

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office & via Zoom
June 16, 2025

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Jim Davis, Planning Commission Chair, Kenric Gonyaw, Ed Brady, Karla Braunesreither

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Dave as Trevor was running late. (Trevor arrived at 6:37)

2. Minutes – from 06/02/2025 were approved Hugh/Dave

3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – none

4. New Business –

A. Road Foreman Report – There is a three-foot culvert on Bates Hill Road that needs to be replaced. There is a culvert at the shop that will be used. Beavers are causing issues as they keep plugging the culvert. Adam will find someone that traps them. The loader AC has a leak so it hasn't been used much lately. While the Valley Road culvert is being installed and the road is closed, the plan is to do some ditching on Valley Road. Roads are mostly graded and have had chloride applied. There was a discussion about what signs are actually at the garage. Adam will inventory the signs and see what needs to be purchased.

5. Public Comment – Karla (for the HCC) said they are applying for a \$75,000 grant to start up the Innovation Center which would allow the HCC funds to pay two years rent in advance. It would also allow them to set up the space. Holland Day (3rd Annual) will be held on Saturday, July 26. The HCC will be serving smoked pizza and hamburgers. No fee, but donations are welcomed. This will take place from 12-2 at the former school. There will also be music. Currently the HCC is using a classroom for meetings and one for yoga. Karla asked if that is still ok. The board agreed to this until such time as there may be others paying to use the rooms. Karla has applied for a \$5,000 grant for a permanent gazebo type structure as well as some patio type furniture. This would be place near the playground. The Abenaki Cultural Center would like to take over the current vegetable garden area. The HCC plans to move the flower garden closer to the proposed gazebo location. She asked if some ditching can be done to help dry out the road end of the walking path.

Ed has helped Diane by working on glitches/fixes on the website. Ed suggested maybe a written agreement for his time; such as 6 hours per year to do general fixes. The board agreed that it seemed fair and would pay the hourly rate after the 6 hours is used up.

Jim Davis (PC) said that nothing has come back on the submitted Hazard Mitigation Plan yet. He stated that Horizons is 75% complete on the garage assessment. There is still a questionnaire that needs to be completed. The board agreed to have Jim answer it to the best of his knowledge. Jim said we should have the report by August 1.

6. Unfinished Business

A. School Transfer – Signing of the deed will take place on June 26 at 6:30 at the school. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Trevor and Diane attended the recent School Board meeting. Both tenants were in attendance as well. He shared information regarding the grade school bus routes in Holland – children will be on the bus for 45 minutes maximum. Trevor brought up the Board's concerns regarding how much space the Food Shelf takes up. Chief Stevens spoke about how the last increase in rent was not well received. NEK Little Ones Pre-K currently has an eleven-month lease. Theresa will only have Universal Pre-K on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the new school year. She will be open the other two days, just not for that. It was shared that the School Board will pay for some of the Control Technology upgrades with the Town taking over the remaining two years of the maintenance contract. The School Board also plans to address the septic pipe issue. John Castle stated that the school will have a hefty fund balance that could be used for the improvements. Trevor will work on the leases, making a few tweaks. He will also work on the building use forms/policy. Ed said he can help with energy monitoring as he has been trained in this. Names for the

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building were discussed. Karla suggested a naming contest. We need to find a good name rather than keep referring to it as the Holland school.

7. Town Clerk/Treasurer Updates - none

8. Select Board Updates – Trevor has had complaints about the safety of Gore Road in the vicinity of Michael Steele’s residence. This is due to the hedge that is growing out into the road. Dave will view the location and report back.

9. Executive Session – Trevor moved to go into Executive Session at 8:05 for Personnel. Ric and Diane were invited to stay. Exited executive session at 8:30. Trevor moved to hire Ric Gonyaw to continue to be the custodial maintenance person, 2nd by Dave. AIF

10. Review of bills and signing orders:

Highway:

Payroll	06/10/2025	\$2,414.35
Payroll	06/17/2025	\$2,470.35
Payroll Tax	06/06/2025	\$1,993.78
Invoices	06/16/2025	\$31,929.76

General:

Payroll	06/10/2025	\$809.55
Payroll	06/17/2025	\$814.51
Payroll Tax	06/06/2025	\$646.19
Invoices	06/16/2025	\$9,839.29

12. Adjourned at 8:40

Meeting Schedule: Special Meeting for School Transfer June 26

Regular Meetings: July 7, July 21