

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
August 14, 2023

Present: Select board Members: Trevor Gray, Andrew Bouchard, Jonathan Morin
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Acting Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Kevin Simoneau

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

2. Minutes – from 07/24/2023 were approved. Andy/Trevor. AIF with the exception of Jonathan who did not physically attend and had some audio issues.

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda - none

4. Road Report – Bob said that two culverts on Trucott Road (near Ernie Emmerson’s) have been changed. They also changed out a driveway culvert on Twin Bridge Road that had caused washing problems more than once. The property owner will be billed. The Ford needs an inspection and probably a new windshield due to scratching. Truck 19 will also need a new windshield. It also needs kingpins which are on order.

Public Comment – Karla spoke about the Holland Community Center (HCC) event coming up on Saturday, August 19 which is a cornhole tournament at the Holland Historical Society (HHS) and the HHS will provide food and access to the buildings. This all starts at noon on Gore Road.

Kevin Simoneau presented a mutual aid agreement which came from VLCT. The thought is to have something in place in the even of an emergency such as the July flooding. The board will review.

5. New Business

A. Tax Rate – Trevor moved to set the homestead tax rate at \$2.5673 and non-homestead tax rate at \$2.9069, based on the information from Diane. 2nd by Jonathan. AIF

6. Unfinished Business –

A. Road Foreman/Road Crew – Trevor met with Bob after the special Select Board meeting to discuss Bob stepping in to the position of Road Foreman. As we haven’t had qualified candidates and someone needs to be in charge, this seems to be the best action for now. Bob has agreed to do this for now. The focus will be to find a qualified Road Foreman.

C. Personnel Policy – passed over

7. Select Board Updates – Andy presented the grant paperwork to be signed for the MERP grant. It was reviewed and signed. Jonathn suggested we have a Town Facebook page. Diane agreed to look into setting one up. We will have multiple admins and not allow comments. The search for a road crew member will be opened up with the hopes the person could move in to the foreman position.

8. Executive Session - none

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	08/01/2023	\$2,090.25	Payroll	08/01/2023	\$838.20
Payroll	08/08/2023	\$1,702.80	Payroll	08/08/2023	\$781.95
Payroll	08/15/2023	\$1,413.63	Payroll	08/15/2023	\$589.62
Payroll Tax	07/31/2023	\$2,348.85	Payroll Tax	07/31/2023	\$1,326.39
Invoices	08/14/2023	\$67,053.94	Invoices	08/14/2023	\$8,690.08

10. Adjourned at 7:45

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, August 28** at 6:30PM

Schedule of meetings: September 18, October 9 and 23.