

Town of Holland  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Town Office  
August 19, 2024

**Present:** Select board Members: Dave Jacobs, Hugh Flynn  
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd  
Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Keith Gray, Patrick Hurley (Memphremagog Watershed Association)

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

**2. Minutes** – from 08/05/2024 were approved. Hugh/Dave AIF

**3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda** – Amended agenda to add Road Foreman report to New Business D.

**4. New Business:**

**A.** Patrick Hurley talked about the possible buyout of 6042 Valley Road which has been flooded four times recently. He suggested that the Town of Holland start the process so that the landowner could possibly get paid for her property by a FEMA buyout. The Memphremagog Watershed Association can do the application on behalf of the Town to get things started. There will be decisions to be made: Will the Town of Holland own the .78 acre/will the Town deed it to the State of Vermont. The house that is currently on the property would be removed and the site would be cleaned up – all at FEMA’s expense. After some discussion, Hugh moved to have the MWA start the paperwork, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. AIF

**B. Green Up Day Coordinator** – Mitch Wonson submitted his resignation as Green Up coordinator. According to Mitch, John Castle (his co-coordinator) is willing to serve as the Coordinator. Dave moved to accept the resignation and move John Castle into the Coordinator position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh. AIF

**C. Expenditure Reports** – were reviewed.

**D. Road Foreman Report** – Bob said he has heard from a property owner beyond the class 3 end of Whittier Road. The owner is upset that the road is not graded, etc up to her driveway. Bob explained that there simply is not room to bring the truck or the grader through this section. Also, if the road crew started fixing class 4 roads, they would have to then take care of all of them. Dave will go talk to the landowner.

**5. Public Comment** – none

**6. Unfinished Business** –

**A. Town Shed** – Charland Builders have not yet installed the plywood inside the new shed and asked if we wanted it to be done. Dave moved to have it done, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh. AIF

**B. Allegiance Invoice** – We received an invoice for \$4,657.36 for work they say needed to be done to bring our trade in up to DOT standards. They are willing to take off \$1,631 for labor and fuel costs to bring our new truck back for work. The invoice was reviewed, and it was decided not to pay it at this time. Dave moved to table until Trevor was available as he has been communicating with Allegiance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh. AIF

**7. Town Clerk/Treasurer Updates** – Diane said that NEK Broadband and CVFiber have approved a merger plan. Effective August 16, 2024, they merged. FEMA has run out of funds for disaster related Public Assistance projects and no funding will be released until the funding issue has been resolved. Luckily, Holland has received most of the funding from 2023. Currently, no disaster has been declared for either of the July floods. Recycling is a mess – people keep leaving junk at the Center. There was discussion about better cameras or a gate. Someone in a shiny red Ford Super Duty helped themselves to a used culvert that was stored in the yard at the garage. Seems like people feel like they can take and/or leave whatever they want in the yard there. Discussed how best to remove the tires that keep piling up. Picking from the metal bin is also an issue. The money received from the metal scraps helps offset the cost of recycling. It costs the Town \$48 each time recycling is picked up. We are usually picked up twice per month.

**Select Board Update** – none

**8. Executive Session** - none

**9. Review of bills and signing orders** –

Highway:

Payroll	08/13/2024	\$2,343.40
Payroll	08/20/2024	\$2,337.37
Invoices	08/20/2024	\$60,767.10

General:

Payroll	08/13/2024	\$1,154.39
Payroll	08/20/2024	\$768.63
Invoices	08/20/2024	\$7,561.00

**10. Adjourn – 8:15**

Meeting Schedule: September 4 and 16