

Town of Holland  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Town Office  
November 12, 2024

**Present:** Select board Members: Trevor Gray, Dave Jacobs

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd

Road Foreman: absent

Others: Jim Davis, Karla Braunesreither & Ed Brady via Zoom

**1. Meeting was called to order at 6:34** by Trevor

**2. Minutes** – from 10/21/2024 Dave moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor. AIF

**3. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda** – none

**4. New Business** –

**A. Road Foreman Report** – Bob is out sick but sent info to Trevor. A mini excavator was rented to redo ditches and shoulders on the Valley Road in the FEMA damage area. Bob needs to replace another culvert on Mead Hill Road.

**B. Hospital Letter of Support** – Brian Smith requested a letter of support on behalf of North Country Hospital. A recent recommendation was made to change operations at the hospital, which would be a detriment to our community. Trevor will draft a letter for review at the 11/26 meeting.

**C. Review Insurance Inspection** – our insurance company recently did inspections at both the office and garage. There were some recommendations regarding items that should be done at the garage; such as testing the eye wash, picking up chains and straightening up a storage area.

**D. Review Expenditure Reports** – Reports were reviewed. Budgets seem to be in good shape.

**5. Public Comment** – Jim Davis (Planning Commission Chair) reminded the board that there will be a town plan hearing on Friday, November 15 at 6:45 to review the proposed town plan.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

**A. School Buildings & Grounds timeline** – The board will build six months of school building/grounds expense in the 2025 budget. There will be another joint meeting with the School Board on December 16.

**7. Town Clerk/Treasurer updates** – A Municipal Energy Resilience Program “MERP” grant was received for the town office in the amount of \$13,387. This is to install two-ton air cooled heat pump system, programmable thermostat and door sweeps. The grant will be reviewed and signed at the next Board meeting. Diane has found a less expensive company to handle the Town’s health reimbursement account. Health insurance costs will be going up. Ambulance coverage will cost will be going up – contract will be reviewed at next meeting.

**Select Board Update** - none

**8. Executive Session** - Trevor moved to go into executive session for personnel at 7:12. Diane was invited to stay. Exited executive session at 7:50.

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

Highway:

Payroll 10/29/2024 \$3,737.01

Payroll 11/05/2024 \$2,376.03

Payroll 11/12/2024 \$2,338.71

Payroll Tax 10/31/2024 \$4,560.37

Invoices 11/12/2024 \$58,789.76

General:

Payroll 10/29/2024 \$1,112.64

Payroll 11/05/2024 \$1,157.98

Payroll 11/12/2024 \$840.21

Payroll Tax 10/31/2024 \$2,493.43

Invoices 11/12/2024 \$1,027,538.76

**10. Adjourned at 8:20**

Meeting Schedule: November 25, December 16 with the Holland School Board