

TOWN OF

Holland

VERMONT

2021

Rodney W. Lyon

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2021



This town report is dedicated to:

Rodney W. Lyon

1927 – 2021

Rodney was a true Holland resident, even though he was born in Rock Island Quebec. I can see the twinkle in his eye at this comment!

My first memory of Rodney was mud season 1981 or maybe 1982. As certain roads were impassable and the road by his home was a bit better, that was the way we went to get home. We ended up stuck in the mud there....Rodney came to our rescue and pulled us through the mud. He just grinned and we were on our way. In later years I got to know him a bit better and he always had that grin!

Rodney served as the Town of Holland's Fire Warden for 40 years.

He also served on the Select Board and I am sure he helped in other ways that aren't documented.

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Year Ending December 31, 2021

Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, May 21, 2022

10:00 am

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Reminders –

**Have you filed your HS-122 for 2021 with the State of Vermont yet?
You must claim a homestead each year.
If you qualify - have you filed for your property tax credit?**

If you are a resident and file after April 15 you will be assessed a penalty!

If you don't know what this is, call the office at 802-895-4440

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.

If you have not signed up for our auto information and want to; either call the office 895-4440 or send an email to: holland1805@hotmail.com. You can get a phone call, email or text to let you know about meetings, important information and just to keep up with town happenings.

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

For more information about Vermont State Parks, visit vtstateparks.com.

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 School Building in said town on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10A.M. to transact the following business:

- Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- Article 3.** To elect all 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 \$818,128.28 less such State Aid as is 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 17 by 6:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted?
- Article 6.** Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus General funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? (\$47,857)
- Article 7.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland, pursuant to Title 17 §2640(b), move Town Meeting to Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00AM?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to repurpose the unspent \$22,984.36 funds from the 2015 Highway Surplus to the Equipment Fund?
(In 2016 the voters approved Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Holland direct the Selectboard to use the Highway budget surplus of \$58,000 to make improvements at the town garage

with any of the unspent surplus being used to buy gravel?)

- Article 9.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland apply any surplus 2021 Highway funds to the Retreatment Fund?
- Article 10.** What would the voters of the Town of Holland like to see the ARPA funds used for? (For Discussion Only)
- Article 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to disapprove the recently adopted ATV Ordinance? (In the event a petition is received regarding a vote on the Holland ATV Ordinance)
- Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?
- Article 13.** 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 14.** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers.
- Article 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?
- Article 16.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?

- Article 17.** 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 18.** 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 19.** 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 20.** Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?
- Article 21.** 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 22.** 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 23. Shall the Town of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Orleans County Fair to continue support of the grounds for community events.

Article 24. To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting.

Article 25. To adjourn the meeting.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2022

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Holland:

Trevor Gray
Andrew Bouchard
Jonathan L. Morin

**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 1, 2022, AT 7:30 A.M. TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

- 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. To elect a School Director to fill the remaining one-year of a three-year unexpired term.
- Article IV. To elect a Union School Director for a three-year term.
- Article V. Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$708,474, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,318 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.15% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article VI. Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to use \$92,000 of FY2021 Fund Balance to reduce indebtedness from the 2014 roof replacement and renovation project?
- Article VII. Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to close the Alternative Education Reserve Fund and move the \$15,974 to the Building/Grounds Reserve Fund?

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED USING THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM ON **MARCH 2, 2021**. 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, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021, AT 6:00 PM. THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING. LINKS AND PHONE-IN INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE. THIS MEETING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17V.S.A. 2680(G).

DATED AT HOLLAND, VERMONT THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022:

TOWN OF HOLLAND
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

LINCOLN PETELL
NANCY NOBLE
ROBIN SHELP

RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022 AT HOLLAND, VT

ATTEST: DIANE JUDD, TOWN CLERK

RESULTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOTS ON MARCH 1, 2022:

SCHOOL MODERATOR – MICHAL (MITCH) WONSON
HOLLAND SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3 YEARS – NANCY NOBLE
HOLLAND SCHOOL DIRECTOR BALANCE OF TERM – ROBIN SHELP
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR – JENNIFER HARLOW JACOBS

ARTICLE V.	YES 42	NO 8
ARTICLE VI.	YES 42	NO 7
ARTICLE VII.	YES 46	NO 4

**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 \$18,442,500, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,752 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.54% higher than 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 \$381,000 of undesignated FY2021 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? These funds are intended to offset future capital improvements to the facility.

ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$30,000 of undesignated FY2021 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Technology Reserve fund?

ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$5,698,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,715 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.84% higher than spending for the current year.

Results from Voting on March 1, 2022:

Article IV.	Yes 34	No 16
Article V.	Yes 39	No 11
Article VI.	Yes 37	No 13
Article VII.	Yes 31	No 19

<u>Town Officers</u>		
Elected Position	Term of Office	Term Expires
Moderator (Town).....	1 Year	Michael (Mitch) Wonson.. 2022
Moderator (School).....	1 Year.....	Michael (Mitch) Wonson..2022
Town Clerk.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd..... 2022
Treasurer.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd..... 2022
Selectboard.....	3 Years....	Trevor Gray 2022
	3 Years....	Andrew Bouchard..... 2023
	3 Years....	Johnathan Morin..... 2024
Listers.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd 2022
	3 Years....	Angela Thresher..... 2023
	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude..... 2024
Auditors.....	3 Years....	Suzanne Moulton.....2022
	3 Years....	Angela Thresher2023
	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude2024
Constable.....	1 Year	Greg Bronson 2022
2 nd Constable	1 year	Vacant..... 2022
Delinquent Tax Collector ..	1 Year	Diane Judd..... 2022
School Director	3 Years....	Nancy Noble 2022
	3 Years....	Robin Shelp (Appointed)... 2023
	3 Years....	Lincoln Petell..... 2024
Union School Director.....	3 Years....	Jennifer Harlow Jacobs.... 2022
Cemetery Commissioner	5 Years....	Lucy Neel 2022
	5 Years....	Joe Noble 2023
	5 Years....	Heather Dowland..... 2024
	5 Years....	Laurie Gray..... 2025
	5 Years....	Diana Emmerson 2026
Solid Waste Supervisor.....	1 Year	Joe Noble 2022
Planning Commission	3 Years....	Linda Wilkie 2022
	3 Years....	Joe Noble 2022
	3 Years....	Jonathan Morin.....2023
	3 Years....	Adam Fortin-Sanville.....2023
	3 Years....	Bruce Wilkie.....2024

<u>Town Officers</u>	
Appointed by Selectboard:	
Tree Warden.....	Andre Morin
Emergency Management.....	Dave Jacobs
Green-Up Chair.....	Michael (Mitch) Wonson
Solid Waste Supervisor Alternate.....	Pat Austin
Appointed by State of Vermont, Selectboard recommendation	
Town Health Officer.....	Lucy Neel
Town Fire Warden.....	Dave Jacobs
Flood Coordinator.....	Selectboard
Environmental Conservation Officer...	Selectboard
Appointed by Town Clerk/Treasurer:	
Assistant Clerk/Asst School Treasurer	Angela Thresher
Assistant Town /School Treasurer.....	Brian Currier
Appointed by Cemetery Commission:	
Treasurer	Diane Judd
School District Officers by Virtue of Town Office held:	
Treasurer	Town Treasurer

Justices of the Peace (Elected Nov 2020)

- Thomas Adams
- Brian Currier
- Diane Judd
- Lucy Neel
- Barbara Pine

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. In our opinion the financial statements are in good order. We would like to thank Diane Judd for her excellent accounting and record keeping. As Auditors we appreciate Diane's dedication each year to preparing the Town Report.

Suzanne Moulton
 Gaetane Patenaude
 Angela Thresher
 Town of Holland Auditors

Indebtedness:

Bank Loans – Balance on December 31, 2021

2019 International Truck (2023)	54,451.58
2017 F-550 Pick-up (2023)	27,830.35
Fire Truck Share (2023)	17,019.07
2022 International Truck (2026)	151,869.00

Total Debt \$251,170.00

Financial Statement

Town of Holland

Assets Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

General Fund:	Balance	
Checking #01	135,099.03	
Money Market #13	427,869.89	
Highway Checking #01	<u>6,638.99</u>	
		\$569,607.91
Cemeteries:		
Checking #13	19,629.68	
Savings #19	65.90	
CD #71	<u>4,260.01</u>	
		\$23,955.59
Accounts Receivable:		
Delinquent Taxes:		
2015	602.73	
2016	617.94	
2017	2,519.56	
2018	5,082.17	
2019	10,342.90	
2020	17,600.42	
2021	<u>39,497.47</u>	
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$76,263.19

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 (2023)
 International Truck, Diesel (2019)
 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 – 2021

(Money received from the State of Vermont)

Department	01/01/21 - 12/31/2021
<u>General Fund</u>	
Town Clerk Fees	165.00
Current Use – Hold Harmless	131,503.00
2021 Taxes - Fish & Wildlife	31,079.40
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	24,304.00
Judicial Fines	150.00
Equalization Payment	516.00
Act 60 – Reappraisal/EEGL Study	<u>4,386.00</u>
	\$192,106.40
<u>Highways</u>	
State Aid - Class 2	45,296.81
State Aid - Class 3	54,585.50
State Aid – Supplemental	5,527.30
FEMA – (Halloween Storm 2019)	31,285.26
ERAF – State Share for FEMA	3,128.53
VT Agency of Transportation Grant	<u>95,828.50</u>
	\$235,651.90
<u>School</u>	
State Aid (3110)	198,828.77
<u>Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund</u>	
	91,770.29
TOTAL All Departments	\$718,354.36

TAX TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Year	Grand List	Rate	Taxes
2017	560,591.18	2.6093/2.6213	1,470,494.46
2018	567,405.58	2.6067/2.6629	1,495,222.49
2019	570,121.63	2.6548/2.7678	1,545,864.25
2020	574,135.56	2.5996/2.7360	1,530,822.90
2021	580,824.59	2.5655/2.8726	1,563,986.92

Grand List size reflects Current Use Reductions

2021 Taxes As Billed – after all Homestead Changes

Rate Category	Rate	Grand List	Total Tax Billed
Non-Home Education	1.8094	278,311.95	503,577.72
Homestead Education	1.5473	302,512.64	468,077.79
Paving/Retreatment	0.0862	580,824.59	50,067.32
Veteran’s Exemption	0.0024	580,824.59	1,393.96
Town Highway	0.7799	580,824.59	452,985.20
Town General	0.1497	580,824.59	<u>86,949.01</u>
TOTAL TAX			1,563,986.92
Total State Payments (Education)			146,543.11

Listers Report

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXABLE PARCELS IN HOLLAND 508

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 2017 our listed values were at	91.62%
In 2018 our listed values were at	90.64%
In 2019 our listed values were at	92.78%
In 2020 our listed values were at	89.09%
In 2021 our listed values were at	80.27%

The last town-wide reappraisal was done in 2006.

Due to sales in the last couple of years it appears that we will be mandated to do a reappraisal as soon as we can contract with an appraisal company

Holland Board of Listers:

Diane Judd, Chair
Angela Thresher
Gaetane Patenaude

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Ashford, Judith	142,600	71,200	71,400
Bailey, Brent	91,600	34,900	56,700
Barrup, Lee & Amy	87,600	54,800	32,800
Castle, Nancy	126,400	20,400	106,000
Chalifour, Anne	31,700	20,500	11,200
Chalifour, Anne	77,400	53,600	23,800
Chalifour, Anne	173,500	80,900	92,600
Champigny, Tony & Gabriel	170,000	19,579	150,421
Champney, Gary Jr & Leighann	235,700	91,100	144,600
Champney, Linda H	88,100	66,700	21,400
Champney, Linda H	1,991,000	1,533,700	457,300
Dagesse, Daniel & Irene	316,300	193,600	122,700
Daggett, Dave & Claire	17,200	14,700	2,500
Daggett, Steven	268,600	73,300	195,300
Davidson, Scott & Tim/Jacobs D	73,800	44,800	29,000
Ducharme, Daniel L	50,400	39,500	10,900
Durocher, Matthew	93,300	81,600	11,700
Emery, Catherine/Tice, Allen	239,000	90,313	148,687
Farrow, Michael W & Melanie F	187,200	6,900	180,300
Fecteau, Betsy Victoria	131,100	35,100	96,000
Ferwerda, Michelle	245,000	103,400	141,600
Fortin, Theresa	25,500	13,600	11,900
Fortin, Theresa	1,030,800	595,800	435,000
Fortin, Michael & Deborah	54,100	29,500	24,600
Fortin, Simone	168,500	22,700	145,800
Foster, Laura	461,200	39,300	421,900
Gentile, Nicola & Maria	257,700	42,800	214,900
Gonyaw, Kenric & Avalena	180,200	46,000	134,200
Gray Farms Realty LLC	2,484,100	1,883,800	600,300
Gray Farms Realty LLC	645,600	453,500	191,100
Gray Farms Realty LLC	227,100	205,400	21,700
Gray Farms Realty LLC	53,900	43,000	10,800

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Gray Farms Realty LLC	77,000	58,800	18,200
Gray Farms Realty LLC	15,800	14,000	1,800
Gray Farms Realty LLC	59,100	45,200	13,900
Gray Farms Realty LLC	70,000	52,800	17,200
Gray, Keith & Trevor	232,500	177,700	54,800
Gray, Keith & Ruth	142,700	119,900	22,800
Gray, Keith & Ruth	87,700	17,830	69,870
Hamblett, Nathan & Tracy	146,600	43,400	103,200
Hickey, Joan	236,200	35,300	200,900
Hutchins, Jeffrey & Anna	359,700	80,400	279,300
JLS Forestry LLC	514,700	340,700	174,000
JLS Forestry LLC	97,900	78,100	19,800
Judd, Eric & Jessica	332,900	53,103	279,797
Judd, Jaret & Jessica	128,400	62,400	66,000
Judd, Lawrence Sr	19,500	10,700	8,800
Judd, Lawrence Sr	71,800	53,763	18,037
Judd, Lawrence Sr	262,100	114,900	147,200
Kennedy, Monte F	138,400	95,600	42,800
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	31,000	21,600	9,400
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	283,300	151,200	132,100
Lafreniere, Leon & Tammy	190,100	55,400	134,700
Leitch, Jamie & Lynne	195,800	43,600	152,200
Letourneau, Priscilla & Tanya	215,000	19,200	195,800
Line Farm, LLC	221,800	101,033	120,067
Marquis, Robert C	213,200	72,200	141,000
Marquis, Robert J	79,600	52,800	26,800
Martin, Darrell & Carol	198,300	27,500	170,800
McLure, David	227,400	184,200	43,200
Merrill, Cynthia	282,800	231,100	51,700
Merrill, Jacob	53,800	34,800	19,000
Morin, Andre	80,600	61,100	19,500
Morin, Andre	88,900	78,600	10,300

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Morin, Andre	411,100	200,600	210,500
Morin, John	649,800	383,800	266,000
Morin, Jonathan & Nathan	197,500	34,200	163,300
Murphy, Jeremy	131,000	59,900	71,100
Nadeau, Aaron & Chantale	1,432,400	791,300	641,100
Parenteau, Robert & Cynthia	193,100	116,400	76,700
Patenaude, M&G, M&D	41,600	34,300	7,300
Patenaude, M&G, M&D, S	106,100	9,100	97,000
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	137,600	106,900	30,700
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	508,900	331,900	177,000
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	1,670,100	1,030,615	639,485
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	35,700	29,700	6,000
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	180,200	151,600	28,600
Petell, Patricia	325,100	124,405	200,695
Petell, Victor A	504,200	225,900	278,300
Peter Piper Timber LLC	132,700	111,000	21,700
Provencal, Roland & Arthur	467,800	317,400	150,400
Richards, D & Karalunas, D	150,900	5,600	145,300
Russell, Thomas & Jamie	284,300	60,600	223,700
Schub, William & Lisa	317,900	142,700	175,200
Sullivan, Suzanne	73,900	53,800	20,100
Taplin, Brian	44,000	28,600	15,400
Tatum, Miriam	89,000	73,200	15,800
Tice, Mark	196,000	134,900	61,100
Tice, Paul & Tice, Mark	142,600	100,900	41,700
Trudeau, Heather	<u>199,100</u>	<u>31,900</u>	<u>167,200</u>
TOTAL	24,223,200	13,234,541	10,988,659

*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. The municipal and school taxes are made up by taxpayers throughout the state. There were 86 properties enrolled in 2021.

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 12/31/2021

Adair-Kittell, Tracy	Lapuszynski/Laffey *
Amidon, Tharen *	Mills, Pauline
Beauvais, J/Reilly, J	Moulton, Judy
Corriveau, Roger *	Newell, Mark/Merrill, Cindy
Davison, Jared	Reilly, Jessica *
Desjarlais, Nicholas	Rolfe, Justin
Farrow, Michael & Melanie *	Roy, David & Wendy
Jensen, Barbara *	Scott, Daniel & Kory
Kingsley, Carlton *	Shepard, Craig & Debra
Lagana, John *	Skinner, Lawrence (Estate)*
Lapuszynski, Victor *	

2015 Delinquent Total	602.73
2016 Delinquent Total	617.94
2017 Delinquent Total	2,519.56
2018 Delinquent Total	5,082.17
2019 Delinquent Total	10,342.90
2020 Delinquent Total	17,600.42
2021 Delinquent Total	39,497.47
GRAND TOTAL Delinquent 12/31/2021	76,263.19

2017 Delinquent taxes collected	734.11
2018 Delinquent taxes collected	4,612.50
2019 Delinquent taxes collected	6,553.61
2020 Delinquent taxes collected	22,826.93
2021 Delinquent taxes collected (10/16/21-12/31/21)	29,072.02
Total Delinquent Taxes Collected	63,799.17

***Payment Agreement**

A Tax Sale is planned for 2022

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

Cemetery Commission 2021

First of all, the Cemetery Commission gives a huge Thank You the voters of Holland for approving the increase of the yearly appropriation to the Cemetery Commission, at Town Meeting in May. This increase has, and will continue, to enable improvement and repair work to be done at the Mead Hill Cemetery.

Once again, last fall, repair and straightening was done to approximately fifty stones. In 2022 fifty more stones will be addressed. The plan is to continue the repair and straightening of stones each year, as money allows. Each year a few more stones will require work, due to the age of many of the head stones, so it is an ongoing process.

Repair was also done to the south side of the chain link fence. The plan for this year to permanently remove the sumac that is growing along that south section. Once removed, it will no longer be a problem to the fence or interfere with the mowing and trimming along the fence line.

The Mead Hill Cemetery sign, which was done by VCI (Northern State Corrections in Newport), was taken down and redone by VCI, at no cost to the Commission. The original was showing peeling paint so it was redone with a longer lasting manmade material.

This year 2022, the shed at Mead Hill Cemetery is on the agenda to be repaired.

The Commission received a grant from VOCA and another grant will be applied for in 2022, as well.

The Commission is hoping that everyone has taken note of the improvements at the Cemetery and how it has been kept mowed and trimmed, in a neat and timely manner.

Our meetings are public and posted at the Town Office and on the Town 'call-out' system.

Thank You,

The Holland Cemetery Commission

**Holland Cemetery Commission
Perpetual Care – Cemetery – Trust Funds**

Total in Trust Account	\$4,260.01
Funds held in Trust Account #19Ritchie Trust 1966	<u>\$65.83</u>
<i>Grand Total of All Funds Held in Trust</i>	<i>\$4,325.84</i>

(Interest only is for use in the Cemetery upkeep)

**Cemetery Commission
2021 Financial Statement**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2021	\$13,704.91
Receipts:	
Lots Sold	4,830.00
VOCA Grant	750.00
Town Appropriation	20,311.87
Grave openings	250.00
Interest from Trust Account CD	25.14
Interest from NOW account	<u>7.76</u>
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>26,174.77</u>
<i>Total Funds Available</i>	<i>\$39,879.68</i>
Expenses:	
Mowing Mead Hill/Marston Cemetery	9,500.00
Stone Repair	10,000.00
Burial – Extra Expense	500.00
Sextant/Grave Openings	<u>250.00</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$20,250.00</u>
<i>Ending Balance, December 31, 2021</i>	<i>\$19,629.68</i>

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 flower pots will be removed as soon as possible after Veteran’s Day.

Town Clerk’s Report

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expire April 1st 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	\$9.00
Not spayed/neutered dogs	\$13.00

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. 895-4440 or holland1805@hotmail.com.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The office receives \$3 for each renewal. You can renew here and receive a 30-day temporary registration plus temporary “R” sticker which is valid for 30 days from the date of renewal. Your computer-generated registration renewal form plus a check or money order payable to DMV for the amount of the renewal are all you need in addition to the \$3 Town Clerk fee. We can do all motor vehicles including boats and snow machines.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents of Holland may register to vote at the town office or online at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>. 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.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

If you are 62 or older or a Veteran of the uniformed services you can apply for a Green Mountain Passport. The fee is a one time \$2 cost. This allows you free admission to any Vermont State parks, state sponsored events and State Historic Sites.

LAND POSTINGS

If you wish to post your land you must file a form at the Town Clerk’s office each year for an annual fee of \$5. If you post your land for the first time in March your posting runs out the following March and you must fill out a new form

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed Wednesday & Friday

If you cannot make it to the office during these hours, please feel free to call and I will make arrangements to meet with you. My home phone is 895-4067.

I received my VMCTA Cum Laude Certificate for both Treasurer and Clerk in 2021. I have also accepted the position of First Vice President for the VMCTA.

I am proud to be serving the Town of Holland!

Many thanks to the citizens and property owners in our great town for making my job fun and interesting!! Also, thanks to a great selectboard!!

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



Residential Recycling in Holland

MIXED PAPER: Can be mixed together – includes catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts and paperback books as well as 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.

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 (a magnet will stick to tin but not to aluminum.) **MUST** be Rinsed!

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL, AND FOOD TRAYS: Labels OK. Flattening is not required, keep clean. Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash!

GLASS (ALL COLORS): Clear, green, blue, and amber bottles and jars. No porcelain, Pyrex, windows or crystal, light bulbs. 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. Includes all labeled rigid plastic containers and lids. Labels are OK, please crush larger containers. Rinse all containers, please! **No** vinyl siding, Styrofoam, syringes or medical devices. **No black plastic! Remove caps from bottles.**

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, Oil Filters, Automotive batteries, all batteries, propane tanks, metal aerosol cans, cellular phones, fluorescent bulbs. Tires & rims (separated only!)

ELECTRONICS: Computers, Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Computer Peripherals (Mouse, Keyboard, Scanner). Electronics must be intact, no loose pieces!

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Many, many households in Holland are recycling. We sent many loads to be recycled. 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, June 4 9-1 Derby Recycling Center

Saturday, June 18 8-12 Morgan Transfer Station

Recycling Attendant – Ray Fontaine 603-505-5049

Questions?? Call NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532

Fire Protection Report – 2021

Fire calls to Holland from the Derby Line Fire Department

Expenses

February	R Long – Mead Hill – Chimney Fire	273.00
April	Nadeau Accident	266.00
May	Mills – Valley Rd – MH Fire	871.00
December	Accidents – Gore Rd & Goodall Rd	367.00

Total paid fire calls for 2021 \$1,777.00

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

Holland Select Board Report

Holland Residents,

The Holland Select Board wants to wish every resident a happy and safe 2022. We also want to provide an update on what we have been working on this past year. Last town meeting, Holland Voters decided to have the select board put forward an ordinance to allow ATVs on Holland public highways. The select board has been diligent in working with concerned residents and proponents in drafting and implementing an acceptable ATV ordinance that abides by the Laws and Regulations of the State of Vermont. The select board has also worked on Road Re-Classification, Junkyard Ordinance Enforcement, the Town Budget, and has begun working on issues relating to Snowmobiles. The Select Board also wants to notify Holland residents that Newport Police Department has taken over Dispatching duties for the Derby Line Fire Department and Newport Ambulance Services. 2022 will bring additional challenges to include what we should do with Holland's ARPA funding. The Holland Select board would like for the public’s input in how our money should be utilized. As always, the select board is always available and looks forward to serving the Holland community.

Best Regards,

Trevor, Andy, and Jonathan

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2021 BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget

	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022
ADMINISTRATION			
Assistant Clerk	9,000.00	8,568.64	9,200.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	39,000.00	39,000.00	41,340.00
Selectmen	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00
Constable	500.00	500.00	500.00
Auditors	500.00	320.72	500.00
Listers	0.00	821.62	0.00
Delinquent Tax Coll Fees	0.00	5,152.78	0.00
Ballot Clerks	650.00	323.13	500.00
Recycle Attendant	2,700.00	2,344.16	2,800.00
Clerk to the Board	<u>650.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
	56,000.00	60,331.05	58,390.00
INSURANCE			
Consolidated Insurance	5,336.00	4,549.25	3,584.00
Officers Bond	130.00	130.00	130.00
Dental Insurance	300.00	298.45	435.00
Health Insurance/HRA	3,000.00	3,000.40	9,500.00
Retirement	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,290.00</u>
	8,299.50	7,978.10	14,939.00
OFFICE			
Electricity	850.00	611.74	850.00
Telephone/Internet	1,100.00	1,198.22	1,600.00
Office Supplies	800.00	698.59	800.00
Computer Supplies	700.00	253.81	700.00
Bldgs & Grounds	3,500.00	3,251.72	3,500.00
Postage	1,100.00	991.60	1,500.00
Record Book	300.00	381.50	400.00
Land Record Portal	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lister's Reappraisal Expense		2,302.41	
Office Equipment	<u>250.00</u>	<u>48.37</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	8,600.00	10,937.991	10,800.00
PAYROLL EXPENSES			
FICA & Medicare Share	4,950.00	4,827.30	5,600.00

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2021 BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget

	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022
GENERAL OPERATION			
Town Reports	2,000.00	1,631.53	2,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Recycling	3,000.00	2,198.76	3,000.00
Training	2,300.00	1,923.60	2,300.00
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	399.84	1,000.00
Advertising	150.00	0.00	150.00
Dues	8,150.00	7,156.00	8,000.00
Planning Commission Costs	1,000.00	0.00	3,300.00
Blackboard Connect	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	3,000.00	380.00	3,000.00
Dog Fees to State		426.00	
Property Tax Refunds		12,267.80	
Tax to Schools		860,988.55	
Fire Truck Loan Payment		8,797.79	8,797.79
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	32,997.79	897,214.87	35,147.79
SERVICES & ASSESSMENTS			
Ambulance	25,858.00	25,857.96	28,130.00
Fire Protection	4,000.00	1,777.00	4,000.00
County Taxes	9,800.00	9,921.50	10,000.00
NVDA	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rural Fire Program	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sheriff Patrol	7,000.00	4,084.19	7,000.00
Contingency	<u>500.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	47,758.00	42,690.65	50,230.00
TOTAL	159,321.79	1,023,571.54	175,106.79
Voted Assessments		10,983.00	
Cemetery Assessment		20,311.87	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,054,866.41	

Statement of Estimated Revenues – General Fund

	2021 Estimated	2021 Actual
Town Clerk Fees	6,000.00	12,223.10
State Aid:EEGL Study	4,921.00	4,902.00
Current Use	125,000.00	131,503.00
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,081.00
Interest on Accounts	750.00	942.98
Delinquent Taxes	45,000.00	64,825.48
Interest on Del. Taxes	4,500.00	6,054.79
Penalty on Taxes	0.00	4,941.62
Lease Rent	7.20	7.20
PILOT-F&W	25,000.00	31,079.40
Cemetery – Tax Raised		20,311.85
Voted Appropriations		10,983.00
Insurance Refund		146.00
Judicial Fines		112.50
Metal Scrap Income		523.60
Late Homestead Penalty		935.92
Property Tax-Current		1,366,575.44
Property Tax – 2022 Prepay		7,397.08
ARPA Funds		91,770.29
TOTAL REVENUES		1,756,316.25
Pre-pay 2022 Tax		(7,397.08)
Current Use to Highway		(100,000.00)
Prop Tax to Schools		(860,988.55)
Prop Tax to Highway		(452,598.73)
Lister Reappraisal Fund		(4,902.00)
Penalty on Taxes		(4,941.62)
Property Tax Overpay		(12,267.80)
To Cemetery		(20,311.85)
Appropriations		(10,983.00)
ARPA Funds		(91,770.29)
TOTAL (This Section)		1,566,160.92

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
2021 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 Proposed Highway Budget**

	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022
LABOR			
Overtime Pay	7,500.00	1,130.55	7,500.00
Highway Crew	136,000.00	139,248.76	140,000.00
FICA Share	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>10,186.28</u>	<u>11,500.00</u>
	156,500.00	150,565.59	159,000.00
INSURANCE			
Unemployment Comp.	423.00	431.00	452.00
Consolidated Insurance	18,789.00	17,886.00	16,985.00
HRA Account	6,426.00	5,000.00	6,426.00
Health	34,874.00	30,862.88	34,600.00
Retirement	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
Dental Insurance	900.00	895.36	2,440.00
Advertising	175.00	0.00	175.00
Training	175.00	0.00	175.00
Safety Equipment/Supplies	2,500.00	390.00	2,500.00
Uniforms/Shoes	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,255.90</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
	66,512.00	57,721.14	70,203.00
EQUIPMENT HIRE			
Equipment Hire	12,000.00	1,915.00	12,000.00
EQUIPMENT			
Repair & Maintenance	30,000.00	13,403.20	30,000.00
Repair & Maint. Mileage	1,500.00	1,460.62	1,500.00
Tires & Chains	10,000.00	6,838.17	10,000.00
Fuel – Diesel	40,000.00	33,299.15	40,000.00
Oil & Grease	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>457.25</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	83,500.00	55,458.39	83,500.00
GARAGE			
Supplies	1,500.00	818.32	1,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	797.18	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,000.00	1,196.99	1,600.00
Propane/Hot Water	2,500.00	2,157.73	2,500.00
Buildings & Grounds	3,250.00	1,170.99	3,250.00

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2021 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 Proposed Highway Budget

	Budget	Actual	Budget
	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,931.25</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	11,250.00	9,072.46	11,850.00
RETREATMENT			
Retreatment	25,000.00	*120,647.95	40,000.00
ROAD MATERIALS			
Gravel	65,000.00	80,285.10	80,000.00
Chloride	38,000.00	40,587.56	38,000.00
Salt	25,000.00	20,275.06	25,000.00
Culverts	10,000.00	7,688.28	12,000.00
Patching	250.00	0.00	250.00
Signs & Posts	800.00	375.97	1,000.00
Winter Sand	18,000.00	11,354.23	18,000.00
Ditching Materials	7,500.00	1,830.00	7,500.00
General Road Permit Fee	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>
	166,300.00	163,746.20	190,500.00
EQUIPMENT FUND			
Equipment Loan Payments	137,776.89	134,256.04	75,968.49
Truck		<u>162,948.95</u>	
		297,204.99	
SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS			
Better Roads Project		1,140.00	
State Aid – Tice Mill	<u>0.00</u>	<u>102,451.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00	103,591.11	0.00
TOTAL	658,838.89	959,922.83	643,021.49

*Retreatment fund had \$685.67 and we had \$51,600 from excess funds and we raise \$50,000 each year for retreatment

Statement of Estimated Revenues – Highway Fund

	2021	2021	2022
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
State Aid, Regular	99,500.00	99,882.31	99,500.00
State Aid, Supplemental		5,527.30	
Interest on Accounts	500.00	639.60	500.00
Property Taxes		452,598.73	
Overweight Permits	100.00	160.00	100.00
Access Permits	0.00	160.00	
Current Use	89,500.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Paving Retreatment Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
FEMA – Halloween Storm		31,285.26	
ERAF – State Share/Fema		3,128.53	
Tice Mill State Grant		95,828.50	
2020 Surplus to Paving		51,600.00	
Sander – Insurance		4,579.95	
Navistar Settlement		2,306.95	
Culvert Reimbursement		1,493.01	
Truck Loan		162,948.95	
TOTALS		1,092,139.09	

Restricted Funds

*Restoration Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$15,949.95	
Fees received	<u>2,718.00</u>	
<i>Restoration Fund Balance 12/31/21</i>		\$18,667.95
*Grand List Reappraisal Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$50,426.52	
State Reappraisal Funds received	4,902.00	
Reappraisal expenses	<u>(-31,24.03)</u>	
<i>Reappraisal Fund Balance 12/31/21</i>		\$52,204.49
*Lister Education Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		\$3,106.01
No change as this is now handled by the state as a reimbursement program		
*Equipment Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$778.51	
<i>Equipment fund balance 12/31/21</i>		\$778.51
*Retreatment Fund		
Balance January 1, 2021	\$685.67	
2020 Surplus	51,600	
Raised by Tax	75,000.00	
Paving Expense	(120,647.95)	
<i>Retreatment Fund Balance 12/31/21</i>		\$6,637.72
*2015 Highway Surplus		
Balance January 1, 2021	\$22,984.36	
<i>2015 Highway Surplus Balance 12/31/21</i>		<u>\$22,984.36</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		\$90,825.01

**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.



Douglas L. Gray
1935 – 2021

Doug Gray served the Town of Holland in many ways that might not be documented as he loved our small Town. He did serve on the Select Board in the mid 1990's. During that time, Interim Zoning was introduced. Doug also worked to try to find a source of gravel in the Town.

Even though Doug no longer resided in Holland at the time of his passing, he will forever be a Holland resident.

NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

Schools within NCSU, like schools across Vermont and the country, have navigated uncharted waters over the past two years in responding to the public health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. In June of 2021, Governor Scott's emergency order was lifted and we were anticipating a return to normalcy with the start of the 2021-22 school year. Unfortunately, the quick spread of the Delta variant this summer and fall resulted in schools and families experiencing more disruptions to learning than experienced the year before.

By January, the Omicron variant increased the rate of transmission resulting in a high number of staff and students becoming infected. We experienced a high number of absences, classrooms going remote and, on occasion, whole schools going remote. Our schools responded as best they could to mitigate transmission of the virus and to implement the ever-shifting protocols from the Agency of Education. All along, we have strived to maintain in-person learning while minimizing the risk of transmission. We appreciate the perseverance of our staff, students, and parents throughout the past year.

We all realize that our COVID context has dominated our attention at schools. Despite our disruptions and competing attention, we have remarkably still advanced important initiatives at the supervisory union and school levels. The NCSU Design for Learning remains an essential framework guiding our direction and our Work and Learning Plan. However, we have demonstrated our resilience and resolve in moving forward with several key areas:

Equity

All NCSU schools passed the model equity policy by early fall. Our NCSU Policy Committee is now using an "equity checklist" in our review of school board policies. In addition, we continue to focus through an equity lens in how we look at budgets and access to resources. We continually look at how we address equity, inclusion, and culturally responsive practices across all learning opportunities. We recognize that we have much work to do to better communicate with parents on how we approach these important areas and address issues of racism and inequity in our curriculum that is age-appropriate and respectful of a wide range of backgrounds and beliefs.

Social-Emotional Learning and Supports

We are making great strides in elevating our practices around social & emotional learning and supports across all schools. PBIS, Responsive Classroom, Developmental Design, Mindfulness, and Restorative Practices all provide a range of learning opportunities for students. In addition, we have expanded our capacity to provide support through our SU Social-Emotional/Behavior Team and three schools now have SEL coaches in-house.

We have also been working with schools to utilize a comprehensive survey to solicit feedback from students on their perceptions, what things are working well in schools and what they need to be better supported.

Literacy

We are implementing a new K-5 literacy curriculum across the supervisory union. This collaborative initiative will increase our alignment and further best practices around a balanced literacy approach. We are fortunate to have two additional Literacy Coaches and over \$300,000 in reading materials and resources from federal ESSER funds to support each elementary school in this initiative.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) & Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

We continue to implement best practices around universal design for learning. Teachers have participated in professional development across the SU. In addition, all schools are working toward further implementation of a Multi-tiered System of Supports that looks to identify students’ academic and social-emotional needs earlier and provide targeted interventions in addition to preventative supports and practices.

We considered revising both the Design for Learning and Work and Learning Plan this year, however, given the impact and increased attention to COVID response in schools, the Leadership Team concluded that it would be best to defer this work to another year. We will establish a process for reviewing and revising the Design for Learning and subsequent Work and Learning Plan for, hopefully, the 2022-23 school year.

I greatly appreciate the continued commitment of school board members, administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents in the development of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community. We accomplish much through our collective purpose and shared resources. I am confident that NCSU will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for every student.

Sincerely,

John A. Castle
NCSU Superintendent of Schools

Holland Town School District
Reserve Funds as of 12/31/2021

Building and Grounds Fund

Fund Balance 13,358.87

Alternative Education Fund

Fund Balance 15,978.33



Student Enrollment

Pre-K private	3
Pre-K	8
Kindergarten	9
1 st Grade	10
2 nd Grade	7
3 rd Grade	9
4 th Grade	5
5 th Grade	9
6 th Grade	3
7 th Grade	4
8 th Grade	5
9 th Grade	7
10 th Grade	7
11 th Grade	5
12 th Grade	4
Home Study (Career Ctr)	1
Total Enrollment	96

HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2023 Proposed Budget

	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
REVENUES:				
LOCAL REVENUES				
Investment Earnings - Interest	\$ (800)	\$ (469)	\$ (800)	\$ (500)
Interest Income - TAN	(4,000)	(6,564)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Other Revenues - Rentals.....	0	(2,400)	(3,600)	(3,600)
Sales Of Goods	0	(80)	0	0
Total Local Revenues	(4,800)	(9,513)	(8,400)	(8,100)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	(635,100)	(635,100)	(596,600)	(675,374)
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	(16,800)	0	0	0
Total State Revenues	(651,900)	(635,100)	(596,600)	(675,374)
FEDERAL REVENUES				
REAP Grant Revenues	0	(20,628)	0	0
Total State Revenues	0	(20,628)	0	0
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE				
Fund Balance As Revenue	0	0	(23,000)	(25,000)
Total Fund Balance as Revenue	0	0	(23,000)	(25,000)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$(656,700)	\$(665,241)	\$(628,000)	\$(708,474)

EXPENDITURES

	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Services-Elementary	-	19,347	-	-
Tuition	385,000	330,451	385,000	464,554
REAP Grant Funds To Derby	-	20,628	-	-
Total Direct Instruction	385,000	370,428	385,000	464,554
PRE-K				
Tuition-Pre-K Students	34,450	13,780	34,450	40,216
Total Pre-K	34,450	13,780	34,450	40,216
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Board Member Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,585
Legal	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Liability Insurance	2,400	1,007	1,200	1,200
Advertising	500	113	500	500
Printing	-	-	-	-
Dues	850	-	200	200
Other Board Expenses.....	1,500	2,400	1,500	1,500
Total Board of Education	8,250	5,520	6,400	6,985
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	22,098	22,098	22,098	20,499
Total	22,098	22,098	22,098	20,499

	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
FISCAL SERVICES				
Contracted Service	5,985	5,800	6,000	6,200
Interest Current Loans - TAN	-	1,845	3,500	3,500
Total Fiscal Services	5,985	7,645	9,500	9,700
AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	2,000	4,250	4,000	4,250
Total Audit Services	2,000	4,250	4,000	4,250
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE				
Contracted Serv	14,000	9,038	14,000	14,000
Water Testing.....	960	2,030	1,500	1,500
Rubbish Services.....	250	155	250	250
Purchased Services.....	1,200	1,613	1,200	1,600
Contracted Serv.....	1,500	1,797	1,500	1,800
Property Ins.....	2,800	2,444	2,533	2,533
Telephone	2,000	2,213	2,200	2,200
Supplies	3,000	458	2,000	2,000
Electricity	7,500	4,425	4,500	4,500
Heating Oil.....	10,240	6,207	8,800	10,000
Non-Instructional Equip.....	400	-	400	-
Total Operations and Maintenance	43,850	30,379	38,883	40,383
CARE AND UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Playground	2,200	-	1,000	1,000
Lawn Care.....	1,000	1,170	1,300	1,300
Total Care and Upkeep-Grounds	3,200	1,170	2,300	2,300
CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Supplies.....	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Renovations.....	-	881	2,600	2,600
Total Care & Upkeep Buildings	2,000	881	4,600	4,600
TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services-NCSU	30,000	11,901	20,000	14,000
Total Transportation	30,000	11,901	20,000	14,000
DEBT SERVICES				
Long Term Debt - interest.....	2,500	3,695	3,800	1,200
Long Term Debt - principal	12,000	32,000	12,000	11,500
Fund Transfers	-	13,000	-	-
Total Debt Services.....	14,500	48,695	15,800	12,700
SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Purchased & Technical Services	30,000	-	-	-
Contract Services-NCSU	65,756	65,756	69,715	73,319
Total Special Programs.....	95,756	65,756	69,715	73,319
EEE				
EEE Local	9,611	9,611	9,254	8,968
Total EEE.....	9,611	9,611	9,254	8,968

	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Proposed
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Contract Services-Before School Program ..	-	-	3,000	3,000
Total Direct Instruction	-	-	3,000	3,000
EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Ex.Curr. Transportation from NCSU	-	-	3,000	3,000
Total Extra-Curricular Transportation	-	-	3,000	3,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPEND ...	\$ 656,700	\$ 592,113	\$ 628,000	\$ 708,474
NET BALANCE	-	\$ (73,128)	-	-



Newport Ambulance Service Inc

P.O. Box 911 Newport, Vermont 05855

Newport Ambulance has had its struggles along with every other EMS agency during the COVID 19 Pandemic. In 2021 fortunately our call volume increased to 3052 calls in 2021 from a total of 2538 in 2020. In 2021 Newport Ambulance responded to 13 emergency calls in Holland and transported 4 Holland residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 128 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews have been working close with the Vermont Dept. of Health and Vermont Emergency Medical Services to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing and Vaccine sites throughout the state. We have delivered over 1000 vaccines to homebound patients throughout Orleans and Essex County. We currently are serving as a drive through COVID-19 testing site at our 830 Union Street location 4 days a week.

Newport Ambulance has been fortunate to receive funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Outbreak Testing & Vaccination Administration Grant. This funding will be used to help offset the losses suffered during the early statewide shut down of the COVID-19 pandemic

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 5 ambulances, and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond, at the Advanced Life Support level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St, Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your town.

Respectfully

Jeff Johansen – Executive Director

NEKWMD Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2021 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2020 – 2,952 tons in 2021 compared to 2,882 tons in 2020. Significant increases in organics, cardboard, and scrap metal offset decreases in mixed paper. Most other material tonnages were at or slightly above 2020 amounts. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2021. The District ended 2021 with a surplus of \$74,405.44. Revenues in 2021 were 22% above projections, while expenses were 13% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did not disrupt our work schedule to any large degree in 2021. In fact, the main impact of the pandemic on District operations was to drive commodity prices to near record levels. Revenues for the sale of recyclables, the surcharge, grants, and recycling pick-up fees were the primary drivers for above average revenues in 2021. Fees used to generate revenues will remain mostly unchanged or decrease in 2022. The per capita assessment will decrease from \$0.94/person to \$0.84/person, the surcharge will remain the same at \$24.99, and hauling fees will remain unchanged at \$49 and \$33/stop for facilities and schools, respectively. There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2021. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District. The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021. The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2021. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District’s Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase. We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

Orleans County Sheriff’s Department

The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department has been honored to provide the Town of Holland patrol services this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1, 2021 through December 30th, 2021.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff’s Department is available through your Town Clerk. The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department was able to incorporate a new reporting system which officially started July 1, 2021. This reporting system gives dates, times, roads traveled, time spent in the town and a brief description of the type of call the Deputies are responding to. We have received positive feedback the system is working well.

2021 was much better than 2020 even though we were still seeing the effects of the COVID -19 Pandemic. The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department was able to maintain full services for our communities. The Sheriff’s Department is currently working days/evening and weekend hours to cover the towns we contract with.

The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department has had the opportunity to work this past year with the United States Marshal’s, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms) DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department has had supplemental dispatching for nights and weekends through the Newport Police Department for approximately one year and we are all very pleased with the level of service that has been afforded to this department and the towns we serve.

The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department participates in the Governor Highway Safety Program and look forward to providing the added coverage to our community in 2022.

The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department is working with the North Country Supervisory Union on a Mentoring program where Deputies will go into our local schools and visit with students to build a positive and long lasting relationship.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a “Drug Take-back” box in our lobby at the Sheriff’s Department. The Department has collected approximately 281 lbs of prescriptions in 2021. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff’s department celebrated the 14th anniversary of “Operation Santa”. We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program

helped bring a happy holiday season to over 310 children in our community. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. This is the highest number of children we have been able to provide for in the past 13 years and we hope next year will be just as successful. If you know of a family or child (children) in need please contact your school to let them know, if not please contact the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to see if we can help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Accident	2
Agency Assist	3
Animal Problem	2
Assault	1
Burglary	1
Civil Process	8
Compliance Check	2
Directed Patrol	4
Fire Investigation	1
Found/Lost Property	1
Fraud	2
Juvenile Problem	1
Larceny – from Motor Vehicle	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Subpoena Service	1
Stone Garden	1
Threats/Harassment	1
Traffic Stop	6
Trespass	1
TRO/FRO Service	2
Vandalism	2
VIN Verification	2
Total Incidents for Holland	48
<u>Traffic Violation Report</u>	
Total Traffic Tickets	4
Total Warnings	3

NVDA Report

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has long been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to effectively serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are critical as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage other state and federal funds for our region.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented team staff is there to assist our member communities. Throughout 2021, we remained focused on the challenges presented by COVID while seeking opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We quickly mobilized to help all local governments secure ARPA funding and connected businesses and communities to other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continues as well, including:

- * Land use planning & regulation –town plans and bylaws, and technical assistance for local officials;
- * Transportation studies, Infrastructure inventories, and Project planning;
- * Digital mapping and GIS services;
- * Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- * Direct business support, referral services, and lending to employers in our region;
- * Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- * Local emergency planning and hazard mitigation planning;
- * Brownfield assessments and planning;
- * Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- * Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How have we helped your community? In 2021 NVDA staff served as advisors for the development of the Holland Community Center. Our transportation planning staff provided traffic counts and technical assistance on Class 2 Town Highway conversion and the Grants in Aid program to promote the use of erosion control in road maintenance. Additionally, we assisted with emergency planning and preparation and provided COVID 19 information to local officials.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling over \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont’s fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2021 was \$193,930, of which \$92,909 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Last year, we received over \$11,000 in town appropriations from over 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

215 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Holland Historical Society
2021 Financial Statement – Checking

Opening Balance, January 1, 2021	\$9,713.29
Receipts:	
Town Appropriation	2,500.00
Amazon Smile Donations	37.58
Book Sales	100.00
Donations	990.00
Memberships	85.00
Life Memberships	<u>700.00</u>
Total Receipts Deposited	\$4,412.58
Total Available Funds	\$14,125.87
Expenses:	
Electricity	607.69
Insurance	459.00
Propane	204.65
Lawn Mowing	480.00
Weeding Flower Beds	150.00
Transfer to new Money Market Account	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$8,901.34
Closing Balance 12/31/2021	\$5,224.53

History Book Fund

Opening Balance, 1/01/2021	\$1,839.43
Receipts:	
Interest	<u>1.68</u>
Closing Balance 12/31/2020	\$1,841.11

Money Market Account

Opening Balance	10,003.56
Transfer from Checking	7,000.00
Interest	<u>18.28</u>
Closing Balance 12/31/2021	\$17,021.84

Holland Historical Society

2021

Our building desperately needs a new roof. Our steeple also needs some major work. Any donations to help are more than welcome!

Due to the Coronavirus, we chose not to hold any meetings or gatherings in 2021.

Thank you for your support!

**Meeting Schedule for 2022
To be decided**

Northwoods Stewardship Center

I am writing to respectfully request the Town of Holland consider supporting NorthWoods Stewardship Center through an annual appropriation of \$250 at Town Meeting.

NorthWoods offers widespread conservation and educational services throughout the area and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs (including camps, After School, and natural science activities); summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth; and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year.

NorthWoods offers the facility, at no charge, to host the annual Youth Hunter Education Course, which trains many young hunters and their families – an excellent way to connect and learn about the natural environment. As we slowly emerge from the Covid pandemic, we look forward to the opportunity to partner on community educational events, and to promote the use of the former Holland school building.

We invite all Holland residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our landowner education programs. Continued support from the Town of Holland is critical to the success of these programs and we appreciate your support!

Dailey Memorial Library

“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.” (R. David Lankes)

The year 2021 brought many challenges and successes to our library as we struggled through another year of the coronavirus pandemic. Presenting programs in a safe manner for our patrons was a priority so we moved most of our activities outdoors. Our new Children’s Librarian, Garrett Brinton, conducted an exciting Summer Reading Program with 128 registered children. Live animals, including miniature donkeys, chickens, a therapy dog, and Garrett’s own bees, were featured during the 8 week series of programs, and the children received prizes and incentives for their time read. Our trustees sponsored a Spring into Summer Gardening Series of presentations and demonstrations culminating in a beautiful tour of six area gardens. Robert Gosselin, Shannon Choquette of the NEK Solid Waste District, and Master Gardeners from UVM Extension were presenters. Our summer finale was a family concert by Vermont Singer-Songwriter Jon Gailmor, and all summer events were held under a tent graciously provided for us by the North Country Junior High School.

Other Highlights of our Year:

- “For the children” Program sponsored by Carl and Susan Taylor to provide books to 1st graders in Orleans and Essex Counties
- Two Vermont Humanities Council Book Discussion Series’ led by scholar Rachael Cohen
- Volunteers of all ages including teens completing Community Service projects for school
- “Libraries Transforming Communities” grant from the American Library Association allowing us to Sponsor workshops discussing how our library can better serve its community
- Use of our solar-powered gazebo by patrons, school classes, and users of our free 24 hour WiFi
- AARP Tax Preparation
- Space for the community garden
- Holiday “Giving Tree” to provide gifts for NEK Human Services Clients with Special Needs

The staff, trustees and volunteers of the Dailey Library are grateful as always to the Town of Holland for its continued support. Please stop by anytime for a free library card, and we are always ready to hear ideas about how we can better serve our community.

Library Statistics Patron Visits.....	8833
Circulation of borrowed materials.....	16,756
E-book/E-audiobook Downloads.....	2419
Computer users per week.....	17
Volunteer Hours per week.....	17

Green Up Vermont

We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it.

Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Green Up Day, May 7, 2022

Specifics of Green Up day in Holland

Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 7. It is the day caring citizens clean up the trash along our local roadsides deposited by less considerate individuals. For more information on the organization, please see the State submission in this report or visit www.greenupvermont.org.

KEY ASPECTS of this year's event are:

- 1) Trash MUST be in Green Up Day bags to be accepted. There is no charge to the Town at the landfill for trash in Green Up Day bags. NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH PLEASE.
- 2) Green Up Day bags are available at the Town Clerk's office and through Mitch Wonson and Karon Thibault the Green Up Day coordinators.
- 3) DO NOT leave bags along the side of a road, unless you coordinate with a friend or family member to pick them up for you. The Town will not be picking up roadside bags.
- 4) There will be a staffed drop off location at the Town garage open from 10AM to 2PM. Bags must be dropped off during these hours.
- 5) Participants will receive a coupon for a FREE ice cream at Tim & Doug's, but supplies are limited.
- 6) You can pick up trash on any day that fits it into your schedule, but it must be dropped off during designated hours.

7) Roadside metal and tires can be accepted at the recycling location on the grounds during normal recycling hours: 9AM to 12PM.

Questions, comments, need help, want to volunteer to staff the drop-off: please contact Mitch at 8954928 or Karon at 603 7172112. Historically, participation in this annual event has been minimal, usually involving the same dedicated individuals each year. This is an easy no cost way to give back to our town, just filling one bag can make a difference in our landscape. Let's show a greater sense of community and concern about the beauty of our small Town by participating this year.

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

For over 42 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities. Our valuable services include a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, exercise and mobility programs, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year, 12 residents of Holland used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website www.nekcouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Holland for your continued support to make a difference in the lives of your residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance. If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We're just a phone call away at the Helpline: 800-642-5119.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. We support enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our Orleans County communities for over thirty years.

In 2021 we changed our approach in response to Covid. Our goal was to safely bring people together, reduce isolation and increase meaningful connections. We held a variety of online support groups and workshops for members and volunteers as well as providing some healthy outdoor activities. We limited in person activities due to the continuing pandemic. We continue to face difficulties in finding volunteers.

During the next year we plan to rely less on volunteers and therefore increase our ability to offer more in-person programs and support for people with developmental challenges in our communities. In order to do this, we must secure increased funding to pay people to lead workshops, activities, and support groups throughout Orleans county. We are in the process of conducting surveys and doing outreach in order to find out what the needs and interests are in the disability community. We encourage referrals to our organization and welcome anyone who may be interested in volunteering their time and talents.

Since its inception, OCCA has operated without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Holland voters for your past support, and once again are asking for your help.

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 2021	42,199
Total Visits FY 2021 - Town of Holland.....	152

During Fiscal Year 2021, home based services were provided to 9 individuals in Holland for a total of 152 multi-disciplinary visits. 4 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

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 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

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 FY21, we provided 1,780 youth with educational workshops throughout our 15 school partners. We provided 197 adults with educational programs through 18 workshops.

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 FY21, 451 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.

Family Based Services focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) assists families in the St. Johnsbury district to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY21, KCCC served 620 families and the Family Room worked with 44 families, serving 79 children.

Economic Empowerment serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our Cornucopia program, and our social enterprise, Dolcetti each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY21 6 of our graduates received ongoing support and we had 1 new graduate from the program who also gained employment post- graduation. In addition, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 35,823 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

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 0 households in Holland were served by Umbrella in FY 2021 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

The mission of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village (DBA Orleans County Historical Society) is simple yet essential: It is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. The museum brings local history to life each year for countless visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming and events. Since 1917, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve and share the rich history of the Northeast Kingdom and our state. Our stunning neighborhood includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history. This year has seen a record number of visitors and participants in our events and programs, the museum launching a new brand and continued development of our work with preschool aged children. We also now provide a free WiFi Hotspot on our grounds, give food from our Giving Gardens to those in need and have full enrollment in each week of our free summer Kids' Friday program. Support from towns in our community plays an important role in helping the museum

NKHS 2021 Annual Report Summary

Good mental health is important for everyone. The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. Your town's \$1258 appropriation helped support your neighbors facing challenges who could not otherwise afford care. Thank you for helping 5 neighbors, family members, and friends in your town access the supports they needed to live happy, fulfilling lives and be contributing members in your community. The appropriation was based on 2010 Census data at \$2.00 per person in your town and level funded from the prior year.

NKHS's 464 professional employees, 2 from your town, worked diligently to maintain service delivery for 2945 individuals of all ages. We offered support to the communities of the NEK while rising to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, a transition to interim leadership, conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search for a new executive director, responding to a corrective action plan from the Department of Mental Health, and acknowledging our staff for their extraordinary efforts, professional skills, and their dedication to providing quality care to those we serve in our offices and in the community. NKHS Emergency Services employees responded 24/7 to mental health crisis. Requests for services were triaged. Our first priority is to serve the vulnerable populations of mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities challenges, where the "worried well" may need to wait for services such as outpatient therapy. NKHS shares the challenge of attracting qualified personnel to the region and offering more competitive wages.

NKHS offered over 219 community consultation hours for parenting and suicide prevention trainings. The agency initiated warm support phone lines to assist those struggling through the pandemic: Parent Support Line 802-749-1111 (7 days a week/6 AM – midnight)

Recovery Support Line 802-749-1112 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)
Emotional Support Line 802-749-1113 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)

In June 2021, Northeast Kingdom Human Services worked with Vermont Department of Mental Health to implement the second National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call Center in the state. Anyone calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) with an 802 area code phone number will first be connected to a Vermont call center.

The volunteer Board of Directors provide oversight and believes human services should be cost effective and responsive to local community needs. Volunteer Program Standing Committee members support the agency and programs. Your

vote at the Town of Holland's Town Meeting means a lot to us and your community.

Thank you!

Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Orleans County Fair Association

The Orleans County Fair Association (OCFA) is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair for more than 150 years! We are a non-profit organization with all the typical struggles being experienced in today's society. Our long term success has come from old fashioned Northeast Kingdom pride and determination as well as reliance on the creativity of our volunteer members. The OFCA recognizes the need to maintain our traditions and history as well as seek and implement new ideas. We offer an expansive venue which in recent years has been helping to celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July festivities as well as many other local celebrations. Our continued goal is to invite your return to the park and to introduce you to our new and exciting plans!

In 2021, we changed our traditional date of August to September as we were able to contract with an amusement ride company that brought more rides, games and food vendors. We also still hosted our dairy show in August and still were able to have our local famers at September fair as well. We hosted Monster Trukz this year, built a mini-stage that will allow us to have or truck/tractor pulls, while having musical entertainment in another area of the grounds.

Our on-going efforts to maintain the 150 year traditions and to include modern entertainment and experiences brings us to you for a little help.

MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont met in said town on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 at 10A.M. at the Holland Elementary School to transact the following business:

Prior to Mitch opening the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Judd.

Mitch Wonson called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Mitch went over the meeting rules.

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Mitch Wonson nominated by Tom Abdelnour, 2nd by Bruce Wilkie. Hearing no further nominations, Lucy Neel moved to cease nominations, second by Tom Adams. Ayes had it.

Article 2. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. Lucy Neel moved, 2nd by Bill Crowley. Hearing no discussion, Lucy Neel moved to close, 2nd by Bill Crowley to close discussion. Ayes had it and reports were accepted.

Article 3. To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year. **Select Board** member for a term of three years: Jonathan Morin was nominated by Gilles Morin. Mitch Wonson was nominated by Bruce Wilkie. Ron Patenaude was nominated by Dennis Roberts, Ron declined and Dennis withdrew his nomination. At this time Ernie Emmerson took over the position as interim Moderator. A request was made to have the candidates speak. Both candidates spoke. Paper ballots were cast. 86 ballots were cast. 51 for Jonathan and 34 for Mitch 1 was spoiled. **Jonathan Morin** was elected for the three year term.

Mitch took the podium back and congratulated Jonathan Morin.

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

Auditor – Gaetane Patenaude was nominated by Barbara Pine. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Gaetane Patenaude** as Auditor.

Shawn Bickford asked why there was a 2nd Constable position this year. Trevor responded that with the new Junk Ordinance it was anticipated that one Constable may not be enough and as we are a small town, there may be a time when the Constable would need to recuse them-self.

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

2nd Constable – Jonathan Morin was nominated by Ron Patenaude, but as this is incompatible with the Select Board position, Ron withdrew his nomination. No further nominations, so Mitch closed.

Delinquent Tax Collector – Diane Judd was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** as **Delinquent Tax Collector**.

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

Solid Waste Supervisor – Joe Noble was nominated by Diane Judd. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Joe Noble** as **Solid Waste Supervisor**.

Planning Commission – Bruce Wilkie was nominated by Lucy Neel. Adam Fortin-Sanville was nominated by Debbie Fortin. Mitch explained there was an additional position to be filled. Debbie withdrew her nomination. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Bruce Wilkie** as Planning Commissioner for a term of 3 Years.

Planning Commission – Term expires 2023. Debbie Fortin nominated Adam Fortin-Sanville. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Adam Fortin-Sanville** as Planning Commissioner

A round of applause for those elected officials who have served and did not choose to continue.

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 \$818,160.88 less such State Aid as is received by the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same, according to the Grand List as established by the Board of Listers. Moved by Tom Abdelnour, 2nd by Barbara Pine. No discussion. 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 15 by 6:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted? Moved by Ken Pine, 2nd by Barbara Pine. No discussion. Mitch closed. Ayes had it. Article passed.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to carry forward \$10,000 for Town Office building and grounds upkeep? Moved by Tom Adams, 2nd by Lucy Neel. No discussion. Mitch closed. Article passed.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? Moved by Bill Crowley, 2nd by Barbara Pine. Mitch explained that the surplus could be used for any town function, general or highway. Ernie asked if taxes would go back up next year if there was no surplus. The answer is most probably yes. The Board was open to ideas that the voters might have. Trevor suggested either paving or gravel. He said that paving is expensive. Shawn Bickford wanted to know how much difference

there might be in each tax bill – very little. Norm Fortin asked if this money could be used as a down payment on the proposed new truck. It could but there are other highway monies that could be used for a down payment. FEMA funds of \$34,413.79 were received in 2021 from the 2019 Halloween storm and could be used. ARPA funds were suggested as a possibility to use for a down payment. Ernie Emmerson moved to amend the article to “Shift the surplus money to the paving fund (\$51,600), 2nd by Barbara Pine. No more discussion. Mitch closed. By voice vote, the ayes had it and the article was amended. No discussion on the article. Mitch closed. Ayes had it and the amended article passed.

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to change the current appropriation of 1 1/2 percent of the Grand List to 3-1/2 percent, for the upkeep of the Mead Hill and Marston Cemeteries? Moved by Diana Emmerson, 2nd by Lucy Neel. Mitch said that the Cemetery had received \$8,603 in 2020 and the estimate for 2021 was \$20,075. Lucy spoke as the Chair. She stated that there had been grant money received last year. A new sign was installed, stone were repaired, fence was fixed, a tree was removed and the mowing was done. For the first time in years, no complaints had been received regarding the state of the Cemetery. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the article passed.

Articles 9. Shall all appropriation requests be required to submit petitions, with the exceptions of those organizations which have received appropriations for three consecutive years? Those organizations do not need to submit a petition provided the amount requested does not exceed that from the previous year. Mitch gave some background information; In previous years when petitions were not required many more requests were received. Moved by Ken Pine, 2nd by Lucy Neel. No discussion. Mitch closed. Ayes had it and the article passed. Mitch explained that in previous years that appropriation requests had sometimes been moved in their entirety. He entertained such a motion. So moved by Bill Sheehan, 2nd by Anna Defoe. Barbara Pine asked to remove Article 14. Bill Sheehan and Anna Defoe amended their motion to exclude Article 14. Mitch closed discussion. Articles 10-13 and 15-20 passed by voice vote.

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?

Article 11. 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 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers.

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?

Article 15. 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 16. 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 17. 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 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?

Article 19. 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 20. 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 14. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House? Moved by Tom Abdelnour, 2nd by Tom Adams. Barbara Pine asked if we could raise the amount requested? The answer was yes. Barbara amended the amount to \$2,000, 2nd by Tom Abdelnour. No discussion on the amendment. Ayes had it and the amendment passed. No further discussion on the Article. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the amended article passed.

Article 21. Shall the voters of Holland vote to discuss whether or not to authorize cannabis retailer(s) and integrated licensees in Holland? For discussion only!! Moved by Tom Adams, 2nd by Lucy Neel. No discussion. Mitch closed.

Broke for a brief recess at 11:20

Reconvened at 11:26

Article 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have Town roads open to ATV/UTV use? (If so, an approved ordinance will be written.) Mitch explained that if your vote was yes, the Select Board would then draft an ordinance. He also explained this did not instantly open the roads to ATVs, etc. It could take up to 2-1/2 months to enact an ordinance. Moved by Bill Sheehan, 2nd by Dennis Roberts. Tom Adams asked if there are currently age requirements as he has seen young ATV riders going past his home. Mitch said that could be part of the ordinance. Gilles Morin wanted to know about inspections; also could be part of the ordinance. Norm Fortin asked if there would be a renewal process or annual review of the ordinance. The Select Board could hold a hearing at any time to stop the ordinance. Tom Abdelnour stated that there seemed to be many questions and he thought it might be better to vote after an

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ordinance was drafted. He also suggested it might be by Australian ballot. Not sure if it can be voted by Australian ballot. Bill Sheehan moved to close discussion, 2nd by Adam Judd. There was discussion about closing the discussion as others wanted to speak. Andrew Bouchard explained that this was brought before the voters as the Board wanted to hear from the people. Mitch asked for a voice vote on closing discussion. Nays had it. Discussion continued. Dan Cross was confused as to what we were voting on. Mitch explained the ordinance steps that would need to be taken. Chantale Nadeau asked if the Board might appoint a committee to help develop an ordinance. She also stated that there are many questions that need to be answered in this ordinance. She also wanted to know if the Board would take input into the ordinance. Andrew Bouchard said all would have the opportunity to make suggestions in drafting an ordinance. Linda Wilkie stated that we will have to consider the enforcement and the cost of it as well. She stated some other towns are currently either changing their ordinances or backing off from opening roads to ATVs. Tom Abdelnour moved to amend the article to “To authorize the Select Board to develop an ordinance for ATV/UTV use of the roads to be voted on by the Town”. 2nd by Anna Defoe. As there was no discussion on the amendment, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the amendment was approved. No further discussion on the article. Mitch closed. Sonny (DeForrest) Lumbra requested a paper ballot. More than sufficient voters agreed with the request. 140 ballots were cast. 85 Yes, 54 No, 1 spoiled. The article passed as amended.

Mitch thanked the voters for not being vituperative.

Article 23. To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting. Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2nd by Jim Davis. Ernie spoke about starting a non-profit to use the school. He introduced Karla Braunesthreither who is the Chair of the Committee. Karla spoke about the proposed new community center at the school. She said people are filled with ideas and they are asking people to reach out with their ideas. She said the plan is to make it the hub of our community. Some of the ideas so far are; walking paths and a garden. They are newly formed and looking in to whether they must follow Vermont open meeting laws. She said they plan to develop their own website. Bruce Wilkie recognized Lucy Neel for getting the Holland Food Shelf up and running as well as having the Abenaki room at the school. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it to close.

Article 24. To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Ernie, 2nd by Lucy Neel. Meeting adjourned at 12:19.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2021

Diane H Judd – Holland Town Clerk
Michael (Mitch) Wonson – Holland Town Moderator

BIRTHS

Child

Dynah Sargent
Mariah Provost
Jacob Staples
Luke Glodgett
Paityn Ming
Addilyn Gochie
Dawson Gray
Briggston Davis

Parents

Kasey & Patrick Sargent
Sarah Gaudreau & Adam Provost
Samantha & Timothy Staples
Miranda Roberts & Adam Glodgett
Amanda Bernier & Brent Ming
Kallie Driver & Alex Gochie
Chelsea & Trevor Gray
Jessica Beaulieu & Devon Davis

WEDDINGS

Jennifer Tetreault
Mariah Roberts

Carlos Matos III
Christopher Bronson
July
August

DEATHS

Name	Residence	Age
Dale Nadeau	Holland	75
Veda Lyon	Holland	88
Rodney Lyon	Holland	93
Albert Hauver	Holland	79
Donald Haley	Holland	75
Simone Fortin	Holland	89

BURIALS

Name	Residence
Dale Nadeau	Holland
Doug Gray	Derby

Telephones

Town Clerk's Office, School Road.....	895-4440
E-mail: holland1805@hotmail.com	
Town Garage, Valley Road.....	895-2923
Road Foreman – Larry Judd (until June 30)	673-5488
Town Fire Warden – Dave Jacobs	673-2272
Constable – Greg Bronson	978-618-7780
Town Tree Warden – Andre Morin	895-2945
Fire Department, Derby Line	911
Ambulance	911
State Police Barracks, Derby	334-8881
Orleans County Sheriff Dept.....	334-3333
Immigration, Customs & Border Patrol	873-3277

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Board and Committee Meetings

Annual Town Meeting: May 21, 2022 10:00AM Holland School
Selectboard: Tuesdays (as posted) - Town Office: 6:30PM
Schoolboard: First Tuesday – Holland School – 6:30PM
Planning Commission: Town Office - 6:30PM as needed

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday 8 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday 8 am to 4:30 pm

Closed Wednesday & Friday

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