

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
February 5, 2026

Present: Select board Members: Dave Jacobs, Hugh Flynn (via Zoom)

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Jim Davis, Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Kenric Gonyaw, Patrick Hurley

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Dave

2. Minutes – from 01/20/2026 were approved. Hugh/Dave AIF

3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – none

4. New Business –

A. Road Foreman Report – Looks like the only salt we can get is at a higher price. No definite date as to when. Using salt sparingly to make it last. Pushing banks back. Adam will be gone on vacation from February 20-27. Bob will be in charge while he is gone. Hugh asked if the total grader maintenance had been done yet – Adam said some of the basic maintenance had been done, but not the total overhaul. Hugh suggested it be done prior to Spring.

B. Patrick Hurley – Reviewed the new forms for the FEMA buyout of the property at 6042 Valley Road. He is not sure why FEMA came back around to us resubmitting. The board will review and sign the documents at the next meeting. If this goes through, the house, shed and septic will be removed and the well will be professionally capped off.

He also updated the board on the Valley Road steel plate arch. He is expecting finalized designs soon and will be sending out bid documents. It is estimated that the Valley Road will be closed for about two weeks to complete this project.

C. Holland Unity Center –

1. Softball Practice – More information was received as to what will be used during the practices. They have purchased: softball size wiffle balls, indoor squishy softballs, and have four 6x6 nets for throwing into and just purchased a 22 foot batting cage as well. With this understanding and the fee of \$100 per use, the board approved the softball practice.

2. Facility Update – Ric said when he checked the generator during the recent power outage, it was working fine. However, the fire alarms were going off. Apparently, it's time to replace the batteries. He will look into this and also into having the alarm inspected. The cloud heating system notification has not been working and he is getting that looked at. He is also monitoring the electric usage. He chose not to make any change during the cold snap as he was worried that might affect the heat.

3. Long Term Lease – A representative from the Mennonite Church spoke with Diane about the possibility of leasing the entire Unity Center for the 2027/2028 school year. They are looking for a building that they can use for both school and church. The board is agreeable to speaking with them. There would be a lot to cover to decide whether or not to do this. They are amenable to the Town still using the building for things like Town Meeting.

5. Public Comment – Ed stated that if this is done with the building, it may get murky as far as separation of church and State. He feels that some people will refuse to attend. Karla stated that this might mean the end of the Holland Community Center. She was only speaking on her behalf, not the HCC Board. Jim stated that he is 100% against leasing the building. He has been working on funding for the co-working space, but doesn't feel that the donors would agree if it was only a limited time. Dave stated that the Board should at least consider it.

Jim submitted a newspaper article regarding some alternative bridge ideas happening in Wheelock. They have a bridge that they cannot afford to replace and are looking at other ways to build and fund it.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. CD Investments - After looking at finances, Diane is comfortable with investing \$200,000 into 4 separate CD's at 3.73% for nine months. Hugh moved to do just that, 2nd by Dave. AIF

7. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – Diane has received the signed 6 month lease from Don Stevens for the food shelf/cultural center. This will be countersigned by the Board at the next meeting.

Diane shared that Ed has made some tweaks on our website. Select Board minutes and agendas are now grouped by year. 2025 property tax bills are on the website as well. This will make it easier for folks to get their copy to do their homestead declarations.

8. Select Board Update - Hugh asked what it would take to open up the roads for snowmobilers to have access to the trails. He would like to see it happen. Discussion about how to do this. It would most likely need to be in the form of an ordinance. Research needs to be done if this is going to happen.

9. Executive Session - none

10. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	01/27/2026	\$3,553.56	Payroll	01/27/2026	\$1,698.33
Payroll Tax	01/30/2026	\$3,495.94	Payroll Tax	01/30/2026	\$1,409.29
Payroll	02/03/2026	\$2,493.46	Payroll	02/03/2026	\$816.15
Payroll	02/10/2026	\$2,563.78	Payroll	02/10/2026	\$1,077.15
Invoices	02/05/2026	\$15,465.50	Invoices	02/05/2026	\$12,379.37

11. Adjourned at 7:40

Meeting Schedule: February 19 (**Thursday**) at 6:30