

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
July 24, 2023

Present: Select board Members: Trevor Gray, Andrew Bouchard, Jonathan Morin (via speakerphone)
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Others: Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Bob Camber, Marcus Hamblett, Mark Elwell, Sean Selby, Homer Selby, Dan Cross, Sue Draper

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

2. Minutes – from 07/10/2023 were approved. Andy/Jonathan. AIF.

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – Trevor moved to have executive session after the review of bills. 2nd by Andy. AIF

4. Public Comment – Sean Selby spoke about the total devastation of what is known as Hunting Camp Road, due to the recent flooding rains. He and others spoke on behalf of the property owners in regards to getting help from the Town to rebuild what they thought was a Class 4 Road. Diane believes that it is and has been a legal trail. She will research this to be sure. Many, if not all of the owners have reported the damage to 211. The major damage is estimated to be a quarter of a mile, with additional damage beyond that. Trevor spoke about setting precedents if town funds were used to fix a trail. More information is needed but he spoke about asking VTRANS representative Eric Pope to view the location. It is thought that the stream that did the damage could potentially do more damage to the Valley Road, if there is another storm such as the one on July 16.

Karla spoke about the HCC cornhole tournament being held on August 19 at 1 at the Holland Historical Society building on Gore Road. The Historical Society will have food and drink available for sale as well as live music.

5. Unfinished Business –

A. Road Foreman Vacancy – no action

C. Personnel Policy – tabled until the full board is in attendance.

7. Select Board Updates – Trevor asked Bob about Rush Road, which is a Class 4 road that sustained flooding damage. Bob said a couple loads of bank run gravel and a pass with the grader should fix it up so that it is travelable. Bob spoke about several culverts that need to be replaced. Thanks were given to the road crew for their recent work on the flooded roads. All roads are accessible and safe. The road crew has been working diligently as well as a private contractor.

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Payroll 07/18/2023 \$1,424.74

Payroll 07/25/2023 \$2,039.12

Invoices 07/24/2023 \$8,950.69

General:

Payroll 07/18/2023 \$1,037.88

Payroll 07/25/2023 \$589.62

Invoices 07/24/2023 \$2,412.17

8. Executive Session - Andy moved to go into executive session at 7:30 for personnel reasons, 2nd by Trevor. AIF. Diane was invited to stay. Exited executive session at 8:00. It was decided to re-interview the road foreman candidate with the full board in attendance. This will happen on 7/31 at 6:30.

10. Adjourned at 8:01

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, August 14** at 6:30PM