

Meeting called to order by Jim at 1806

In attendance: Jim Davis, Stacy Boone, Kenric Gonyaw, Parker Castle, Darrell Martin

Public attendance: Liz Hager, Bella Wright, Karla Braunesreither, Heather Dowland

Approval of minutes from 1/14/26

Motion to accept, Kenric; Second, Parker

PASS – unanimous

Approval of minutes from 2/7/26

Motion to accept, Kenric; Second, Parker

PASS – unanimous

Correspondence – None

School Brainstorm – Results and Community Comment

Stacy – As facilitator for the February 7th Brainstorming ‘Community’ offering, recommends the following:

1. How might the HCC be re-envisioned during this time of uncertainty with what to do with the building?
2. Make an investigative plan which is entirely a test to gauge interest in the building.
 - a. 90 days with a weekly calendar to be sent out on the call out list. Begin post haste.
 - b. Fill in the days of the week with various activities – some regular weekly scheduled offerings and some one-time events – examples might be:
 - i. At least one monthly potluck meal
 - ii. Several days a week of open gym time, including all day Saturdays
 - iii. Two times a week coffee and sweet social
 - iv. Ongoing workshops, coffee groups, and elder gatherings
 - c. Make it a **full** calendar. Assign spokes to the entire wheel. Person A puts together A. Person B puts together B. This is volunteer time.
 - d. Free for residents. \$5 per offering non-residents.
 - e. Use the gym, kitchen, library area, and one classroom.
3. Prepare a business plan which uses the spaces in 2(e) as one-half of the numbers and the remainder of the space as one-half the numbers. Create a cost break and assumptions using the current structure as a foundation. What can be included or excluded to make it an income stream for the building use. It is understood this might initially be small. Needs to be a **real business plan** not just ideas on paper.
 - a. Craft a mission statement, vision, and four-fold purpose.
 - b. Create a viable list of business options for rental space.
4. Prepare for the Select Board.
 - a. Strategy for the 90 days and intent to write a business plan with review at 120 days and a recommendation to proceed – viable or not viable.
 - b. Create a stream-lined process for space rental.
5. It feels unfair and unreasonable to assume or expect that the same people, attending the same meetings are going to continue to do this next step – it is a big project.

Darrell - Who is responsible for making this happen? That needs to be a decision made. People need to know the cost – for the building, for the classroom, for rented space. Where is the break-even?

Kenric – Open idea to have a committee to manage. Defined policies and managers.

Parker – We are driven by the community, by a sense of the community. Worrysome the low community participation.

Jim – In support of the community center. Control frustrations. Barriers to negotiate to use the space. There is a budget line item for an Assistant to the Clerk, this person can spearhead the program. There is money.

Heather – Town just received the building in July 2025. The HCC feels like their hands have been tied. Participation to offerings seems to be from individuals outside Holland.

Karla – The building needs to be referred to as the Holland Unity Center. The Select Board has no control HCC – it is independent residents. It is the HCC’s responsibility to offer community events. Committee started in a very difficult time but feels like it is now building momentum. Committee is looking to add offerings.

Liz – Think bigger community (Morgan, Derby, Charleston). Need to think of the building as a business. There is a limitation of those who are following through. Small group keeping this alive. Need more volunteers. How can there be a proper planning without coordination – Select Board, Planning Commission, HCC. Believes the responsibility should lean more to the Planning Commission.

Time – Money - Coordination

Emergency Water Plan – Update

Once this document is complete it will require Planning Commission feedback of what we want to pursue for collaboration and steps.

Town Garage Project – Update

- RFP – internal questions answered to revise the plan
- Consultant Identification
 - Include an advertisement in the paper. Maybe Newport, Chronical, and Orleans County

Motion: Create a Town Garage Planning Team. 10-member team which includes the Planning Commission members, one Select Board member, Town Clerk, the Road Foreman, plus two public members.

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

Committee Homework

- Research possible consultants (all)
- Revise plan for final review at the next meeting (Stacy)
- Prepare copy ads (Jim)

Town Meeting

We had previously discussed offering a display or talking points but have determined not to pursue this for Town Meeting Day.

Old Business – none

New Business

Jim Davis is resigning as Chair of the Planning Commission but not resigning from the Committee. Committee will restructure following the Town Meeting.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2026 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1937

Motion Kenric; Second, Darrell

PASS – unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Boone

2/18/2016