

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
October 7, 2024

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: Bob Camber

School Board: John Castle, Heather Dowland

Others: Kenric Gonyaw, Patrick Hurley, Keith Gray, Ed Barber – Newport Daily Express

1. **Meeting was called to order at 6:30** by Trevor
2. **Joint Meeting with School Board** – Boards called meeting to order at 6:30. There will be a Community Forum on October 23 at 5:30 at the school. The purpose of this meeting is to find out what the voters would like to see happen with the building and grounds. Pizza will be provided by the Holland Community Center. John said (on behalf of the School Board) that they are at the point where they would like to relinquish the building. They did a mock budget and it would cost at least \$300,000 plus just to furnish the school if we were to re-open. The school has some funds in the building reserve fund which could be used to make some of the improvements that are needed. This could be done prior to the Select Board taking control of the building. Trevor stated that he feels there are only three options:
 1. Carry on as is with the School Board in control of the building.
 2. Sell the school and pay back the estimated \$82,000 to the State for State Aid
 3. Transfer the school over to the Select Board and have them in charge of the building and grounds. To make any of this happen, the School district voters would need to vote to allow it and the Town district voters would also need to vote to accept it. (basically, it is just the Holland voters, but each entity needs to have their say.)Trevor and John will work on a handout to be given at the Community Meeting. The School Board will also attend the next Select Board meeting on October 21.
3. **Minutes** – from 08/19/2024 & 9/4/2024 & 9/16/2024 were reviewed and approved.
4. **Adoption/Amendments to Agenda** - none
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Patrick Hurley – home buyout.** Patrick explained about the paperwork that needs to be signed by the board and submitted with the application on behalf of the property owner. Dave signed on behalf of the board as Trevor is related to the property owner and recused himself. If this is accepted, the house would need to be torn down and the land would remain vacant.
 - B. **Allegiance Invoice** – was discussed. Trevor has reached an agreement to only pay \$1,631 towards the repairs that were required by the company.
 - C. **Further School discussion** – Board agreed that three options are a good start.
6. **New Business** –
 - A. **Road Foreman Report** – Bob is getting quotes for paving to repair the flood damage before it snows. He ordered winter tires for the new truck. The issue with the backhoe was that it needed new batteries and a new ECU board. Sta-Mat has been applied to both Gore Road and Bates Hill Road.
 - B. **Salt** – Cargill sent a quote for Clearlane salt \$107.75 and regular salt \$96.25. Both prices only went up .25 per ton. Trevor moved to accept the quote, 2nd by Hugh. AIF. Trevor signed.
 - C. **FEMA** – Diane shared that the most recent flooding – July 29 – has been declared a disaster and she attended a Teams meeting to learn more about what we need to do. She was told that the process will be much simpler this year.
7. **Public Comment** – Ric asked if the town is still willing to plow out the school. Bob said yes. Generator at the school – school will pay for maintenance and town will pay for fuel.

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8. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – The tires are completely gone at recycling. Darrell and Diane found a company that would come and get them. (note – the cost was \$250 per ton)
NVDA worked with Diane to submit grant applications for both the garage and the town office. She was told that the garage grant may be able to go towards building a new garage.

Select Board Update - none

8. Executive Session - none

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:

Payroll	09/24/2024	\$3,374.74
Payroll	10/01/2024	\$2,670.69
Payroll	10/08/2024	\$2,311.91
Payroll Tax	09/30/2024	\$3,703.94
Invoices	10/07/2024	\$88,787.91

General:

Payroll	09/24/2024	\$768.63
Payroll	10/01/2024	\$745.19
Payroll	10/08/2024	\$593.93
Payroll Tax	09/30/2024	\$1,104.60
Invoices	10/07/2024	\$6,880.73

10. Adjourned at 8:38 –

Meeting Schedule: October 21 with the Holland School Board