

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
August 3, 2026

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Jim Davis, Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Kenric Gonyaw, Liz Hager, Paul Tice. Via Zoom: Barbara Wing, Michael Miller

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

2. Minutes – from 07/20/2026 were approved Dave/Hugh

3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – none

4. New Business –

A. Road Foreman Report – Valley Road will be closed for two weeks beginning on August 10. There will be a large culvert installed. Lake Memphremagog Watershed Association is in charge of the project. This will be happening near Hunting Camp Road. There will be no through traffic during this period.

Discussion regarding signage. Bates Hill Road culvert – Adam received a quote from Contech for a 48' culvert which is 3 feet longer than the one submitted for the grant. Quoted price was \$13,765. Price has gone up and additional length added as well. New quoted price is \$18,445. Jason Patenaude can do the work. Estimated start date is in four weeks. He will also be doing the ditching on Holland Pond Road for the Grants In Aid project. Truck 17 had a new windshield installed, but it cracked. Working with company to have it replaced. Trees have been cut near Stearns/Valley. Trees still need to be chipped. The dead elm near the Gray farm has been cut down by Vermont Electric. Adam asked if used guardrails are ok to use to replace the damaged ones on Valley Road. Board okayed this. Backhoe is still down as the wrong parts were ordered. Hugh shared that he was contacted by Jeff Mason on Gore Road. Jeff said the ditching has caused his barn foundation to washed out and his lower drive is no longer accessible. The board will look at the road and see if an agreeable solution can be had.

B. Cargill Salt Quote – Received a quote from Cargill for Clearlane salt (works at colder temperatures) for \$128.75. Last year it was \$121.50. Trevor moved to accept, 2nd by Dave. AIF

C. Holland Unity Center – Kenric shared that the food shelf has now stopped food distribution. They also have started moving items from the cultural center to their new property they were given in the Danville/Peacham area. The food shelf will be moving to the closed duty free store in Derby Line for September. The Principal at the Jr High has not made a decision regarding the use of the school's floor machine yet. He will work on two small floor projects with the machine that we have. The board suggested looking into a possible rental. Hunter Sykes is working on a quote for building maintenance.

5. Public Comment – Paul Tice said that his Gore Road driveway was ditched. After he contacted Adam, stone was put in the "ditch" so he can access the property. An access permit was applied for many years ago and no culvert was required. He stated that the water has always flowed through the culvert in front of the Historical Society – that culvert is now not working. Adam advised him that he should install a culvert. Paul also said that previous ditching has been done near the field and the material was just left on the edge of the field. Adam explained that that had happened during a December rain storm. He agreed that it could be moved. Paul is asking that his driveway be put back to the way it was. There was discussion about what can be done. He also stated that ditching in front of the Historical Society is an issue as well. He suggested that when the culvert that crosses the road gets done that the angle be changed for better drainage. Trevor agreed that the driveway should go back to how it was previously.

Jim said that the Banwell contract was received and he will review it prior to forwarding it to Diane.

6. Unfinished Business – none

7. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – Tax payments are coming in. The online payment system is working as several taxpayers have paid that way. Some discussion about timing for processing online payments. Not really any different than a check needing to be processed. The Holland Community Center will be holding a Summer Bingo on Friday, August 14 at 6:00; doors open at 5:30.

8. Select Board Update - While signing orders, the board decided to meet on August 11 to do highway worker reviews and to view the problem areas on Gore Road.

9. Review of bills and signing orders

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	07/28/2026	\$3,962.79	Payroll	07/28/2026	\$881.77
Payroll	08/04/2026	\$2,457.56	Payroll	08/04/2026	864.54
Payroll Tax	July Fed	\$3,495.94	Payroll Tax	July - Fed	\$1,297.24
Invoices	08/03/2026	\$6,656.92	Invoices	08/03/2026	\$11,256.02

10. Executive Session - none

11. Adjourned at 7:25

Meeting Schedule: August 17