

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
July 22, 2024

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Dennis Roberts, Ed Brady, Mitch Wonson

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Trevor

2. Minutes – from 07/08/2024 - Dave/Hugh AIF

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – Diane asked to add Local Economic Recovery Grant.

New Business:

A. Road Foreman Report – Bob met with Eric Pope from VTrans to see what can be done to repair the recently flooded area of Valley Road. Eric recommended opening the road up to install a new base for the road. If FEMA is declared we should get some help with repairs. Bob stated that it's all undermined from the flooding. We need to hire an electrician to do the wiring at the "new" shed. Hugh will reach out to area electricians. Willy Tetreault will come to do ditching next week, depending on the weather. The AC on the tractor is not working and the tractor is blowing fuses. The board said to take it to Champlain Valley Equipment to see if they can figure out why it's blowing fuses and to fix the AC. The check engine light is on in the Ford again. Bob wanted to know what is going to be done with the shed walls that were blown down. Trevor said since there have been several interested people, the fairest way would be to ask for a sealed bid. The board stipulated that this is only available to Holland taxpayers/residents. The bids are due by August 5 which is the next meeting. Hugh made the motion, 2nd by Dave. AIF. Allegiance sent an invoice for repairs they say had to be done on the truck we traded in. As there are questions about this invoice, Dave moved that it be tabled until the next meeting, 2nd by Hugh. AIF As Bob will be out on medical for at least a couple of weeks, the suggestion of someone else's number being put out for emergency purposes came up. Hugh said he was ok with his number being used. It's not anticipated that it would be used unless there was a road emergency of some kind.

B. Grants In Aid FY25 Grant – We have received \$9,500 for from the Grants in Aid program for next year. We will need to do a 20% match, which can include labor and the use of equipment. Trevor moved to accept, 2nd by Dave. AIF. The agreement was reviewed and signed by Trevor. This grant can be used for ditching in specific locations.

C. Delinquent Property Tax Sale – Diane (as Delinquent Tax Collector) is planning a tax sale for some time in January to clean up taxes that are over a year delinquent. The attorney has already been contacted.

D. Set Tax Rate – Trevor moved to set the Homestead tax rate at \$2.5416 and the Non-Homestead rate at \$2.9978, second by Dave. (2023 rates were Homestead \$2.5655 Non-Homestead \$2.8276). Tax bills will be going out soon.

5. Public Comment – Mitch expressed the opinion that the agenda should be set up with Old Business prior to New Business. There is no rule that applies to do this. He also said that Twin Bridge Road seems to have a lot of speeding vehicles currently. It was suggested that we have the Sheriff's department do a directed patrol there between the hours of 4 and 6 in the afternoon.

Ed said he has sent the documentation so Diane can do website updates. He will also do a video explanation so that others can also do updates.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Planning Commission Stipend – Diane got a variety of results from asking what other towns pay. It went from many who don't pay to \$500 annually. Mitch said that our current Planning Commission is actively working and meeting twice per month. He said they had mixed responses regarding being paid. He thought it might be an incentive in the future if a stipend was offered. Hugh moved to pay \$20 per attended meeting to be paid at the end of the year, 2nd by Dave. AIF

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B. New Truck – how to pay the balance – Diane suggested that we pull the money from a combination of remaining ARPA funds and FEMA payment from 2023 damage. Trevor moved to use these funds for the balance that was left after the state loan was received, 2nd by Dave. (\$42,630) AIF

C. Local Economic Recovery Grant – An email was received offering a Local Economic Recovery Grant as we had flood damage in 2023. The only restriction is that the funds (\$10,000) cannot be used for anything that was eligible for FEMA funds. It’s a simple process to receive the funds. Trevor moved to accept the funds, 2nd by Dave. AIF.

7. Select Board Update – Trevor wanted it noted that Holland resident Lawrence “Arch” Judd, Sr had passed away. Arch had served on the Select Board, as a Fence Viewer as well as a Pound Keeper. He will be remembered fondly.

8. Executive Session - none

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Payroll	07/16/2024	\$2,407.61
Payroll	07/23/2024	\$2,346.64
Invoices	07/22/2024	\$2,634.77

General:

Payroll	07/16/2024	\$593.60
Payroll	07/23/2024	\$768.30
Invoices	07/22/2024	\$328.85

10. Adjourn – 8:07

Meeting Schedule: August 5 & 19