

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office & via Zoom
January 21, 2025

Present: Select board Members: Dave Jacobs, Hugh Flynn, Trevor arrived at 6:55
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Jim Davis, Planning Commission Chair, Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Dave
2. Minutes – from 01/07/2025 were approved Hugh/Dave AIF
3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – none
4. New Business –

A. Road Foreman Report – Bob has been talking with Eric Pope (VTrans) regarding the paving and the culvert grant. Bob said the state grinds 1-1/2" of pavement and adds 1-1/2" of material back prior to paving. Bob will get quotes for paving. It is anticipated that the cost to do the culvert work will be \$30,000 to \$50,000. Bob said the work will probably take a week to complete, during which time the road will need to be closed. He will get quotes. He said they have been blowing hydraulic hoses like crazy lately; the way they are installed they rub and cause them to blow. He said the cold weather doesn't help. The Ford still has occasional issues, such as not heating well. No grader tire prices yet. Diane shared that she and Dave had attended a TEAMS meeting about the FEMA work from 2024. Mitigation could be paid for at an 80/20 split. This would include possible header and wing walls on the extra culvert installed on Valley Road as well as some ditching on the gravel roads that washed during the event last July. Bob asked about cars that park in the road making it difficult to plow. The board felt that if it is an ongoing issue, the car can be towed. Discussion about having the Constable speak to the vehicles owner.

B. Ethics Training Requirements - are something new as of January 1. Most of the Holland elected officials will need to do the mandatory 45 minute online training. This is due by September of this year and will need to be redone every three years.

C. Ethics Complaint Procedure – will need to be established as well as a liaison to the State Ethics Commission. There will also need to be a "Designated Complaint Recipient" to receive complaints alleging violations.

5. Public Comment – Karla (as a Holland Community Center Board member) asked what the Select Board's intentions are going forward if the school voters do decide to transfer the school property to the Town. Trevor said there are no plans to change anything at this point. He anticipates a joint meeting with the School Board and the current renters to negotiate contract renewals. He said that there may be a need for insurance for the day for private functions held at the school. As the HCC has insurance, they will most likely be exempt from this requirement. He said they may look for additional renters, being mindful of the current renters. Jim presented copies of the proposed changes to the current town plan for the Select Board to review. If the proposed changes are ok with the Select Board, the Planning Commission will do the edits and restart the process to adopt the amended Town Plan.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Budgets –Town Meeting Warning was reviewed and signed.

7. Executive Session – did not happen

8. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – The next FEMA meeting will be on Monday, January 27 at 8:30. GPS coordinates are needed. Dave will do the coordinates.

9. Select Board Update – None

10. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Bonus	01/09/2025	\$300.00
Payroll	01/14/2025	\$2,508.17
Payroll	01/21/2025	\$2,408.77
Payroll Tax	01/17/2025	\$1,581.18
Invoices	01/21/2025	\$8,898.27

General:

Payroll	01/14/2025	\$1,109.12
Payroll	01/21/2025	\$804.06
Payroll Tax	01/17/2025	\$627.47
Invoices	01/21/2025	\$1,634.78

10. Adjourned at 8:05

Meeting Schedule: February 6 (Thursday) and February 18