

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
September 18, 2023

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

Others: Lincoln Petell, Kenric Gonyaw, Adam Provost, Patrick Hurley

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

2. Minutes – from 08/28/2023 were approved. Andy/Jonathan. AIF

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – Andy moved to use executive session for Personnel.

4. Road Report – Bob said they are continuing to ditch. We had a request from the Krishers on Rush Road regarding doing more work on the road. Bob said he checked it out and was able to travel it in two wheel drive. He stated that the Mead Hill Road ditch (on the Valley Road end) needs to be filled in as it has washed and created a very deep ditch. It will need fill and stone check dams to hopefully prevent further washing. Trevor, Bob and Diane met with FEMA representatives last Thursday. They did a few site visits and will be back on October 3. We have 60 days from the date they were here to apprise them of any and all damages from the July 16 storm. Trevor is getting bids for paving that needs to be done. He will be meeting with Adam Fortin and will look for two more bids. A discussion about how the paving may need to be done ensued.

5. Public Comment – Lincoln (as School Board Chair) spoke about the need to make decisions about the Holland School. He said that even though it is not an active school, we still need to meet certain requirements as we are under the umbrella of the Supervisory Union. He feels that there are currently 3 options: 1) Sell the building 2) the Town takes it over 3) Remove part of the building, keeping the gym, kitchen and bathrooms to be used as a meeting place and a possible rental space for events. If the building is kept by the school district, there are many needed repairs and maintenance costs to keep it going. A public meeting is tentatively planned for November.

6. New Business -

A. Memphremagog Watershed Association – Patrick Hurley is heading up a project that includes the Morgan end of Valley Road. He said his organization wants to design and replace five culverts on Valley Road. This includes some in Holland and Morgan. Eric Pope (Morgan & VTrans) is working on the Morgan culverts. Patrick proposed redesigning the culvert near the Hunting Camp Road (legal trail) Andy moved to support the project, 2nd by Trevor. AIF. Patrick will forward a letter of support for Trevor to sign. This all will be subject to whatever FEMA will cover.

B. Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) – This is technical assistance that will be provided to Holland by our regional planning commission. Seeing no downside to this, Andy moved to approve our participation in MTAP, 2nd by Trevor. AIF

C. – Salt Quote – Cargill sent a Clearlane Salt quote to be signed. The price is the same as last winter - \$107.50. Trevor signed the quote. This is the salt that works at lower temperatures.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. Road Crew – Adam Provost introduced himself to the board. He had previously submitted an application for the Road Foreman, but is interested in the Road Crew position that may turn in to the Road Foreman job. He currently does not have a CDL (Commercial Drivers License) but is willing and able to get one. Diane will research what our options are for potential road crew candidates and how best to get them a CDL.

B. Planning Commission Resignation – A resignation from Jonathan Morin was received. There are currently two vacant Planning Commission seats. If you are interested, please contact Diane.

C. MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program) – We received the \$4,000 grant, now we need to decide how it may be spent. Andy will reach out to Megan Fuller who facilitated this to see how we may spend it.

7. Select Board Updates – none

8. Executive Session - Trevor moved to go in to executive session for personnel at 8:04. Diane was invited to stay. Executive session was exited at 8:35. No decisions were made.

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	09/05/2023	\$1,413.65	Payroll	09/05/2023	\$722.00
Payroll	09/12/2023	\$1,413.65	Payroll	09/12/2023	\$549.62
Payroll	09/19/2023	\$1,450.97	Payroll	09/19/2023	\$667.52
Payroll Tax	09/05/2023	\$3,247.99	Payroll Tax	09/05/2023	\$1,384.51
Invoices	09/18/2023	\$35,285.59	Invoices	09/18/2023	\$6,616.66

10. Adjourned at 8:35

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, October 9** at 6:30PM

Schedule of meetings: October 23.