

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
June 17, 2024

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Tim Sykes, Ed Brady, Karla Braunesreither

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Trevor

2. Minutes – from 06/03/2024 were approved. Dave/Hugh AIF

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – none

New Business:

A. Road Foreman Report – The new truck is ready. AC has not been fixed in the truck to be traded in. Bob will be out for medical reasons beginning on July 23, for two to four weeks. He will work to get all roads graded and apply chloride prior to this date. The road crew will move the fallen walls out of the way so they can access the stuff that was stored in the building that collapsed. Adam has been learning how to grade. Discussed schedule of work to be done while Bob is out. There are lots of places that need to be ditched. As there is money in the equipment hire line item, ditching can be done by a hired excavator.

B. Child Care Tax – Beginning July 1 a Child Care Tax will be paid in to the State of Vermont. We could take 0.0011 from the employees and only pay 0.0033. Most towns seem to be paying the entire 0.0044 as it doesn't really add up to a lot. Dave moved to pay the 0.0044 and not take any from the employees, 2nd by Trevor. AIF.

5. Public Comment – Mitch sent an email in regard to an anticipated resignation from Planning commission member Helen Flynn. He asked that we talk up the urgency and importance of filling the now two open positions. As they are working on updating the Town Plan under a deadline, the more members to help, the better.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. Excavator Purchase – Trevor received a price of \$127,600 from Beaugard Equipment for a 17,000 pound range excavator with a thumb and cleanout bucket. As they don't sell trailers he got a quote of \$38,710 from Allegiance Trucks for a 22,000 ton trailer. Trevor said we could use the anticipated \$70,000 from FEMA as well as the \$17,261 remaining ARPA money, and there is some money in the equipment fund. The rest would have to be borrowed. Tim Sykes said that he feels it is better to spend money hiring an excavator with operator to do the ditching versus having a machine and trailer sitting for months not being used. Another resident had sent an email stating that he also thinks it's a bad idea. Another possibility could be to rent an excavator for a period of time. A discussion about our current equipment and a possible replacement schedule was had. The loader may be the next piece of equipment to be replaced. It was decided not to purchase an excavator at this time.

Bob will schedule a local excavator operator to come and do some ditching; our dump trucks will be used to haul the ditching material.

B. "Salt Shed" - Diane has been in contact with Jeff Charland. The roof trusses have been ordered and should be here soon. An overhead door 25' wide X 12' tall would be \$7,700 and an opener would be \$1,235. Hugh moved to install the door and opener, 2nd by Dave. AIF.

7. Select Board Update – Dave met with Jeremiah Lamphere at Gina Miller's to see what it will take to remove the tree. We will need to rent a lift and provide flaggers. He estimates that it will take 1 to 1-1/2 hours to do the job. It's expected to cost around \$1,000, more or less. It should be done in July. The board and Bob discussed locations of other trees that should either be trimmed or removed.

8. Executive Session - none

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Payroll 06/11/2024 \$2,342.62

Payroll 06/18/2024 \$2,342.62

Invoices 06/17/2024 \$11,743.99

General:

Payroll 06/11/2024 \$795.32

Payroll 06/18/2024 \$768.30

Invoices 06/17/2024 \$6,241.06

10. Adjourn – 8:00

Meeting Schedule: July 8, July 22