

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
February 19, 2026

Present: Select board Members: Trevor Gray, Dave Jacobs, Hugh Flynn

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Jim Davis, Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Heather Dowland, Kenric Gonyaw, Liz Hager (via Zoom) Ed Barber (Newport Daily Express)

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Trevor,

2. Minutes – from 02/05/2026 were approved. Dave/Hugh

3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – added paperwork to review and sign for the Valley Road project.

4. New Business –

A. Road Foreman Report – No update on salt – using sparingly. Discussion about standing water (puddles) that can be kept ahead of. Grader maintenance will be done on a weekend in the near future. Diane received a voice mail complaint regarding the Valley Road. This is the mess that occurred from where the culvert was replaced in Morgan. Some talk about possible putting signs up on Holland’s end. Trevor received a complaint/request from a South Shore Road owner. Apparently there is snow piling up near the beginning of that private road. Our plows do not push snow there. Hugh will go look at it, but it’s likely that as it is not part of the public road, it is not in our jurisdiction.

B. Abenaki Helping Abenaki Lease – A six month lease that has been signed by Don Stevens was reviewed and signed. This will cover April 1 – September 30. Rent will continue at \$1,000 per month.

C. Holland Unity Center –

1. Facility Update – Control Tech did some warranty work on the router. There was also an issue with a blown fuse that Ric replaced. He suggested having the fire alarm tested next week while the building is empty of children. There may be batteries that also need to be replaced.

2. Discussion regarding possible lease of Unity Center – As Trevor was unable to attend the February 5 meeting, this was again on the agenda. Hugh stated that he is not in favor of renting the entire building to one entity. Overall, the board is not in favor of pursuing the full building lease as they don’t feel that it represents why we (the voters and people of Holland) chose to keep the building. They are happy to continue renting the space to the Mennonites as has been happening.

5. Public Comment – Karla proposed the idea of creating a committee made up from Abenaki Helping Abenaki, NEK Little Ones, the Select Board, the Holland Community Center (HCC) and community members that want to be a part of the committee. She stated the idea of coming up with a plan to use the entire building and then pursuing funding to implement the ideas.

Jim said the “brainstorming” meeting came up with ideas to use the building, as has the HCC. He said we need to build a business plan and stated there are *Catalyst Grants* available from Northern Borders that he can look into. Dave volunteered to be the Select Board representative on the committee.

Ed said that he supports this direction but was very disappointed with the brainstorming event. He said he felt that conclusions were pre-determined and he stated that it was “unbecoming of a town event.”

NEKCV – as our representative, Ed said he has been trying to get real updates regarding the high speed fiber line. He will continue to work to get answers. He asked to have a table at town meeting. He was given permission to have a NEKCV table.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. FEMA Buyout Paperwork – This was previously presented and it was thought that it wouldn’t happen. As it is once again a possibility, new paperwork needed to be reviewed and signed. Hugh moved to sign, 2nd by Dave. Trevor abstained as it is a family member.

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B. Valley Road Culver Paperwork – Patrick Hurley (Memphremagog Watershed Association) had forwarded documents that needed to be signed to move the project forward. The paperwork was reviewed and signed.

7. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – NEK Little Ones want to renew their lease and go back to 5 days per week starting in the next school year. Eric Pope (VTRANS) has scheduled our annual meeting for March 24 at 9:00 at the town office. Nate Sicard is working to get a plan together before Town Meeting regarding bridge #30.. Diane let the board know that as there seems to be concern regarding her positions and that she has confirmed that Assistant Treasurer Brian Currier’s name is on all Town and School bank accounts. Brian also has the key to the office as well as the combination to the vault. She has also started working on a policies and procedures notebook for the office. The board, after being reassured that she has no definite date to retire, was happy to have these things happening.

8. Select Board Update - none

9. Executive Session - none

10. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Payroll Tax	01/09/2026	\$1,788.18
Payroll	02/17/2026	\$2,670.46
Payroll	02/24/2026	\$3,604.32
Invoices	02/19/2026	\$5,635.81

General:

Payroll	02/17/2026	\$1,042.80
Payroll	02/24/2026	\$1,102.41
Invoices	02/19/2026	\$7,935.40

11. Adjourned at 7:40

Meeting Schedule: March 10 at 6:30 and March 24 (to begin at approximately 10:00AM)