

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
October 9, 2023

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

Others: Karla Braunesreither, Ed Brady, Via Zoom; Al Wakefield, Robert Harnish

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

2. Minutes – from 09/18/2023 were approved. Andy/Trevor. AIF

3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda – Trevor noted there would be an executive session at the end of the meeting.

4. New Business

A. Inclusion – Bob Harnish and Al Wakefield spoke about inclusion and how important it is that everyone should be treated equally. Bob spoke about the statewide effort to encourage residents to welcome all people equally. So far 125 towns have adopted some form of the inclusion declaration. Al said that towns are in competition with other towns and stated this declaration helps even things out. Trevor said that he feels that the Town of Holland already does this and he believes in it. Andy said he has personally seen this kind of thing happen and words are important. Andy moved to adopt the Inclusion, 2nd by Trevor. AIF. The board signed the document.

B. Website – Diane presented a quote from Civally who builds websites. The cost to build the site is \$2,100 and the annual hosting fee is \$1,200. Ed said that is way more than we should be spending. He will present a website proposal at the next meeting.

C. Road Report – Bob said they are ditching, hauling gravel and have changed some culverts. The ton truck is still in the shop; Hayes Ford seems to be jerking us around about the repair. Truck 19 and the ton truck both still need windshields. Trevor is getting paving quotes for storm repair damage. Andy moved to allow Trevor to sign a paving agreement, due to time/weather constraints. 2nd by Trevor. AIF. FEMA paperwork will be worked on at the next board meeting. The meeting will start at 5:30 to get a start on it.

D. Salt Quote – Regular salt is the same price as last winter \$96 per ton. Trevor moved to accept, 2nd by Andy. AIF. Trevor signed the quote.

E. Highway Expenditure Report – reviewed and accepted.

5. Public Comment – Karla said the Planning Commission is preparing spreadsheets and charts from the returned questionnaires for a proposed public school meeting that is expected to happen in November.

Ed stated that the consistency principle can be used manipulatively. It can be applied in negotiations or social outcome.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. Road Crew – Vt Local Road offers an online class for the written portion of the CDL licensing requirement. It may be possible to set something up to do driver training in house. CDL school will be looked into for a prospective employee.

C. MERP Grant – Andy will check into it more.

7. Select Board Updates - none

8. Executive Session - Trevor moved to go into executive session for personnel. The board and Diane went into executive session at 7:45. Exited executive session at 8:30. It was decided to offer the road crew job to the applicant, contingent on him getting a CDL license. The town will help him to get the CDL with the stipulation that he continues to work for the town or reimburse the town for the cost of the school.

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	09/26/2023	\$2,147.88	Payroll	09/26/2023	\$560.10
Payroll	10/03/2023	\$1,776.84	Payroll	10/03/2023	\$707.48
Payroll	10/10/2023	\$1,413.63	Payroll	10/10/2023	\$4,230.50
Payroll Tax	09/30/2023	\$2,446.93	Payroll Tax	09/30/2023	\$1,057.04
Invoices	10/09/2023	\$40,708.46	Invoices	10/09/2023	\$11,189.25

10. Adjourned at 8:35

Next regular meeting will on **Monday, October 23rd** at 5:30PM to work on FEMA paperwork followed by the regular meeting at 6:30.