

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
April 4, 2023

Present: Select board Members: Andrew Bouchard, Trevor Gray
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Road Foreman: Tommy Charest
Others: Ed Brady, Paul Posenjak, Karla Braunesreither

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Trevor
2. Minutes – from 03/14/2023 were approved Andy/Trevor
3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda - none
4. Public Comment – Ed asked on behalf of Karla (she entered the meeting later) if the Select Board could meet at a different day and time so as not to conflict with the School Board’s meetings.
5. New Business

A. Road Foreman report – The loader heater is fixed; the crank case sensor is the code that was coming up. Truck 19 had broken wires and the brakes were adjusted when it went in for service at Allegiance. Grading is being done as possible. The crew is bringing material to problem areas as needed. As the pit is open, they will start hauling sand next week. Diane noted that the propane usage – used to heat the garage – has been unusually high this winter. The board asked Tommy to keep an eye on the heaters to see if there is an issue.

B. Recycling Alternate – As Ray is still in the hospital it is time to find an alternate to run the recycling center. One person from town has expressed interest and another would consider simply volunteering his time. The Board gave Diane permission to hire/schedule someone to cover recycling until Ray is well enough to return.

C. Appoint NEK Broadband Board Representative – Andy nominated Ed as primary board representative and himself as alternate, 2nd by Trevor. All in favor. Paul asked what the guarantees are from NEK Broadband for the money they are asking for. He stated that Fidium Fiber will be here within the next twenty four months, if not sooner. Trevor responded that Derby had committed funds to help get fiber into Holland. Paul seemed to think that Derby may be reconsidering putting money towards NEK Broadband. An invoice had been received for our promised amount of \$136,363 of ARPA funds. As the invoice was bare bones, it was decided no payment will be made at this time. Paul will look into exactly when the alternative fiber will come to Holland and Ed will contact NEK Broadband to see where our town is at in terms of future fiber with them.

D. Amount of Surplus to go in to Highway Garage Reserve Fund – After discussing what could be done, it was decided to use ARPA money to apply to the paving overage from last year. That amount was \$13,695. Andy moved to apply the surplus of \$93,421 to the reserve fund, 2nd by Trevor. All in favor.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. ATV Ordinance – Andy moved to adopt the amended ATV ordinance, 2nd by Trevor. All in favor. A notice will be published in the Chronicle next week. Copies will go out on our callout email. Copies of the amended ordinance will also be in the entry way at the office. They can also be sent out upon request.

7. Select Board Updates – At the annual meeting with VTrans representative Eric Pope we found that we are eligible for \$130,000 in paving for FY25. A Better Roads category B grant may be applicable for the header on Moon Road.

Grants in Aid (GIA) letter of intent for next year was signed. We currently have a \$16,500 GIA for work to be done this year by 9/30/2023.

Andy will be attending a virtual VLCT meeting regarding municipal weatherization.

Meeting date and time was discussed. Going forward, meeting will be the first Monday of the month at 6:30 so we don’t conflict with School Board meetings.

8. Executive Session - none

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	03/21/2023	\$2,126.28	Payroll	03/21/2023	\$1,032.00
Payroll	03/28/2023	\$3,466.78	Payroll	03/28/2023	\$589.62
Payroll Tax	03/31/2023	\$3,476.79	Payroll Tax	03/31/2023	\$1,211.39
Payroll	04/04/2023	\$2,122.99	Payroll	03/07/2023	\$677.99
Invoices	04/04/2023	\$12,201.25	Invoices	04/04/2023	\$141,776.86

10. Adjourned at 8:00

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, May 1,** at 6:30PM

Schedule of meetings: May 1, June 5