

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
May 1, 2023

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Trevor

2. Minutes – from 04/04/2023 were approved Andy/Trevor AIF

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – Trevor moved to end the meeting with an executive session, 2nd by Andy. AIF

4. Public Comment – Karla as HCC Chair explained the parade route planned for Holland Day on July 15. The plan is to line up at the town garage, go past the school to School Road and then go by way of Lyon Road and Holland Pond Road to get back to the school. The Board was agreeable to this, but cautioned that the Sheriff should also be contacted about the parade route. There is interest in a cornhole tournament with alcohol. Karla asked about holding it on town land, Andy suggested asking the Historical Society. The HCC will be hosting a music jam on Sunday, May 21 from 2-6 with a fee of \$3. Snacks, beverages and 50/50 tickets will also be on sale. Holland Day is July 15 and Karla is taking sign-ups for the parade.

Kevin said he wanted to thank whoever cut the tree on Patenaude's corner on Valley Road as visibility is much better. He raised concerns with the amount of gravel that has washed on to his property on Trucott Road. This is caused by the farm on the corner above him. There was discussion about the non-working culvert on the property. It was decided to go ahead and replace the defective culvert and invoice the property owner. This has cost the town money several times due to heavy rain. Trevor will do a site visit with Kevin and Tommy.

5. New Business

A. Road Foreman report – The guys are hauling winter sand, grading when able, pulling berm which makes for bumpy roads which smooths out. Worked on Valley Road shoulders and pulling whips. The plows and sander are put away. The backhoe was repaired and the AC was charged. Estimate to replace the pins is \$600 plus labor. The loader had another hydraulic leak which has been fixed with Larry Morin's help. The replace battery light is coming on now. It was suggested that he take the batteries to be tested to see if they need to be replaced. He is hoping to work on the Gore Road corner next week.

B. Lister Extension Request – Due to time constraints, the listers have asked for an extension to lodge the grand list. The Board approved and signed.

C. Planning Commission Questionnaire – Karla presented a rough draft of a questionnaire that the Planning Commission would like to hand out. There was discussion but no extra questions were added. Karla said she had gotten an estimate to have a survey done at the garage: \$2,800-\$3,500. She is also looking into a gray water or composting system that might work.

D. Grant – The Town had applied for and received a grant to update the local hazard mitigation plan. This was reviewed and signed by Trevor. It is for \$8,362.50 with an in kind match of 25%

6. Unfinished Business –

A. NEK Broadband – Andy had reached out to Christa Shute from NEK Broadband and received a contract. She stated that Derby has signed their contract to help get fiber to Holland. Trevor would like the contract reviewed by VLCT and also would like to see what Derby's contract says. If all of this can be accomplished the contract will be signed and a payment will be made.

7. Select Board Updates – Andy attended a Municipal Energy Resilience Plan meeting and applied for a grant to have an efficiency audit at the garage. This could lead to an additional grant to possibly help with building a new garage.

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Our wonderful Recycling Attendant Ray Fontaine passed away on April 17. Services will be held on May 27 at 10:00 at St Mary's Church with a pot luck at his home at 420 Tree Farm Road afterwards.

Darrell Martin has taken over the Recycling position and received training from NEKWMD. The recycling trailers are currently in disarray and Darrell will be working to clean and organize them. As there is trash that has been dropped off the best way to get rid of it will be to load it in the ton truck and take it to the dump.

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	04/11/2023	\$2,280.84	Payroll	04/11/2023	\$589.62
Payroll	04/18/2023	\$2,472.42	Payroll	04/18/2023	\$589.62
Payroll	04/25/2023	\$3,150.52	Payroll	04/25/2023	\$589.62
Payroll Tax	03/31/2023	\$3,536.03	Payroll Tax	03/31/2023	\$1,046.44
Payroll	05/02/2023	\$2,579.65	Payroll	05/02/2023	\$710.14
Invoices	05/01/2023	\$52,595.45	Invoices	05/01/2023	\$5,996.84

8. Executive Session - Trevor moved to enter executive session with Tommy at 8:12. Personnel reason Exited at 8:30. Tommy submitted his resignation effective May 12. The Board will start the process of finding a new road foreman.

10. Adjourned at 8:00

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, May 15**, at 6:30PM

Schedule of meetings: June 5