

Town of Holland  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Town Office  
April 28, 2026

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Jim Davis, Kenric Gonyaw, Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Estee Crawford, Nate Sicard (Ruggles Engineering),

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

**2. Minutes** – from 04/10/2026 were approved. Dave/Hugh AIF

**3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda** – none

**4. New Business** –

**A. Bids Bridge #30** – Bids were received from: Kirk Fenoff & Son Excavating, LLC \$563,488.80; J.A. McDonald, Inc. \$699,550; Simpson Dirtworx LLC. Nate shared that any of these companies would do the work equally well and he advised going with the lowest bid. Trevor moved to award the Bridge #30 project to Kirk Fenoff & Son Excavating, LLC., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave AIF. Nate will notify the bidders of the decision.

**B. Road Foreman Report** – The apple trees near the Stearns Brook Road/Valley Road intersection will need to be cut down as the estimated trimming would probably kill the trees. The estimate to do the work is around \$700. Adam had grader tire prices. Derby Tire \$1,300 each and Northern Tire \$1,500 each. Six tires will be needed. Hugh moved to buy the tires from Derby Tire, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave (Trevor abstained as it is a family business). The grader will be serviced by Andrew Patenaude this Thursday. Adam ordered and received a load of salt just in case there is a winter 2026/27 shortage. He shared that the road crew will be switching to 4 – 10 workdays this week. He has done online grader training and is waiting for the sign up for in person grader training. Adam said a new truck will take 10-12 months for Tenco to build the body. Dave shared that the access road in Newport is being ground and he was told that Derby is getting grinding material for free. He suggested that Adam look into it to see if Holland can get some. Adam once again brought up the wish to purchase an excavator. He said that the town is behind in ditching, and he feels this would be the best way to keep up with ditching. No decision made.

**C. Planning Commission Appointment** – Estee Crawford expressed interest in being on the commission. Trevor moved to appoint Estee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. AIF. She will fill the position vacated by Stacy Boone. She will need to be elected in March.

**D. Act 181** – Charleston had requested support for the opposition of Act 181 which affects how land is used in the future (in a nutshell) Jim shared the map that NVDA had provided. He stated that at the time, NVDA did not really fully understand what the potential changes meant. He suggested the board ask NVDA to come back for a public meeting with a reprinted map. Diane had a letter prepared for the board to review and sign. The full board as well as Jim Davis (as Planning Commission Chair) signed the letter in support of the opposition of Act 181.

**E. NEK Little Ones Lease** – Diane reviewed the change for the 2026/2027 year which was discussed last year. The lease will be for a full year. The lease will now go to Theresa Forbes for her to review.

**F. Holland Unity Center** – Kenric shared that Mike's Electric will be coming on Thursday to prepare a quote for keyless entry. He said the shingles that had been seen on the ground are the ones left behind from when the roof was replaced. Hugh will fly over the roof with his drone to check for damage.

Generator maintenance has not been done yet. Diane reported that inside damage has happened to the gym door – there is a dent and part of the panic bar is damaged.

**5. Public Comment** – Karla shared that the Holland Community Center will have a dunk tank at Holland Day on July 25. The recent bingo was well attended.

**Old Business:**

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**A. Bond Bank vs local Bank** – Diane shared that in order to apply for a bond loan, we have to have at least one year of outside audit done. The one auditor contacted did not want to do it unless we committed to annual audits. It's expected that it could cost \$12,000 - \$20,000 for the one year audit, or more. Diane is also looking into the State Infrastructure Bank which shows a 1% interest rate. She will keep working on funding.

**7. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update** – Diane updated the board on the reappraisal. Reappraisal booklets will be mailed on May 11. This is the official notice. There will be information for property owners on how to make appointments to ask questions and there will be a website for those that wish to see how their property was reappraised. First and foremost, people need to know that if their assessment doubled, that does not necessarily mean that their tax bill will double. There are many factors that affect the tax rate. In 2025 Vermont Electric's inventory value was multiplied by our Common Level of Appraisal which resulted in losing approximately \$19,000 in tax revenue. This year, they will be taxed at 100% due to the reappraisal. If people simply have questions or don't understand why their value has changed, Diane is willing and available to answer questions. There will also be two days for informational meetings, prior to the actual grievance day. She also shared that her new assistant Barb Wing started on Monday.

**8. Select Board Updates** – none

**9. Review of bills and signing orders**

Highway:

Payroll	04/21/2026	\$2,620.69
Payroll	04/28/2026	\$4,184.23
Payroll Tax VT	04/2026	\$1,500.54
Payroll Tax Fed	04/2026	3,495.94
Invoice	04/20/2026	\$200.00
Invoices	04/28/2026	\$9,088.58

General:

Payroll	04/21/2026	\$1,243.63
Payroll	04/28/2026	\$873.492
Payroll Tax VT	04/2026	\$706.21
Payroll Tax Fed	04/2026	\$1,384.13
Invoices	04/28/2026	\$12,972.75

**10. Executive Session** - none

**11. Adjourned at 8:00** Trevor moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh AIF

Meeting Schedule: Monday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 27