

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
November 26, 2024

Present: Select board Members: Trevor Gray, Hugh Flynn
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Road Foreman: Bob Camber

Others: Jim Davis, Ed Brady (Newport Daily Express) Karla Braunesreither & Ed Brady via Zoom

1. **Meeting was called to order at 6:30** by Trevor
2. **Minutes** – from 11/122024 were reviewed an ok'd
3. **Adoption/Amendments to Agenda** – none
4. **New Business** –

A. Road Foreman Report – The trucks are about ready for bad weather. It has been difficult to get tires and get them mounted. Trucks are chained up and ready for possible bad weather tomorrow. Trevor questioned applying sand with grit on the pavement. Bob said he needed the weight in the truck. Trevor suggested that he doesn't use it on the pavement as complaints have been made. It has the potential to damage vehicles. Bob said most of the insurance conditions have been completed. There still needs to be something placed near the diesel tank to prevent accidental damage. Tire expenses will be over the budgeted amount. Hugh has been asked about gating legal trails. Apparently, there are issues with land going up to Mount John. A property owner has put up a gate and as folks no longer have access they are doing damage to another landowner's property. There is a proper way to install a gate on a locked trail – the first being they need to go to a Select Board meeting. Hugh will see if the property owners can just talk to each other to solve this issue. He was also asked about opening up part of Stearns Brook Road to snowmobiles. Diane said in the past, Driftdusters asks about opening roads to connect trails and this way VAST insurance covers those areas. This is a private citizen request, not by Driftdusters. Trevor said we could probably only do this if we drafted a snowmobile ordinance. Hugh will help the requestors to find an alternative.

B. Hospital Letter of Support – Trevor drafted a letter. Hugh reviewed and they both signed. It will be sent to Brian Smith who will present it with others in Montpelier.

C. Planning Commission – Jim Davis presented the Select Board with the town plan. Huge thanks to Stacy Boone for her work on this. It is now up to the Select Board to review, hold a public hearing and make recommendations, if they have any. Diane was presented with a gift from the Planning Commission to thank her for help with it. The Planning Commission would like to move forward and help where they can with the town garage and the school grounds. Trevor remarked that it was a very good and informative plan.

D. MERP Grant – The office received a \$13,387 grant towards a two-ton air cooled heat pump system, a programmable thermostat and door sweeps. There are no co-pays with this grant. Trevor and Hugh reviewed; Trevor moved to accept, 2nd by Hugh. AIF.

E. Ambulance Contract – increased by \$2,590. It was reviewed. Trevor moved to accept, 2nd by Hugh. AIF Contract was signed.

5. **Public Comment** – none

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. ARPA Funds – There is currently \$24,061.62 in unspent ARPA funds. They must be spent or obligated by December 31. After some discussion, Trevor moved to expense the funds to gravel, 2nd by Hugh. AIF.

7. **Town Clerk/Treasurer updates** – none

Select Board Update – The School Board will be meeting with the Select Board on December 16 to discuss budgeting for 2025 for a possible change of ownership of the school and grounds.

8. **Executive Session** - Trevor moved to go into executive session at 7:33 for Personnel. Bob and Diane were invited to stay. Exited at 7:54

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

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	11/19/2024	\$2,380.16	Payroll	11/19/2024	\$1,140.49
Payroll	11/26/2024	\$3,381.53	Payroll	11/26/2024	\$1,043.67
Invoices	11/25/2024	\$6,236.40	Invoices	11/25/2024	\$5,045.94

10. **Adjourned at 8:10**

Meeting Schedule: December 16 with the Holland School Board