needed to save lives.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous improvement, transparent communication, and strengthening our connection with each community we serve. Thank you again for your partnership and for recognizing the importance of strong, sustainable EMS coverage. Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

We are honored to stand beside you!

With appreciation,

Jeffrey J. Johansen

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Service

## Orleans County Sheriff's Department

The Orleans County Sheriff's Office has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. Once again, 2025 has been a busy year for the members of this office. Our deputies continue to stay dedicated and passionate in serving our community. Public safety is what we thrive for, and we aim to continue providing a safe environment for those who live in and visit Orleans County. This is accomplished through continuous collaboration with our local, state, and federal partners.

We celebrated several well-deserved promotions this year, strengthening our leadership team:

**Chief Deputy Richard Wells:** Promoted from Lieutenant to Chief Deputy. As second-in-command, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office.

**Sergeant David Garces:** In charge of Patrol and is a Field Training Officer and certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Sgt. Garces cares deeply about our community and enjoys visiting schools to educate children about safety. Sgt. Garces recently became an Instructor for the Vermont Police Academy.

**Sergeant Cory Bingham:** Currently in charge of Court Operations. Sgt. Bingham manages scheduling and supports the court with security and prisoner transports.

**Corporal Daniel Locke:** Recently recognized for the **2025 VT DECP DRE Outstanding Achievement Award**. Since becoming a certified Drug Recognition Expert in 2023, Cpl. Locke has conducted over 135 evaluations. In 2025 alone, he conducted 85 evaluations and responded to 61 alerts. He recently completed his certification to become an Instructor with the Vermont Police Academy.

The OCSO remains committed to specialized investigations and youth safety:

**Child Advocacy & Domestic Violence:** We continue to support the Child Advocacy Center and utilize a STOP grant to investigate crimes against children, domestic violence, stalking, and violations of court conditions.

**School Resource Officer:** Deputy David Jacobs, who brings over 35 years of law enforcement experience, serves as the SRO at Lake Region Union High School, where he builds vital relationships with our young people and staff.

**Operation Santa:** In December, we celebrated the 18th anniversary of "Operation Santa," which helped bring a happy holiday season to **over 360 children** in our community. This program would not be possible without the backbone of the project, **Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse**, who organizes donations and coordinates with local schools, area law enforcement, EMS, and

fire departments. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our local businesses and residents.

Being your Sheriff is an honor, and I take great pride in serving my community. I am thankful for my deputies and administrative staff; without them, our success would not be possible. I look forward to working with all the selectboards for a successful 2026.

**Contact Information:**

**Administration Office Hours:** 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

**Patrol Hours:** 24/7 (Day/Evening)

**Dispatch:** 802-334-3333 (Press 1)

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Agency Assist	3
Animal Problem	2
ATV Incident/Complaint	1
Citizen Assist	2
Citizen Dispute	1
Civil Process	20
Juvenile NICS Check	2
Larceny	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	4
Parking Problem	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	3
Subpoena Service	2
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop	1
VIN Verification	3
Total Incidents for Holland	48
Total Arrests	1
Total Traffic Tickets	1
Total Warnings	1

**NVDA Report**

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves your town as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

Our service delivery relies on annual dues from our member communities. These funds allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, resource referrals, and lending to strengthen employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

This year saw the implementation of Act 181, which entails significant reforms to Act 250 jurisdiction and thresholds. NVDA planning staff held training webinars (recordings available on our website) and spent countless hours creating regional land use maps in accordance with statutory guidance. We met with local officials in your community to review draft maps, seek public comments, and answer questions.

In 2025, NVDA staff provided technical assistance on emergency planning. We reviewed and regionally approved the Holland Town Plan. We also provided support for a Municipal Energy Resilience Plan grant.

### *Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force*

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, we are writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. During the 28+ years of the program, 1,236 grants totaling over \$2.98 million have been provided to 235 Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. This work makes it faster and easier for firefighters to respond to fires in areas that aren't served by municipal water systems, reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources. The RFP program manager, Troy Dare, helps towns and local fire departments identify those areas where there is the greatest need for a rural hydrant, designs the hydrant, and draws on grant funds to help towns pay for the new hydrants. He is also often onsite during the installation of the hydrant, particularly for complex projects. We ask that your town help support this vital safety program by allocating \$200 to support the program in your town's budget. The Rural Fire Protection program is not a social service agency as defined by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns "Model Social Services Appropriations Policy." The inclusion of an allocation for the Rural Fire Protection program does not require a petition. For more information on the petition requirement, please see the links below. The Rural Fire Protection Program is housed at the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), a non-profit founded and overseen by Vermont's 14 conservation districts.

### *Holland Historical Society*

We held monthly meetings with public notices and invitations for folks to join us each time. Our efforts gained us a few new members and a couple of dedicated volunteers.

We began our season with a visit from two field workers from Preservation Trust of Vermont. They did a walk through and assessed our use of space and discussed changes that could be made to the buildings. They made recommendations that would make our buildings more usable and strongly suggested we use the grounds as often as possible. They felt that following their suggestions would increase our chances of securing a matching grant in 2026. They also assisted us with arranging a site survey performed by Jan Lewandoski to address steeple repairs, cracks in the back wall and possible sill damage. Jan performed his site survey in late May assuring us the church was safe to use.

In early June we got a team together to clean away the dust and cobwebs. We removed clutter and started to rearrange displays to shine a new light on our collections. Projects were carried out through most of the summer. The viewing windows were updated and the back wall of the office was replaced and stained. Thank you, Larry and friends!

We held the annual hymn sing in July, with Pastor Genco and his wife leading us in song. We manned a display booth at Derby Line Day, where we let people know we were open for visits every Wednesday and we kicked off a raffle for some very nice, donated prizes. With much appreciated help from "Cars of Yesteryear" members, we held a car show and open house in September where we served world famous donuts and local cider. Our final event, held in October, was a very well received indoor yard sale and raffle drawing.

As with any old building, there are always needed repairs. In addition to the steeple and soffit that still need fixing, we have identified windows that need to be replaced and two stained glass windows that need sash replacement. We need funds and we desperately need members and volunteers to help with events.

We really want to bring back Old Home Day in August, but we can't do it without your help. We need donations of time; setting up and taking down. We need people to bake; beans, pies and rolls. We need people to serve and oversee table clean up. Currently we have Six board members and three dedicated volunteer members, not nearly enough to get the job done.

**Please watch for our first meeting, answer the call and plan to attend.**

Thank you,

Karon Thibault - President

**Holland Historical Society**  
**2025 Financial Statement**

**Checking:**

Opening Balance, January 1, 2025 \$4,750.74

**Receipts:**

Town Appropriation	5,000.00
Book Sales	228.00
Donations	576.00
Steeple Fund Donations	650.00
Memberships	560.00
Preservation Trust Grant	375.00
Transfer from MM	1,500.00
Raffle Proceeds	522.00
Yard/Vendor Sale	640.50
Open House – food sales	145.00
Book Royalties	205.00
Hymn Sing	<u>198.00</u>
Total Receipts Deposited	<u>\$10,599.50</u>

Total Available Funds \$15,350.24

**Expenses:**

Electricity	826.34
Balance due on roof	2,500.00
Insurance	469.00
Lawn Mowing	360.00
Building Repairs	4,024.50
Flower Beds	300.00
Miscellaneous	75.72
Porta Potty	239.49
Building Survey (for repairs)	750.00
Propane	<u>150.18</u>

Total Expenses \$9,697.46

Closing Balance 12/31/2025 \$5,652.78

**History Book Fund**

Opening Balance, 1/01/2025 \$1,844.04

**Receipts:**

Interest .92

Closing Balance \$1,844.96

**Money Market Account**

Opening Balance 12/31/25 \$17,891.48

Transfer to Checking (\$1,500.00)

Interest \$57.60

Closing Balance \$16,449.08

**Holland Community Center**

The Holland Community Center has done multiple events for the year 2025.

\*For the Holland town meeting we put out free refreshments.

\*We put on a Community ham dinner that was free to Holland residents.

\*We have the Holland Free Library that is open on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. You can come to the library to get a book that you can keep or return. We support the Pre School which comes every wednesday which was a total of 286 students and each student receives a book at every visit. We also had 41 adults and other children that visited. A public computer will be available to use at our library starting January 1, 2026.

\*There is a book club that meets monthly and is always looking for more people to join in. This is also free to join.

\*We have a weekly stretch class that is being lead by Karla Braunesreither and there is still room for people to join. It meets every Saturday from 9:00am to 10:00am and costs \$5.00 each time you go.

\*On green up day we offered refreshments to all the volunteers that helped clean up our community.

\*Holland Day was held in July, with free hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza for all to enjoy. Great time for family and friends to get together.

\*Line Dancing was put on 4 times at \$5.00 per night. Great turn out and hoping to start back up in the spring.

\*Cribbage night was held a few times at \$5.00 per night. Hoping to add more cribbage players to the upcoming cribbage nights.

\*We put on a Turkey Bingo in November that was a great success. We are hoping to make it an annual event.

\*The biggest project we are working on is an Innovation space. This would be office space that people can rent out in the Holland Unity Center. Jim Davis and Karla Braunesreither are working on this project so any questions; reach out to them for more information.

The Holland Community Center will be working on new events for the 2026 year.

We do need Holland residents to be more supportive of the Holland Community Center to help keep our community connected.

If residents have any events they would like to see happen, please reach out and give us your ideas.

Respectfully, Heather Dowland (Holland Community Center Chair)

### *Dailey Memorial Library*

“The 3 most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card.” (E.L. Doctorow)

We are saddened this year by the passing of our previous library director, Barbara Whitehill, who served as librarian for 24 years and continued to work as our technical assistant following her retirement. Over 65 people came to honor her with a memorial reception this fall, and she will always live in our hearts as a friend, colleague, and supporter of our community.

Here are some of our year’s highlights and activities:

**For Children:** Preschool Story Time, LEGO classes, a widely attended Summer Reading Program featuring 12 sessions with stories and activities, and FOR THE CHILDREN, a collaboration with Susan Taylor to deliver 2 free books to all 1st graders in Essex and Orleans counties.

**For Adults:** Chair Yoga classes with Carolyn Hannan, two book discussion series, a weekly crafting circle, and participation in Vermont Reads, a collaboration with the Vermont Humanities Council and the Derby Historical Society featuring speaker programs and book discussions centering on the book *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton.

**For the Community:** AARP tax preparation, a holiday giving tree for adults with special needs, space for the community garden managed by Sue Lucas, free 24-hour wifi, and our solar paneled gazebo for classes, programs, picnics and family get-togethers.

**Events:** Big Truck Day and Children’s Festival organized by the Dagesse family, annual book sale, book basket silent auction, and Christmas Arts and Craft Fair. As always, our library staff and trustees are grateful to the Town of Holland for its continued support. Please stop by for a free library card, and look for us on Facebook, Instagram, and our website. Always feel free to offer ideas on how we can better serve our community.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Badger

### *Green Up Vermont*

Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged. Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We’ve been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State. Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called greenSTEM in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

**Green Up Day is May 2, 2026**

### Haskell Free Library & Opera House

Because of its location straddling the US/Canada border, the Haskell has had a challenging year! Local residents may have noticed a lot of activity and out-of-state license plates parked near us. The Haskell has been inundated with visitors and tourists since we were highlighted by both national and international media. Perhaps you saw the October segments with *CBS Sunday Morning* that highlighted our unique situation.

The tourists have found us, but our members are our priority. We continue to update our collection with new books and new programs. Our library director, Melanie is on maternity leave (a baby boy) and a wonderful young man, Gabriel is filling in. Evelyne is still running children's programs. Natasha is handling publicity, advertising and marketing. And finally, we thank the Haskell board and our wonderful volunteers for their dedicated commitment to both the library and the theater.

The Haskell Opera House continues to offer a variety of shows: Opera, poetry readings, Theater, children's Book Animation, talent shows, musicians, and films from all over the world. An added bonus this year was hosting Louise Penny's book launch for "The Black Wolf" which drew in a maximum capacity crowd of 800. Louise Abbott's documentary on the Memphremagog steamboat which also had a sold-out crowd, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's live taping of "The Current". The Haskell Cinema is showing amazing, innovative, and thoughtful Cannes Film Festival award winning movies and classics and have the support of a world-renowned film editor and film festival creator, Danny Lennon. We plan on continuing to offer Music, Art, Films and cultural entertainment to our communities on both sides of the Border.

### Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is honored to support older Vermonters in Holland and throughout the Northeast Kingdom as they age with dignity, independence, and connection. Thanks to the commitment of our communities, we were able to make a meaningful impact throughout Fiscal Year 2025.

Over the past year, we were privileged to support 4,810 unique older Vermonters across the Northeast Kingdom, including 21 of your neighbors right here in Holland. Together, we achieved the following:

- Delivered 151,099 Home-Delivered Meals to older adults who rely on daily nourishment and safety checks
- Answered 4,136 calls through our statewide Helpline (800-642-5119), connecting people with fuel assistance, Medicare support, housing resources, crisis intervention, and more
- Provided personalized guidance and advocacy through 577 case-managed individuals, helping older adults remain safely in their homes with the dignity they deserve

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Winter in the Northeast Kingdom is beautiful—and brutal. Many older adults face the heartbreaking choice between heat and food, a decision no one should ever have to make. Our Fuel Assistance support prevents medical emergencies, protects older Vermonters from dangerous cold, and ensures dignity through the harshest months of the year.

Community matters. Compassion matters. And every story matters. When we stand together, no one struggles alone.

Thank you for supporting your neighbors and strengthening the spirit of Vermont community life.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact: Melinda Martin, Director of Communications & Development at [mmartin@nekouncil.org](mailto:mmartin@nekouncil.org) • (802) 748-5182

**ConnectABILITES**

Since OCCA rebranded itself as ConnectABILITIES we continue to support our community members in Orleans County with visible and invisible developmental and intellectual disabilities. In the years since COVID, the lack of volunteers continues to remain a challenge for all not-for-profit organizations, not only in our area but across the country. Since our rebranding In 2023 we have increased our services and reach. We not only serve the needs of the disability community, but we also serve their families and advocates. We are proud to be celebrating our 38th anniversary and are a vibrant and needed entity in the community. ConnectABILITIES Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and people with differing abilities so that all are heard, empowered, and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all of these people in opportunities that enhance their quality of life, and we seek to provide whatever support we can feasibly provide towards helping them to achieve their life goals. In doing so we keep our hearts and minds open to all who seek our help, regardless of their particular situations. Since our rebranding, ConnectABILITIES accomplishments have included:

- Recruiting and hiring Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increasing our connection with community resources and working in partnership with other organizations, serving our shared constituency.
- Providing an inclusive program series, which explores the Arts, encourages socializing, and meeting of other community members, through shared meals, life skills enhancement, socialization, and building friendships. Transportation is provided to these events.
- Providing ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities).
- Continuing our toll-free HelpLine as a 24/7 resource for our community, we provide, in collaboration with their families, support, access to resources, and referrals for callers needing assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Providing ongoing development of our resource referral database for federal, state, and local public agencies.
- Adding casework management and increasing our level of service for those experiencing crisis or are in need of advocacy.

Intentionally, ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, or The United Way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County, and from local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day when you vote to support ConnectABILITES and the disabled community is greatly appreciated. In light of the recent government budget cuts, the Board decided to establish a shelf-stable emergency food pantry to support our community, in lieu of this year's annual calendar.

Please call 888-635-6222 for more information, with questions or referrals. We welcome our connection with you.

**Orleans Essex V.N.A. and Hospice, Inc.**

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

**SUMMARY OF SERVICES:**

Total Agency Visits FY 2025 .....	27,125
Total Visits FY 2025 - Town of Holland.....	23

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

## *Umbrella*

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 3 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

Advocacy Program serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY25, Advocacy supported approximately 1,172 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Social Change focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY25, Our Social Change programs provide prevention education and support to 2,751 youth in local schools with prevention education and supported 461 adults through workshops and training. Our Accountability Programs: served 65 individuals, and celebrated 33 program graduates.

· Family Based Services focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY25, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served 2,015 families. The Family Room, provided safe, supervised visits for 57 families.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 24 people in the Town of Holland were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2025 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Holland's support.

## *Orleans County Historical Society/Old Stone House Museum*

Twenty twenty-six holds the promise of another exciting year for the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village! For 100 years, the Orleans County Historical Society has been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future. Our historic village encompasses eight remarkable buildings and a collection of over 75,000 artifacts that vividly illustrate various aspects of Orleans County's heritage.

Through tours, events, research opportunities, and recreational activities, the Old Stone House remains a vital and dynamic cornerstone of Orleans County culture. Each year, the museum attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County, bringing vital tourism revenue into our community. Additionally, our annual grants and preservation projects inject funds into the local economy, supporting contractors, tradespeople, and suppliers while ensuring the longevity of our historic treasures.

The museum provides meaningful employment opportunities, with six permanent staff members and three to five seasonal employees each year. For the past three summers, we've been proud to welcome local high school students to our team. These young participants have gained valuable experience by helping to maintain the grounds, preserve collections, welcome visitors, and much more. With your help, we will continue this youth program in 2026.

As a nonprofit organization deeply committed to preserving and celebrating our history, enhancing local culture, and contributing to the region's economy, we rely on support from the towns we serve most directly.

## NKHS 2025 Annual Report Summary

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by approving the article in your 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 1.33% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, 12 lived in the Town of Holland benefiting from 322 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals in the Northeast Kingdom. During this time, over 3995 unique individuals benefited from the 988-crisis line.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care. Your support is integral to our mission. Thank you for considering our request.

## MINUTES

### Annual Town Meeting

**The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont met in said town on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10A.M. at the Holland Elementary School to transact the following business:**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Senator Russ Ingalls spoke. He talked about changes at the State House and proposed education redistricting. He promised to return calls if anyone contacts him.

Representative Larry Labor then spoke about the 452 bills that have been brought up so far this session. He stated that each bill costs \$1,000 to get "on the wall".

Diane Judd led the Pledge of Allegiance for those that wished to participate. Mitch Wonson called the meeting to order at 10:18 AM. Mitch went over the ground rules of the meeting.

**Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Mitch Wonson was nominated by Ken Pine. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations. Ayes had it. Mitch was elected as Moderator.

**Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. Andy Bouchard asked if there are plans for when our current road crew retires. Trevor said that as we have two drivers that are nearing retirement, we now budget funds in case we need to send a new hire to get a Commercial Drivers License. Our newest hire is interested in being road foreman. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed discussion.

**Article 3.** To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year. **Town Clerk – Diane Judd** was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** for Town Clerk.

**Town Treasurer – Diane Judd** was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** for Town Treasurer.

**Select Board** member for a term of three years: **Trevor Gray** was nominated by Tom Adams. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Trevor Gray** for the three year Select Board position.

**Lister – Diane Judd** was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** as Lister.

**Auditor – Suzanne Moulton** was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Suzanne Moulton** as Auditor.

**Constable – Greg Bronson** was nominated by Diane Judd. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Greg Bronson** as Constable.

**Delinquent Tax Collector – Diane Judd** was nominated by Tom Adams. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** as Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Cemetery Commission – Laurie Gray** was nominated by Diana Emmerson to serve for a five year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Laurie Gray** as Cemetery Commissioner.

**Solid Waste Supervisor – Darrell Martin** was nominated by Bert Letourneau. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. **Darrell Martin** is our new Solid Waste Supervisor for a year.

**Planning Commission - Jim Davis** was nominated by Stacy Boone for a term of 3 Years. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Jim Davis** whose term expires in 2028.

**Planning Commission – Stacy Boone** was nominated by Jim Davis to a three-year term. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Stacy Boone** whose term will expire in 2028

**Planning Commission – Darrell Martin** was nominated by Jim Davis to complete a 1 year term. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Darrell Martin** whose term will expire in 2026.

**Planning Commission-Kenric Gonyaw** was nominated by Jim Davis to complete a 1 year term. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Kenric Gonyaw** whose term will expire in 2026.

**Planning Commission – J. Parker Castle** was nominated by John Castle to complete a 2 year term. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **J. Parker Castle** whose term will expire in 2027.

### **10:31 Mitch called for a Break for the School Meeting**

Mitch called the School Meeting to order at 10:32.

**Article I.** To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for the ensuing year. **Mitch Wonson** was nominated by Ken Pine. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations.

**Article II.** To elect a School Director for a three-year term. **Heather Dowland** was nominated by Gina Miller. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. **Heather Dowland** was elected to serve a three-year term as School Director.

**Article III.** To elect a School Director to fill the remaining one-year of a three-year unexpired term. This was an oversight and was passed over.

**Article IV.** To elect a Union School District Director for a three-year term. **Jennifer Harlow** was nominated by Diane Judd.

Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. **Jennifer Harlow** was elected as Union School Director for a three-year term.

**Article VI.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to transfer \$100,510 of FY2024 Audited Unassigned General Fund Balance to the tuition reserve fund? Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. Darrell asked for an explanation. John said that each year the budget is built as a best guess as to how many students we will pay tuition for. This year we had a surplus and it can be used to offset future tuition costs. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the article passed.

**Article VII.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to transfer \$10,000 of FY2024 Audited Unassigned General Fund Balance to the **Building/Grounds Reserve Fund**? Moved by Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Bouchard. Andy asked what happens to the fund if it isn't spent before the transfer of the building to the Town? John said any unspent funds would need voter approval next year to determine how they are spent. John said the School Board in conjunction with the Select Board will decide by June 30<sup>th</sup> what to spend the funds on. Currently there is \$14,000 in the fund. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the article passed.

**Article VIII.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District be authorized to convey ownership of the Holland Town School District building and real property located at 26 School Road, Holland, VT to the Town of Holland in exchange for consideration of one dollar as of July 1, 2025? Moved by Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis. Andy asked about renters and how the daily running of the building might happen if/when it transfers. Trevor said the Select Board has been waiting for the decision. He said they (the Select Board) will be meeting with the School Board to work on the transition. Insurance is another consideration as well. Darrell asked how the Select Board will work to help offset the expense to maintain the building and grounds. Trevor said it is hoped to rent more space. Currently around \$18,000 is brought in by rent. Liz Hager asked about the cost to be passed on to the residents. Trevor said more decisions need to be made. Selling the building in the future is still a possibility. John stated that if the School Board had sold the building, we (the School District) would have had to pay the State back \$80,000 (ish) for money paid to Holland. It is thought that the Town will have better opportunities to get grants that cannot be accessed as a school building. Ernie hopes that the space can be used for parties and dances as it used to. This includes the use of alcohol at these types of events. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the article passed. Motion to adjourn the school meeting with the exception of the Australian Balloting by Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. Ayes had it. Meeting adjourned at 10:51.

At this point, Ernie suggested a break to enjoy the goodies that the Holland Community Center had supplied.

## Town Meeting reconvened at 11:05

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money by tax to meet the expenses and liabilities for the ensuing year, not to exceed \$872,924.02 less such State Aid as is received by the Town. Moved by Ken Pine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis. Andy asked if any big projects were planned for 2025. Dave said that a large culvert will be replaced on Valley Road and the road will be closed for a week. A question was asked about the Highway building and grounds line item. It was due to rebuilding the shed at the garage. Insurance covered most of it. Mitch closed. Ayes had it and the budget was approved.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer with a due date of October 16, 2025 by 5:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted? Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. Discussion about the different ways to pay property taxes. A question was asked regarding the no postmarks. Diane Judd said Holland has never accepted postmarks. Diane also commented how long do we wait before it is deemed delinquent. Mitch closed. Ayes had it. Article passed.

**Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland direct the Select Board to transfer the unspent \$40,000 retreatment line item to the Paving Reserve Fund? Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy Neel. Trevor spoke about funds we have in hand as well as those raised annually. He also said we receive State money every 4-5 years towards paving, and this is the year we should be receiving paving money. It is up to the voters as to where the money is spent. Andy suggested widening the roads and better paving. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it. The \$40,000 will go into the Highway Resurfacing/Paving Reserve Fund.

**Article 7.** Shall the Town vote to apply any unallocated surplus funds from the 2024 tax year to the Highway Garage Reserve Fund. Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis. Trevor stated that the Highway Garage Reserve Fund currently has \$93,421 in it. He said we need to start preparing to work on a new garage. The Planning Commission has started by looking at potential sites and the possibility of grants. When asked for a ballpark figure, Trevor estimated \$850,000 to build a new garage. Bert Letourneau asked if the intent is to store all equipment inside. Trevor said yes, and possibly a wash bay. The wants and needs will be looked at. Darrell Martin said that the Town will need to invest money but there will also be Federal and State funds to help. Jim Davis said that we don't know yet if the current site is feasible for a replacement building. The Planning Commission is applying for a grant to work on the feasibility of using the current site. Hearing no more discussion, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the money will be put in the Reserve Fund.

At this point, Mitch shared that it is customary to move all of the appropriation line items as one. Heather Dowland asked that we vote on Article 8 separately.

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.? Ken Pine moved 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis. Karon Thibault

made a motion to amend the article to \$5,000. She said the steeple needs work as well as much of the siding. A quote was received for \$30,000 - \$35,000 to do the work. As it is on both the National and State Registry of Historic buildings, certain requirements must be met. The Historical Society is working with the Preservation Trust of Vermont to get more bids. Mitch closed discussion.

Amendment passed by voice vote. Amended Article no discussion. Passed by voice vote. \$5,000 will go to the Holland Historical Society.

Tom Adams moved to vote on Articles 9-18, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Emmerson. Darrell Martin asked if all amounts are the same. Diane said they are and we have one new request from NEKLS who fulfilled the requirement of a signed petition. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it. Articles 9-18 were approved.

**Article 9.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town?

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will appropriate \$500.00 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of building and supporting one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered.

**Article 11.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?

**Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?

**Article 13.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$700.00 for the support of Dailey Memorial Library to provide services to residents of the Town?

**Article 14.** To see if the Town of Holland will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

**Article 15.** Shall voters of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing and finding homes for unwanted pets?

- Article 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs?
- Article 17.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,258 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?
- Article 18.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$300.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) to provide services to residents of the Town.

**Article 19.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting. Mitch asked if voters had an opinion about the legislators speaking at our meeting. Ernie said we should continue to allow it, as did others. It was suggested that perhaps a time limit be given. It was suggested that maybe they come before the meeting for one on one discussion. Jim thanked those who donated goodies on behalf of the Holland Community Center. Ernie reminded folks about the town call out system. He said this helps keep you informed of Town happenings. Larry Judd threw out that road closure information goes out too. Karon Thibault (Holland Historical Society President) said the HHS needs bodies to help with events. Jim Davis shared that the Holland Community Center is hosting a lunch on May 31 and all Holland residents are welcome. This will be held at the school. Ernie also said that the Holland Community Center needs folks to serve on the Board as well as help at functions. Karla Braunesreither said that if you would like to suggest an activity, please reach out to an HCC Board member. Stacy Boone very eloquently spoke about reaching out to your neighbors to get to know them and to help involve them in to the community. She felt that each person has something to give. Mitch closed discussion.

**Article 20.** To adjourn the meeting. Jim Davis moved to adjourn at 11:53, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Boone. Ayes had it and the meeting was adjourned.

**Dated this 10th day of March, 2025**

Diane H Judd – Holland Town Clerk

Michael (Mitch) Wonson – Holland Town Moderator

**Results of Australian Balloting:**

**Article IV:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$23,213,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,788, which is 8.34% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

**In Favor 39 Opposed 20**

**Article V:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,955,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

**In Favor 38 Opposed 20**

**Article VI:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?

**In Favor 44 Opposed 14**

**Article VII:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity fund?

**In Favor 43 Opposed 15**

**Holland Elementary School Budget**

**Article IV:** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$1,063,409, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Holland Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$9,800, which is 1.23% more than per pupil education spending for the current year.

**In Favor 43 Opposed 15**

## Vital Statistics – 2025

## Notes

### BIRTHS

#### **Child**

Marilla Mitchell  
Colton Greene  
Kaydin Bourelle  
Lydia Brace  
Kinsley Chase

#### **Parents**

Lily & Frank Mitchell  
Autumn & Brandon Greene  
Danielle LaBounty & Khallin Bourelle  
Katelyn & Dustin Brace  
Alysha Brenier & Tyler Chase

### WEDDINGS

Grace Perkins	Dakota Pavelchak	April
Emily Riead	Caleb Roberts	June
Katelyn Patenaude	Dustin Brace	June
Renee Fortin	Brian Fisher	July
Michael Spratt	Derek Poulin	August
Meghan Davison	Matthew Cruz	October
Chanda Hamelin	Yvan Pelletier	October

### DEATHS

#### **Name**

Larry Davis  
George Whitelaw  
Steve Daggett  
Robert Wood  
Nancy Castle

#### **Residence**

Holland  
Holland  
Holland  
Holland  
Holland

### BURIALS

Judd, Donna M.  
Lyon, Matthew J.  
Whitelaw, George G.  
Lynch, John P.  
Lynch, Michael

# Notes

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