HOLLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2025 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order by Jim at 1802

In attendance: Jim Davis, Stacy Boone, Kenric Gonyaw, Parker Castle, Darrell Martin Public attendance: Jamison Hager, Elizabeth Hager

Approval of minutes from 7/23/2025

* without changes

Motion to accept, Kenric; Second, Stacy PASS – unanimous

Correspondence – None

Emergency Water Plan – Discussion

- Brief overview of why on the agenda we have a Town Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, plans reviewed by State and Federal agencies, plans that incorporate flooding but there is no plan for drought or drying wells in a community like ours that has a reliance on dug wells.
- Motion: Stacy to complete preliminary research what an emergency water plan might be for the Town of Holland.

Motion to accept, Jim; Second, Kenric PASS – unanimous

Hazard Mitigation Plan - Update

- FEMA and VEM requested changes in two sections; corrections and changes made.
- The grant money has been paid.

Town Garage Design/Meeting

- Septic tank (thus bathroom facility) is possible for the current town garage site. Dug a
 test and did not hit ledge. Estimates hold that 13 gallons per person per day would be an
 average for the workplace. 2000-gallon minimum holding tank can be installed. Updated
 facilities would include a bathroom, sink, eye-flash station. Tank could be pumped as
 needed, expected 3 or 4 times a year.
- An example tank might be H-20 loaded concrete reinforced tank.
- Potential septic system by the recycling center in the future if needed.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment document from Horizons Engineering.
 - 3.6 acres, about half is wetlands.
 - Part of the unused material being stored is in the 50-foot buffer.
 - What we want to check/confirm/consider:
 - Garage structural problems?
 - Create a foundation that connects both structures.
 - Where to place bathroom and office/break room.
 - What containment systems are acceptable by the state, current is no longer viable – think concrete well tank.

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Comparison charts for new construction of current site and new site.

o Process

- Step One septic is an option, this is good news and was one of the greatest hurdles.
 - Will test water make sure it is potable.
- Step Two run next stage cost analysis (Municipal Grant can be applied for to get this information) – Jim will begin getting quotes.
 - Renovation and expansion of current building.
 - Tear down structure and begin again.
 - Landscape design of where to put the pieces.

NVDA Map Changes

- Discussion about the purpose and intent behind the NVDA required mapping which
 seems to value more communities that are not rural like Holland. Our conclusion is that
 we are not going to object to the map. As a state process does not value rural acreage
 and appears to simply mark areas for high density possibility even as a single individual
 property ownership. Additionally, no real clarity with the delineation of current use v.
 non-current use. Has no impact other than future possibility of where high-density
 housing might be designated.
- Motion: Accept the newly created NVDA Map as presented with an advisement to reexamine in the future with NVDA to better understand how this project changes and evolves.

Motion to accept, Kenric; Second, Darrell PASS – unanimous

Old Business - none

Other Business - none

Next Meeting: August 27, 2025 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1924

Motion Kenric; Second, Parker PASS – unanimous

Respectfully Submitted, Stacy Boone 8/27/2025