HOLLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – JULY 23, 2025 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order by Jim at 1800

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

NVDA representative: Cathlin Lord

Public attendance: Jamison Hager, Elizabeth Hager

Approval of minutes from 6/17/2025

* without changes

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

Correspondence – None

Town Plan Update

- On June 19 the NVDA board approved our Town Plan.
- Cathlin reviewed Act 181 as a part of the updated 2026 plan with the attendees.
 - Goals of Act 181 are to promote housing in a dense way that combats sprawl and protects vulnerable lands.
 - We need to approve. Edits can be made until August 31, 2025.
 - Check if Diane will look at the map and note any additional current use.
 - NVDA wants to include the map into their Regional Plan.
 - Tiers reviewed
 - Tier 3 no development permissible, these are the most vulnerable areas.
 - Tier 2 we have no zoning laws, but traditional construction permitted.
 - Tier 1a/1b not applicable to Holland.
 - Village Center
 - o Holland enters as a Step 2 (legacy village center).
 - Refer to hand-out, "New State Designation for Community Investment" last updated May 2025.
 - Discussion about adding a second Village Center which would include the community center – Step 1. Is there any enhanced value?

Hazard Mitigation Update

 Plan is complete. Still not approved by Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) and FEMA. We were approved for the grant despite the inconsistency of deadlines.
September 22, at the latest, the Selectboard must approve to verify the grant.

Town Garage Site – Working Group

- The 200-page, Phase 1 Environmental Study is complete.
 - o Review and plan to discuss at the next meeting.
- Wetland delineation has been completed.
- In the final stage of the three test pits, location of pits to be dug to be determined.

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 Need a list of items (i.e. vehicles, materials) located at the Town Garage site that are of no use so we can determine what to/how to sell.

Other Business

Pertaining to the inquiry from June 17: regulations require a committee member be 18 years old. Nonetheless, the attendance of a student less than this age is encouraged. Participation builds depth of knowledge and different perspective.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2025 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1855

Motion Kenric; Second, Parker PASS – unanimous

Respectfully Submitted, Stacy Boone 7/23/2025