

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
October 12, 2026

Present: Select board Members: Dave Jacobs, Hugh Flynn (via Zoom)
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Road Foreman: Adam Provost

Others: Kenric Gonyaw, Jim Davis, Ed Brady, Karla Braunesreither

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Dave.
- 2. Minutes – from 09/12/2026 were approved Hugh/Dave AIF
- 3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda – none
- 4. New Business –

- A. Road Foreman Report** – Adam received a quote for repairs to the 17 Ford truck for \$10,000 from Hayes Ford. After discussion, the board asked that he look for another quote. He will check with Brian Pepin. Discussion about replacement of this truck. Adam has asked for a quote for a 450 Ford from Hayes. According to Adam, both the sander and plow are also worn. We are at the cycle where truck 21 should be replaced but there is no truck ordered as a replacement. The Bates Hill Road project is complete except for grant reimbursement. He said there are some culverts that still need to be replaced; all but one can be done by the road crew. Adam suggested a change for the current driveway culvert policy. He would like to be able to require a culvert if the roadway changes from the initial permit when a culvert was not required. This will be on the October 26 meeting agenda to take action. He had been approached about digging across Lyon Road for power. He gave permission, based on road requirements.
- B. VT Electric Request** – A request was received from Vermont Electric to have Morse Directional Drilling bore under the Valley Road to install power line across the road from the John Morin farm to the newly purchase lot across the road. Hugh moved to allow it, 2nd by Dave. AIF.
- C. Errors & Omission – Lister** – Diane explained that a Canadian property owner had not received their change of appraisal notice and were quite upset with the increase. As it was past time to allow grievances, she asked permission to lower the value by \$9,100. Hugh moved to allow the E&O, 2nd by Dave. AIF
- D. Holland Unity Center Update** – General cleanup. Ric is keeping track of heat. Discussion about a new sign for the Unity Center. Diane will contact Memphremagog Press.

5. Public Comment – Jim presented a proposal for the co-working space. He proposed that his company Vermont North Rural Economic Development would provide weekly support for the Select Board in the developing and leasing of the Holland Unity Center. This is a pilot concept over a 12-month period. This is being presented so the Board can make a decision at the next meeting. Copies of the proposal are at the office. Karla shared that the Turkey Bingo will be held November 13, doors open at 5:30, games start at 6:00. A letter from Mitch Wonson was received regarding his perceived observations regarding the bridge work on Twin Bridge Road.

6. Unfinished Business –

A. Road Naming Update – Diane shared what the E911 representative responded with regarding not changing Lyon Road to Prairie Road. *“We will flag it for sure. Any issues or confusion that arises would deem it to be fixed. In essence the addressing in a town is as logical as the town wants it to be, so having a name change on a corner could cause confusion on what the road is, especially if there is no street sign. The town is the one in change and the authority and also holds the liability as well. IF it hasn’t caused issues doesn’t mean that it wont or could, but I could potentially see it become confusion more so if there are houses in/around that corner. It would be hard to determine what street something could be on potentially.”* No action was taken.

7. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates – Collecting taxes. People are using the online payment system.

8. Select Board Update –

9. Review of bills and signing orders

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	09/22/2026	\$2,614.89	Payroll	09/22/2026	\$794.42
Payroll	09/29/2026	\$3,485.06	Payroll	09/29/2026	\$1,047.66
Payroll	10/06/2026	\$2,928.77	Payroll	10/06/2026	\$4,491.51
Payroll	10/12/2026	\$2,693.84	Payroll	10/13/2026	\$914.32
Invoices	10/12/2026	\$125,551.11	Invoices	10/12/2026	\$10,120.71
VT Payroll Tax \$1,675.55			VT Payroll Tax \$806.95		
Fed Payroll Tax \$4,230.05			Fed Payroll Tax \$1,682.60		

10. Executive Session - NEK Broadband – Ed asked to go into executive session to discuss things happening within NEK Broadband. As these are sensitive in nature, Dave moved to go into executive session at 7:00. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)
Exited executive session at 7:19.

11. Adjourned at 7:200PM

Meeting Schedule: October 26 at 6:30