

# ANNUAL REPORT



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TOWN OF

*Holland*

VERMONT



*MEAD HILL CEMETERY*



TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

# *About the Cover*

## **Mead Hill Cemetery**

### Cemetery Commission Report 2023

The Commission hopes that everyone in Town has taken notice of how great Mead Hill Cemetery is looking and how it has improved over the last three years. We are very proud of the work that has been done to improve its appearance.

The Commission has had a goal of getting as many grave stones repaired and straightened, as our budget allows, over the last three years. There are still some grave stones that need work and we are aware of that. This is an ongoing task. Many of the grave stones are very old and every year, in the spring, there are some that are leaning or have fallen over. Our plan is to do as much yearly maintenance as we can, as our budget allows.

Other things have been done to improve the appearance of Mead Hill Cemetery as well. This year, as part of his Eagle Scout project, a Holland boy, with the help of others, replaced the roof on the shed. Next year the shed will be painted and the door replaced. The new Cemetery sign is made of man-made materials, so it will stand up to the weather and last for a long time. Adding to the appearance of the cemetery, it is mowed and trimmed every week during growing season. The old Marston Cemetery on the Holland/Derby border is also kept mowed and trimmed.

The Cemetery Commission has been the recipient of a VOCA (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) grant in 2021 and will be getting another in 2023. These grants help stretch our budget for small projects.

The Commission welcomes residents to join our meetings. The meeting date, time and agenda are posted at the Town Office and are on the Town Call-Out.

# TOWN OF HOLLAND VERMONT

## **ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT 2023**

*Year Ending December 31, 2023*

*Annual Town Meeting*  
*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*  
*10:00 am*

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### **Reminders –**

**Have you filed your HS-122 for 2023 with the State of Vermont yet?**

**You must claim a homestead each year.**

**If you qualify - have you filed for your property tax credit?**

**If you are a resident and file after April 15 you will be assessed a penalty!**

**If you don't know what this is, call the office at 802-895-4440**

**Tax bills go out in August – be sure to notify the office of any address changes. If you don't get your bill, please call.**

**Taxes are delinquent as of the close of business on the tax due date.**

**Postmarks are not accepted.**

**If you have not signed up for our auto information and want to; either call the office 895-4440 or send an email to: [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com). You can get a phone call, email or text to let you know about meetings, important information and just to keep up with town happenings.**

## **WARNING**

### **Annual Town Meeting**

**The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Holland School Building in said town on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 10A.M. to transact the following business:**

- Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- Article 3.** To elect all Town Officers required by law for the ensuing year.
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money by tax to meet the expenses and liabilities for the ensuing year, not to exceed \$811,786.64 less such State Aid as is received by the Town.
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer with a due date of October 15, 2024 by 5:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland direct the Select Board to transfer the unspent \$40,000 retreatment line item to the Paving Reserve Fund?
- Article 7.** Shall the Town vote to apply any unallocated surplus funds from the 2023 tax year to reduce taxes in the 2024 tax year?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?
- Article 9.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town?

- Article 10.** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers.
- Article 11.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?
- Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?
- Article 13.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$700.00 for the support of Dailey Memorial Library to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 14.** To see if the Town of Holland will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.
- Article 15.** Shall voters of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing and finding homes for unwanted pets?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs?

**Article 17.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,258 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

**Article 18.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting.

**Article 19.** To adjourn the meeting.

**Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024**

**By the Selectboard members of the Town of Holland:**

Trevor Gray

Andrew Bouchard

## **WARNING ANNUAL MEETING HOLLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THE LEGAL VOTERS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF ORLEANS, STATE OF VERMONT, ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE HOLLAND SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M. TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

**Article I.** To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for the ensuing year.

**Article II.** To elect a School Director for a three-year term.

**Article III.** To elect a School Director to fill the remaining two-years of a three-year unexpired term.

**Article IV.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$ 1,109,963 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

**Article V.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to transfer \$ 112,580 from the Tuition Reserve Fund to the General Fund to eliminate the unaudited deficit from the 2022-2023 school year?

**Article VI.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the school board to make repairs and improvements to the Holland Elementary School building, in an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000?

**ARTICLE IV** WILL BE VOTED USING THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM ON **MARCH 5, 2024**. THE POLLS, LOCATED AT THE HOLLAND SCHOOL, WILL OPEN AT SEVEN-THIRTY, (7:30 AM) IN THE FORENOON AND CLOSE AT SEVEN, (7:00 PM) IN THE EVENING.

THE HOLLAND TOWN SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE HOLDING AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024, AT 6:00 PM AT THE HOLLAND TOWN SCHOOL. THIS MEETING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17V.S.A. 2680(G).

DATED AT HOLLAND, VERMONT THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024:  
TOWN OF HOLLAND  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

JOHN CASTLE  
HEATHER DOWLAND

RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT HOLLAND, VT

ATTEST: DIANE JUDD, TOWN CLERK

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ARTICLE IV:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$21,553,800, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

**ARTICLE V:** : Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,538,700, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

**ARTICLE VI:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$280,000 of undesignated FY2023 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?

The above items shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5 from 7:30-7:00 at the Holland School.

<b>Elected Position</b>	<b><u>Town Officers</u></b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Moderator (Town) .....	1 Year .... <b>Michael (Mitch) Wonson..</b>	<b>2024</b>
Moderator (School) .....	1 Year.... <b>Michael (Mitch) Wonson..</b>	<b>2024</b>
Town Clerk.....	3 Years... Diane Judd .....	2025
Treasurer.....	3 Years... Diane Judd .....	2025
Selectboard .....	3 Years... <b>Johnathan Morin</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	3 Years... Trevor Gray .....	2025
	3 Years... Andrew Bouchard.....	2026
Listers.....	3 Years... <b>Gaetane Patenaude</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	3 Years... Diane Judd .....	2025
	3 Years... Heather Dowland .....	2026
Auditors.....	3 Years... <b>Gaetane Patenaude</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	3 Years... Suzanne Moulton.....	2025
	3 Years... Heather Dowland.....	2026
Constable .....	1 Year .... <b>Greg Bronson</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector ...	1 Year .... <b>Diane Judd</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
School Director .....	3 Years.... <b>John Castle</b> (replaced Petell) <b>2024</b>	
	3 Years.... Heather Dowland .....	2025
	3 Years.... <b>Gina Miller</b> (replaced Shelp) <b>2026</b>	
Union School Director.....	3 Years.... Jennifer Harlow Jacobs.....	2025
Cemetery Commissioner .....	5 Years.... <b>Heather Dowland</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	5 Years.... Laurie Gray.....	2025
	5 Years.... Diana Emmerson .....	2026
	5 Years.... <b>Helen Flynn</b> (replaced Neel) ..	<b>2027</b>
	5 Years.... Kenric Gonyaw .....	2028
Solid Waste Supervisor.....	1 Year .... <b>Vacant</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
Planning Commission .....	3 Years.... <b>Vacant</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	3 Years.... <b>Vacant</b> .....	<b>2024</b>
	3 Years.... <b>Vacant</b> .....	<b>2025</b>
	3 Years.... <b>Vacant</b> .....	<b>2025</b>
	3 Years.... Karla Braunesreither.....	2026

## **Town Officers**

### **Appointed by Selectboard:**

Tree Warden..... Andre Morin  
Emergency Management..... Dave Jacobs  
Green-Up Coordinators..... John Castle & Mitch Wonson  
Solid Waste Supervisor Alternate..... Pat Austin

### **Appointed by State of Vermont, Selectboard recommendation**

Town Health Officer..... Lucy Neel  
Town Fire Warden..... Dave Jacobs  
Flood Coordinator..... Selectboard  
Environmental Conservation Officer... Selectboard

### **Appointed by Town Clerk/Treasurer:**

Assistant Clerk..... Vacant  
Assistant Town /School Treasurer..... Brian Currier

### **Appointed by Cemetery Commission:**

Treasurer..... Diane Judd

### **School District Officers by Virtue of Town Office held:**

Treasurer..... Town Treasurer

### **Justices of the Peace** (Elected Nov 2022)

Thomas Adams  
Brian Currier  
Kenric Gonyaw  
Diane Judd  
Lucy Neel

## **Town of Holland Auditors' Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Holland as of and for the year ended as listed in the table of contents.

The Board of Auditors would like to extend their gratitude to Diane Judd for all of her hard work and efforts in preparing an excellent Town Report every year.

Suzanne Moulton

Gaetane Patenaude

Town of Holland Auditors

## **Financial Statement**

### **Town of Holland**

#### **Assets Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Checking #01	40,655.48	
Money Market #13	560,968.53	
HRA Account	4,847.68	
Highway Checking #01	<u>15,512.87</u>	
		\$621,984.56
<b>Cemeteries:</b>		
Checking #13	11,561.75	
Savings #19	65.97	
CD #71	4,378.78	
CD#	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		\$36,006.50
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		
Delinquent Taxes:		
2015	602.73	
2016	617.94	
2017	623.87	
2018	633.77	
2019	658.74	
2020	2,199.75	
2021	4,317.75	
2022	11,862.27	
2023	41,321.34	
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$62,838.16
Indebtedness:		
<b>Bank Loan – Balance on December 31, 2023</b>		
2022 International Truck (2026)	93,375.38	
Total Debt		\$93,375.38



### **Inventory Listing**

Office on 1 acre (1985)  
Garage on 3.6 acres (1973/2001)  
Recycling Trailers

#### **Highway Equipment**

CASE Loader Model 621F (2013)  
Grader, John Deere 672GP (2015)  
International Truck, Diesel (2023)  
International Truck, Diesel (2019)  
Ford F550 Truck, Diesel (2017)  
Backhoe John Deere (2013)  
Generator/welder (2006)  
V-Plow (Used 1997)  
V- Plow (Used)

#### **Cemetery Equipment**

Storage Building  
Mead Hill Cemetery, 3.23 acres  
Marston Cemetery



### **STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SUMMARY – 2023**

*(Money received from the State of Vermont)*

<b>Department</b>	<b>01/01/23 - 12/31/2023</b>
<u>General Fund</u>	
Town Clerk Fees	135.00
Current Use – Hold Harmless	135,003.00
2023 Taxes - Fish & Wildlife	31,480.32
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	25,797.28
Equalization Payment	515.00
MERP Grant	4,000.00
Act 60 – Reappraisal/EEGL Study	<u>4,377.50</u>
	\$201,308.10
<u>Highways</u>	
State Aid - Class 2*	71,185.96
State Aid - Class 3*	85,744.97
FEMA	<u>4,379.93</u>
	161,310.86

\*The State of Vermont paid FY2024 Highway Funds in 2023  
\$54,357.46 was the total extra paid

<u>School</u>	
State Aid (3110)	297,116.12
<b>TOTAL All Departments</b>	<b>\$659,735.08</b>

## TAX TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Year	Grand List	Rate	Taxes
2019	570,121.63	2.6548/2.7678	1,545,864.25
2020	574,135.56	2.5996/2.7360	1,530,822.90
2021	580,824.59	2.5655/2.8726	1,563,986.92
2022	581,368.74	2.4975/2.8353	1,546,155.78
2023	587,242.00	2.5673/2.9069	1,602,315.78

Grand List size reflects Current Use Reductions

### 2023 Taxes As Billed – after all Homestead Changes

Rate Category	Rate	Grand List	Total Tax Billed
Non-Homestead Education	1.8656	276,895.00	516,575.47
Homestead Education	1.5260	310,347.00	473,589.47
Paving/Retreatment	0.0852	587,242.00	50,033.10
Veteran's Exemption	0.0040	587,242.00	2,349.00
Town Highway	0.77	587,242.00	456,815.55
Town General	0.1742	587,242.00	<u>102,297.36</u>
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>			1,602,315.78
Total State Payments (Education)			136,580.71

### Listers Report

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXABLE PARCELS IN HOLLAND ..... 512

The Vermont Tax Department division of Property Valuation and Review makes an annual study of the real estate sales in each town. From this study they come up with an equalized Grand List based on the relationship between sales and listed values.

In 2019 our listed values were at ..... 92.78%  
 In 2020 our listed values were at ..... 89.09%  
 In 2021 our listed values were at ..... 80.27%  
 In 2022 our listed values were at ..... 74.56%  
 In 2023 our listed values were at ..... 66.75%  
 The last town-wide reappraisal was done in 2006.

Due to sales in the last couple of years we have been mandated by the State to have a reappraisal as soon as we can contract with an appraisal company

Holland Board of Listers:

Diane Judd, Chair  
 Gaetane Patenaude  
 Heather Dowland

## Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Adams, Thomas & Cynthia	255,300	75,200	180,100
Ashford, Judith	142,600	70,900	71,700
Bailey, Brent	91,600	34,700	56,900
Barrup, Lee & Amy	87,600	54,600	33,000
Campbell, Kellie & Taplin, Jeff	44,000	28,400	15,600
Castle, John, Paul & Jane	233,000	46,400	186,600
Castle, Nancy	126,400	20,800	105,600
Chalifour, Anne	173,500	81,700	91,800
Champigny, Tony	170,000	20,000	150,000
Champney, Gary Jr & Leighann	121,100	90,100	31,000
Champney, Linda H	88,100	67,100	21,000
Champney, Linda H	2,107,000	1,626,200	480,800
Dagesse, Daniel & Irene	316,300	192,600	123,700
Daggett, Dave & Claire	17,200	14,800	2,400
Daggett, Steven	268,600	73,800	194,800
Davidson, Scott & Tim/Jacobs D	73,800	44,500	29,300
Ducharme, Daniel L	47,400	39,500	7,900
Durocher, Matthew	93,300	81,300	12,000
Emery, Catherine/Tice, Allen	239,000	91,300	147,700
Farrow, Michael W & Melanie F	187,200	7,500	179,700
Fecteau, Betsy Victoria	131,100	34,900	96,200
Ferwerda, Michelle	245,000	102,800	142,200
Fortin, Adrian & Jessica	25,500	13,700	11,800
Fortin, Adrian & Jessica	938,900	599,500	339,400
Fortin, Michael & Deborah	54,100	29,400	24,700
Foster, Laura	461,200	39,400	421,800
Gentile, Nicola & Maria	257,700	42,500	215,200
Giles, Scott & Melanie	161,900	21,400	140,500
Gonyaw, Kenric & Avalena	180,200	45,800	134,400
Gray Farms Realty LLC	15,800	14,100	1,700
Gray Farms Realty LLC	53,900	43,400	10,500
Gray Farms Realty LLC	59,100	46,000	13,100

***Current Use Exemptions Report***

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Gray Farms Realty LLC	70,000	53,800	16,200
Gray Farms Realty LLC	77,000	59,500	17,500
Gray Farms Realty LLC	227,100	200,600	26,500
Gray Farms Realty LLC	655,600	444,400	211,200
Gray Farms Realty LLC	2,508,900	2,154,400	354,500
Gray, Keith & Trevor	138,400	97,900	40,500
Gray, Keith & Trevor	232,500	179,300	53,200
Gray, Keith & Ruth & Bush, T	87,700	18,200	69,500
Gray, Keith & Ruth	142,700	113,300	29,400
Hamblett, Nathan & Tracy	146,600	43,300	103,300
Hickey, Joan	236,200	35,100	201,100
Hutchins, Anna	359,700	32,900	326,800
JLS Forestry LLC	514,700	338,600	176,100
JLS Forestry LLC	97,900	77,800	20,100
Judd, Eric & Jessica	332,900	53,400	279,500
Judd, Jaret & Jessica	128,400	62,100	66,300
Judd, Lawrence Sr	19,500	10,800	8,700
Judd, Lawrence Sr	71,800	54,200	17,600
Judd, Lawrence Sr	262,100	1168	145,300
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	283,300	152,100	131,200
Lafreniere, Leon & Tammy	190,100	55,200	134,900
Leitch, Jamie & Lynne	195,800	43,600	152,200
Letourneau, Priscilla & Tanya	215,000	19,700	195,300
Line Farm, LLC	221,800	101,100	120,700
Marquis, Robert C	452,800	72,400	380,400
Marquis, Robert J	79,600	52,600	27,000
Martin, Darrell & Carol	198,300	27,500	170,800
McLure, David	227,400	184,800	42,600
Merrill, Cynthia	282,800	232,000	50,800
Merrill, David	77,400	22,100	55,300
Merrill, Jacob	53,800	35,300	18,500
Morin, Andre	80,600	62,200	18,400

***Current Use Exemptions Report***

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Morin, Andre	403,200	193,800	209,400
Morin, John	649,800	389,400	260,400
Morin, Jonathan & Nathan	197,500	34,100	163,400
Morin, Jonathan & Nathan	88,900	36,000	52,900
Murphy, Jeremy	131,000	60,300	70,700
Nadeau, Aaron & Chantale	1,432,400	799,500	632,900
Parenteau, Robert & Cynthia	201,200	115,500	85,700
Patenaude, Jason & Alison	35,700	24,000	11,700
Patenaude, M&G, M&D	41,600	34,700	6,900
Patenaude, M&G, M&D, S	106,100	9,500	96,600
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	137,600	107,900	29,700
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	508,900	333,500	175,400
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	1,892,800	1,390,200	502,600
Petell, Patricia	317,600	700	192,900
Petell, Victor A	514,400	225,700	288,700
Peter Piper Timber LLC	132,700	110,400	22,300
Provencal, Arthur	467,800	316,700	151,100
Richards, D & Karalunas, D	150,900	5,800	145,100
Russell, Thomas & Jamie	284,300	60,600	223,700
Schub, William & Lisa	317,900	142,700	175,200
Sullivan, Suzanne	73,900	53,300	20,600
Tatum, Miriam	89,000	73,200	15,800
Tice, Mark	196,000	135,300	60,700
Tice, Paul & Tice, Mark	142,600	101,600	41,000
Trudeau, Heather	<u>199,100</u>	<u>31,700</u>	<u>167,400</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,886,800</b>	<b>13,890,000</b>	<b>10,996,800</b>

\*The Town taxpayers make up the difference the first year a property is enrolled. The following year money is sent from the state to make up a portion of the municipal tax lost due to Current Use. We received \$135,003 in 2023. The municipal and school taxes are made up by taxpayers throughout the state. There were 88 properties enrolled in 2023.

### **Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes**

As collector of delinquent taxes for the Town of Holland, I believe it is in the best interest of the Town, as well as its residents, that property taxes be paid when they are due, but I recognize that there are circumstances beyond the control of a taxpayer that may cause them to become delinquent. I will work with these delinquent taxpayers to help them come current in their obligation to the Town and will deal with them in a diplomatic and professional manner. However, should I encounter a taxpayer who fails or refuses to deal in good faith, I will proceed with any and all collection methods appropriate to recover the debt in a timely manner.

1. An 8% penalty is charged on all delinquent taxes. In addition, interest on delinquent taxes accrues at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% interest per month thereafter.
2. Within 15 days after the warrant for collection of delinquent taxes has been issued and each month thereafter until taxes are paid in full, a notice will be sent to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, interest and penalty owed.
3. Partial payments will only be accepted with a written payment agreement. Said written payment agreement must be executed by the delinquent taxpayer within 45 days of the first monthly delinquency notice. Partial payments are applied to interest first and then proportionally to the principal and penalty.
4. If a payment agreement is not executed by the delinquent taxpayer, mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the delinquency 60 days after the first delinquency notice has been sent to the delinquent taxpayer.
5. If a payment agreement is not executed by the delinquent taxpayer, or if the terms of such a payment agreement are breached, the tax collector will initiate formal proceedings to collect outstanding taxes, interest and penalty. Such proceedings may include tax sale, legal action to recover the debt, distraint of personal property, and/or foreclosure.
6. If a tax sale is held and the property is not purchased, or, if in the judgment of the delinquent tax collector, proceeding with a tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any method permitted by law.

Diane H Judd - Collector of Delinquent Taxes

### **Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2023**

Adair-Kittell, Tracy  
Amidon, Tharen \*  
Beauvais, Kathleen  
Beede, Jonathan\*  
Burnett, Joseph\*  
Carter, Carrie\*  
Corriveau, Roger\*\*  
Davison, Jared  
Desjarlais, Nicholas  
Dulac, Alain  
Dunbar, Debra\*  
Farrow, Marc  
Gellman, Morton

Guerrera/Dinicola  
Haldane, Roslyn  
Hatin, Michael\*\*  
Kingsley, Carlton  
Lemieux, Elise & Joe  
Marquis, Robert J.\*  
Martinuk, John  
Mills, Pauline\*  
Rolfe, Justin  
Scott, Daniel & Kory  
Searles, Richard & Katie\*  
Shepard, Craig & Debra

<b>2015 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>602.73</b>
<b>2016 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>617.94</b>
<b>2017 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>623.87</b>
<b>2018 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>633.77</b>
<b>2019 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>658.74</b>
<b>2020 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>2,199.75</b>
<b>2021 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>4,317.75</b>
<b>2022 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>11,862.27</b>
<b>2023 Delinquent Total.....</b>	<b>41,321.34</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL Delinquent 12/31/2023 .....</b>	<b>62,838.16</b>

2018 Delinquent taxes collected .....	1,403.35
2019 Delinquent taxes collected .....	2,494.84
2020 Delinquent taxes collected .....	1,491.53
2021 Delinquent taxes collected .....	7,108.90
2022 Delinquent taxes collected .....	33,953.29
2023 Delinquent taxes collected (10/17/23 -12/31/23) .....	38,917.77

<b>Total Delinquent Taxes Collected .....</b>	<b>85,327.68</b>
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**\*Payment Agreement in place and following it.**

**\*\* Paid in full after December 31.**

**A Tax Sale is scheduled for 2024**

**Every effort is made to collect delinquent taxes prior to having a tax sale.**

### Cemetery Commission 2023

The members of the Cemetery Commission have had a busy and rewarding year. Many improvements have been made to Mead Hill Cemetery.

Probably the most noticeable improvements are the refurbishment of the road at Mead Hill Cemetery and the ongoing stone repair and straightening.

Thanks to the Select Board for approving the use of some ARPA funds, which made it possible to get the much needed improvement done. Without these funds, it would not have been possible to fit this project into our budget. It is now a much easier entrance and exit from Mead Hill Cemetery. The road now continues to form a 'U' shape to the back, so it is no longer just grass, but a solid gravel road. This will let people entering the Cemetery know where to drive, without driving on the grass and possibly, without intent, over grave sites.

The ongoing repair and straightening of the stones has made a vast improvement to the look of Mead Hill Cemetery. Many more stones were worked on this year. As we have mentioned in the past, every year, more stones lean or fall overdue to their age and the movement of the ground, from frost. Therefore, it is an ongoing process and a large part of our budget.

The shed was also painted this year and the door repaired. The sumac on the southeast corner of the Cemetery fence was trimmed back and out of the fence. Unfortunately this is something that we will have to address each year, since sumac is a fast growing and not discouraged easily.

The Commission also received a grant from VOCA (Vermont Old Cemeteries Association). Any extra monies that we can get certainly helps with all of the expenses. A very large part of our budget includes keeping the Cemeteries(both Mead Hill and Marston) mowed and cared for in a respectful way.

We have received much positive 'feedback' on the appearance of the Cemeteries and we thank the Town's people for their continued support of this effort!

The Holland Cemetery Commission

### **Holland Cemetery Commission Perpetual Care – Cemetery – Trust Funds**

Total in Trust Account	\$4,378.78
Funds held in Trust Account #19Ritchie Trust 1966	<u>\$65.97</u>
<i>Grand Total of All Funds Held in Trust</i>	<i>\$4,444.75</i>
(Interest only is for use in the Cemetery upkeep)	

### **Cemetery Commission 2023 Financial Statement**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$23,978.28
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Lots Sold	2,295.00
Donation	30.00
Town Appropriation	20,530.58
VOCA Grant	750.00
ARPA funds from Town of Holland	4,480.00
Interest from CD	78.23
Interest from NOW account	<u>11.52</u>
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i><u>28,175.33</u></i>
<i>Total Funds Available</i>	<i>\$52,153.61</i>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Transfer to 6 Month Investment CD	20,000.00
Mowing Mead Hill/Marston Cemetery	10,065.00
Stone Repair	4,000.00
Probe	197.36
Paint for Shed	99.50
Driveway Repair	4,480.00
Corner Markers	1,750.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i><u>\$40,591.86</u></i>
<i>Ending Balance, December 31, 2023</i>	<i>\$11,561.75</i>
CD Investment Account balance	20,000.00

### **Town of Holland Cemetery Policy**

The front portion of the Mead Hill Cemetery having been donated to the Town carries no charge. Space being very limited, only lots for cremation are available in the front portion. The newer rear section was purchased by the Town of Holland and those lots will be sold. Shrubbery that will attain a height of more than two (2) feet will not be allowed on the cemetery lots. This is meant to include any bush that spreads.

This policy was adopted in 1993 by the Holland Cemetery Commission.

*Addendum:* Please be aware that all flags, silk flowers and flower pots will be removed as soon as possible after Veteran's Day.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

2023 was a very difficult year for me personally. As many of you know, I lost my son and Assistant Clerk Adam on January 26, 2023. I'd like to thank you all for your love and support in what has been a very difficult time.



*Adam Judd  
1984-2023*

### **DOG LICENSES**

Dog licenses expire April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Please make sure your dog has a current rabies vaccination and certificate which has been signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Fees are as follows:

Prior to April 1:

Spayed/Neutered dogs	\$9.00
Not spayed/neutered dogs	\$13.00

If your dog died during the year or you have given it away to out-of-town residents please contact the Town Clerk's office so we may remove it from our records. 802- 895-4440 or holland1805@hotmail.com.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

The office receives \$3 for each renewal. You can renew here and receive a 30-day temporary. Your computer-generated registration renewal form plus a check or money order payable to DMV for the amount of the renewal are all you need in addition to the \$3 Town Clerk fee. We can do all motor vehicles including boats and snow machines.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Residents of Holland may register to vote at the town office or online at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>. You may also change your mailing address here or request an absentee ballot. Voters are automatically registered to vote when they

either apply for a driver's license or renew their existing license unless they opt out.

### **LAND RECORDS**

If you didn't know, you can now look up Holland land records online. This is the link to go to: <https://holland.lr-1.com/>.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Closed Wednesday & Friday

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If you cannot make it to the office during these hours, please feel free to call and I will make arrangements to meet with you. My home phone is 802-895-4067.

Diane H Judd CVC/CVT/MMC ~ Town Clerk/Treasurer

Pictured below – Town Clerk & Treasurer Diane Judd being sworn in as President of the Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Association by Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland-Hanzas in September



## **Residential Recycling in Holland**

**MIXED PAPER:** Can be mixed together – includes catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts and paperback books as well as colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color and type of paper can be in this category **except** brown Kraft bags and boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN KRAFT BAGS & BOXBOARD:** All cardboard and boxboard food packaging. **NO** wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. Please flatten.

**TIN CANS:** Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. Separate from aluminum cans (a magnet will stick to tin but not to aluminum.) **MUST** be Rinsed!

**ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL, AND FOOD TRAYS:** Labels OK. Flattening is not required, keep clean. **NO** Snack bags, candy wrappers or coffee bags!

**GLASS (ALL COLORS):** Clear, green, blue, and amber bottles and jars. No porcelain, Pyrex, windows or crystal, light bulbs. **NO** lids! Rinse clean.

**All #1 through #4 PLASTICS & #5 food containers:** 2 gallons or smaller. Look for the recycling number stamped on the bottom of the container inside a triangle. #5 if it's a food container. Includes all labeled rigid plastic containers and lids. Labels are OK, please crush larger containers. Rinse all containers, please! **No** vinyl siding, Styrofoam, syringes or medical devices. **No black plastic! Remove caps from bottles.**

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, metal aerosol cans, scrap metal, fluorescent bulbs, and electronics (tv's, computers, radios, telephones, gaming consoles)

**OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS from 8:00AM to 12:00PM**

Many, many households in Holland are recycling. We sent many loads to be recycled. We (the Town) have to pay to recycle tires.

**Please do not leave miscellaneous trash at the recycling area.**

This listing shows what we will accept. There is a metal container for miscellaneous metals, also NOT for trash. As taxpayers we are the ones who pay for trash to be removed from this site. If you see someone leaving trash, not accepted for recycling, please either speak to them or call the attendant.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Saturday, June 1 9-1 Derby Recycling Center

**Recycling Attendant – Darrell Martin 802-895-4901**

**Questions?? Call NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532**

**Please!! Only CLEAN accepted recycling items!!**

## **Fire Protection Report – 2023**

Fire calls to Holland from the Derby Line Fire Department

<i>Expenses</i>		
March	Snowmobile Accident	284.50
July	Water Rescue - Flood	367.00
September	Utility Fire	175.00
November	Valley Rd - LaBranche Accident	329.50
December	Twin Bridge Rd Accident	225.00

***Total paid fire calls for 2023 .....\$1,381.00***

### **Town of Holland FIRE POLICY**

1. Brush and grass fires require a signed permit issued by the Town Fire Warden. However, a permit is not required when the ground is wet from rain or is covered with snow. The purpose of this policy is to establish a control on brush and grass fires in the Town. The Fire Warden's responsibility is to be aware of daily fires within the town and to respond with trained personnel and necessary equipment to contain the fire. When a permitted fire is out of control the Town Fire Warden will make the determination to call the Fire Department. If the Town Fire Warden determines that a permitted brush or grass fire requires the Fire Department assistance, the cost of the service will be paid by the town.
2. The Town Fire Warden has the authority to levy a fine to the person responsible for creating a grass or absurd fire without the benefit of a permit. When the Fire Department is called to control a non-permitted fire, the person responsible for creating the fire will be liable for the cost of the responding Fire Department.
3. All billings from the Derby Line Fire Department for Town fire calls will be sent to the Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer will pay the billings immediately and send an invoice to the responsible party for reimbursement to the Town.
4. The Town will charge the person responsible for non-permitted fires that a Fire Department responds a minimum fee of \$250.00.

**Fire Warden is Dave Jacobs 802-673-2272**

## **Holland Select Board Report**

Over the past year your Select Board has worked hard for the town and its taxpayers. We hope to outline some of these accomplishments and the teamwork throughout our town that made it happen.

The flooding in July brought with it 27 washouts of Holland's road system that qualified for FEMA funding. The damage was extensive and exposed many culverts that will need significant attention if we continue to experience major flooding events. We applaud our Road Crew along with Jason Patenaude Excavating, Gray's Transportation & Excavating, and Northeast Paving & Sealing for all of their labor dedicated to bringing our town roads back into shape. The shifting *estimated* cost of this storm is over \$110,000, and we will keep the town updated as this moves along.

All this went happened while our road crew was operating short staffed. We thank Bob and Dennis for their hard work maintaining our roads while the town searched for a new member of the department. This staffing reality of a 2 person road crew was not anticipated in the past budget and this is the major reason the road budget is running a surplus this year. However, we have filled that position and are excited to welcome Adam to the Road Crew.

The Select Board has been working collaboratively with the School Board to begin formal explorations of the future of the Holland School building. This has only recently started and will include multiple public meetings with both boards to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the potential paths forward for the building's operation and ownership. We anticipate this process will be over a year long. This is an important issue and the board will want to hear from you. Please keep an eye out for the town's communications regarding these meetings and let us know your thoughts.

Shortly before writing this the roof to the shed at the town garage blew off in a wind storm, and the rest of the shed has since fallen down. This happened while the Board has been exploring potential ways of updating our Highway facilities. This too will be a long process and your thoughts and opinions matter as this gets moving.

Last year the town invested of a large portion of its ARPA funding to bring high speed internet to Holland. A couple months ago that investment paid off when NEK Broadband scheduled work to bring high speed internet to the western portion of town this coming summer. The rest of town is included in a separately awarded grant to NEK Broadband, more information will be available at Town Meeting.

Lastly we want to thank our Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector, Lister, Justice of the Peace, 911 coordinator, School Treasurer, Cemetery Treasurer, Clerk to the Board and current President of the Vermont Municipals Clerks & Treasurer Association - Diane Judd for consistently being generous with her knowledge and always working hard so that our town runs smoothly.

Holland Select Board

## **TOWN OF HOLLAND 2023 BUDGET EXPENDITURES FY 2024 Proposed General Fund Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Budget FY 2024</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Assistant Clerk	12,000.00	652.50	12,000.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	43,840.00	43,840.16	46,340.00
Selectmen	2,650.00	2,650.00	3,500.00
Constable	500.00	500.00	500.00
Auditors	500.00	438.80	500.00
Listers	0.00	1,073.10	1,500.00
Delinquent Tax Coll Fees	0.00	6,790.95	0.00
Ballot Clerks	650.00	0.00	775.00
Recycle Attendant	2,800.00	2,086.43	2,800.00
Clerk to the Board	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
	63,540.00	50,917.89	68,665.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Consolidated Insurance	3,500.00	3,568.75	3,711.00
Officers Bond	130.00	130.00	130.00
Dental Insurance	813.00	745.03	450.00
Health Insurance/HRA	<u>22,240.00</u>	<u>20,802.87</u>	<u>16,050.00</u>
	26,683.00	24,962.90	20,341.00
<b>OFFICE</b>			
Electricity	850.00	702.20	900.00
Telephone/Internet	1,600.00	1,595.62	1,680.00
Office/Computer Supplies	1,500.00	565.84	1,000.00
Bldgs & Grounds	3,500.00	2,272.81	3,500.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,012.25	1,000.00
Record Book	400.00	415.50	425.00
Land Record Portal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lister's Reappraisal Expense		2,135.00	
Office Equipment	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,195.99</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>
	13,050.00	12,095.21	14,905.00
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>			
FICA & Medicare Share	5,600.00	4,267.54	5,600.00



**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2023 BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
**FY 2024 Proposed General Fund Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Budget FY 2024</b>
<b>GENERAL OPERATION</b>			
Town Reports	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Recycling	3,000.00	1,733.92	3,000.00
Training	1,800.00	914.40	1,800.00
Mileage Reimbursement	750.00	527.94	750.00
Advertising	150.00	0.00	150.00
Dues	8,000.00	7,609.00	8,000.00
Planning Commission Costs	100.00	0.00	100.00
Blackboard Connect	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	3,000.00	71.25	3,000.00
Dog Fees to State		351.00	
Marriage License Fees to State		430.00	
Property Tax Refunds		8,643.24	
Tax to Schools		894,019.62	
Fire Truck Loan Payment	8,797.79	8,783.79	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>695.51</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	31,197.79	915,995.88	22,400.00
<b>SERVICES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b>			
Ambulance	30,157.00	30,156.96	34,805.00
Fire Protection	4,000.00	1,381.00	4,000.00
County Taxes	10,500.00	10,867.67	11,000.00
NVDA Dues	500.00	565.00	565.00
Rural Fire Program	100.00	0.00	100.00
Sheriff Patrol	10,000.00	8,913.94	11,041.00
Contingency	<u>500.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	55,757.00	52,184.57	62,011.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195,827.79</b>	<b>1,060,423.99</b>	<b>193,922.00</b>
Voted Assessments		10,133.00	
Cemetery Assessment		20,530.58	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>1,091,087.57</b>	

**Statement of Estimated Revenues – General Fund**

	<b>2023 Actual</b>
Town Clerk Fees	10,564.00
State Aid:EEGL Study	4,892.50
Current Use (Hold Harmless Pmnt)	135,003.00
Dog Licenses	841.00
Interest on Accounts	3,050.92
Delinquent Taxes	85,327.68
Interest on Del. Taxes	10,163.00
Penalty on Taxes	6,834.95
PILOT-F&W	31,480.32
Cemetery – Tax Raised	20,530.58
Voted Appropriations	10,733.00
Metal Scrap Income	254.20
Late Homestead Penalty	655.93
Property Tax-Current	1,398,692.58
Property Tax – 2024 Prepay	6,600.75
MERP Grant	<u>4,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,729,624.41</b>
Pre-pay 2024 Tax	(6,600.75)
Current Use to Highway	(85,000.00)
Prop Tax to Schools	(894,019.62)
Prop Tax to Highway	(456,300.00)
Lister Reappraisal Fund	(4,892.50)
Penalty on Taxes	(6,790.95)
Property Tax Overpay	(8,643.24)
To Cemetery	(20,530.58)
Appropriations	(10,133.00)
<b>TOTAL (This Section)</b>	<b>1,492,910.64</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2023 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
**FY 2024 Proposed Highway Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Budget FY 2024</b>
<b>LABOR</b>			
Overtime Pay	7,650.00	2,331.95	7,650.00
Highway Crew	142,800.00	109,030.29	153,400.00
Retirement	18,000.00	13,217.40	18,400.00
FICA Share	<u>12,900.00</u>	<u>9,266.73</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>
	<b>159,000.00</b>	<b>133,846.37</b>	<b>192,950.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Unemployment Comp.	407.00	337.25	365.00
Consolidated Insurance	16,700.00	17,189.75	16,464.00
HRA Account	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
Health	26,700.00	17,265.36	15,050.00
Dental Insurance	2,440.00	1,555.40	2,060.00
Advertising	175.00	180.80	175.00
Training	175.00	5,945.00	6,000.00
Safety Equipment/Supplies	3,000.00	2,578.00	3,000.00
Uniforms/Shoes	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,926.25</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
	<b>70,203.00</b>	<b>50,797.81</b>	<b>46,864.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT HIRE</b>			
Equipment Hire	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
Repair & Maintenance	30,000.00	25,980.69	30,000.00
Repair & Maint. Mileage	1,500.00	1,311.39	1,600.00
Tires & Chains	5,000.00	2,857.95	5,000.00
Fuel – Diesel	50,000.00	44,061.60	50,000.00
Oil & Grease	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,973.04</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<b>87,500.00</b>	<b>76,184.67</b>	<b>87,600.00</b>
<b>GARAGE</b>			
Supplies	1,500.00	404.61	1,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	855.24	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,600.00	1,599.66	1,600.00
Propane/Hot Water	3,000.00	2,048.81	3,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	3,250.00	2,210.78	3,250.00

**TOWN OF HOLLAND**  
**2023 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES**  
**FY 2024 Proposed Highway Budget**

	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Budget FY 2024</b>
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>424.91</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>12,350.00</b>	<b>7,544.01</b>	<b>12,350.00</b>
<b>RETREATMENT</b>			
Retreatment	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>ROAD MATERIALS</b>			
Gravel	80,000.00	40,428.00	80,000.00
Chloride	38,000.00	15,700.95	38,000.00
Salt	25,000.00	27,224.56	28,000.00
Culverts	8,000.00	8,015.33	8,000.00
Patching	250.00	0.00	250.00
Signs & Posts	2,500.00	474.56	2,500.00
Winter Sand	18,000.00	31,468.99	30,000.00
Ditching Materials	7,500.00	1,526.00	5,000.00
General Road Permit Fee	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>1,765.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>181,000.00</b>	<b>126,603.39</b>	<b>193,750.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND</b>			
Equipment Loan Payments	<b>75,968.49</b>	<b>73,994.15</b>	<b>32,350.64</b>
<b>SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS</b>			
FEMA		<b>101,430.19</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>645,015.49</b>	<b>570,400.59</b>	<b>617,864.64</b>

**Statement of Estimated Revenues – Highway Fund**

	<b>2023 Estimated</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Estimated</b>
State Aid, Regular	99,500.00	102,573.47	100,000.00
State Aid, <i>Pre-Pay FY 24</i>	0.00	54,357.46	
Interest on Accounts	500.00	3,244.45	500.00
Property Taxes	456,300.00	456,300.00	
Overweight Permits	100.00	175.00	100.00
Access Permits	50.00	75.00	50.00
Current Use	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Paving Retreatment Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Miscellaneous		2,184.75	
FEMA		4,379.93	
<b>TOTALS .....</b>		<b>758,290.06</b>	

**Restricted Funds**

<b>*Restoration Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2023	\$20,285.95	
Fees received	<u>1,932.00</u>	
<i>Restoration Fund Balance 12/31/23</i>		\$22,217.95
<b>*Grand List Reappraisal Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2023	\$55,410.27	
State Reappraisal Funds received	4,892.50	
Reappraisal expenses	<u>(-3,208.10)</u>	
<i>Reappraisal Fund Balance 12/31/23</i>		\$57,094.67
<b>*Lister Education Fund</b>		
Balance, December 31, 2023		\$3,106.01
No change as this is now handled by the state as a reimbursement program		
<b>*Equipment Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2023	\$23,762.87	
<i>Equipment fund balance 12/31/23</i>		\$23,762.87
<b>*Retreatment Fund</b>		
Balance January 1, 2023	\$0.00	
Raised by Tax	50,000.00	
<i>Retreatment Fund Balance 12/31/23</i>		\$50,000.00
<b>*Highway Garage Reserve Fund (est 2023)</b>		
Balance January 1, 2023		93,421.00
<b>*ARPA Funds</b>		
Balance January 1, 2023		165,719.55
NEK Broadband	136,363.00	
Cemetery Road Repair	4,480.00	
Camera at Garage	<u>710.00</u>	
Total Expenditures 2023	141,553.00	
<i>ARPA Balance 12/31/2023</i>		24,166.55
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$273,769.05</b>

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
SELECTBOARD'S POLICY  
PERTAINING TO CURB CUTS**

All private roads or driveways entering State or Town highways require an access permit that will be issued by the Town Clerk and approved by the assigned inspector (Road Commissioner, Road Foreman or Select board.) Culvert pipes will be of sufficient size and lengths to insure proper drainage and provide access for emergency vehicles. All expenses for culvert pipes, other drainage and private road construction is the responsibility of the land owner. Anyone replacing an existing culvert within the highway right-of-way after the enforcement date of this policy will also be required to obtain a permit and upgrade culvert to state minimum. For the protection of State and Town highways a permit shall be required for any use of any highway right-of-way, consistent with the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 1111.

Adopted August 8, 1994

Amended July 5, 2011

**TOWN POLICY ON CLASS IV ROADS**

Warned and voted at Town Meeting of 1989 the following: the Landowner is responsible to upgrade Class IV roads to Class III specifications before the town accepts the upgrade.

Specifications: The landowner will be required to upgrade road bed to the following standards: the roadbed should be raised, where possible, above the surrounding terrain to provide adequate drainage and to facilitate snow removal. Alignment and grades should be the best obtainable at reasonable cost, and adequate to provide safe travel at reasonable speeds. No unshielded vehicle hazards should be permitted within the clear zones. Roads where daily vehicle traffic is one to three cars, the minimum road surface width is 20 ft. with a gravel surface depth of 12 inches before the town accepts the upgraded road. A minimum right-of-way for roadway is 50 feet. The road must be inspected and approved by the Vermont District Engineer as a Class III road.

**SNOW LEFT ON ROADS**

**Please do not leave snow in the road when clearing your driveway. This is hazardous for drivers and very hard on our highway equipment. Also, please do not cover the ends of culverts – this blocks drainage and makes them freeze causing problems on the roads.**

Towns have the authority under 23 V.S.A. § 1126 to demand that snow not be left in the road. The statute reads: “no person shall drop or deposit upon any highway...any...substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon the highway.”

Another statute, 19 V.S.A. § 1105, also addresses the issue of placing an obstruction or encroachment in a public highway “so as to hinder or prevent public travel, or to injure or impede a person traveling on the highway.” If friendly persuasion doesn’t work, we may have to enforce the law.

# ***Rabies Clinic***

**Saturday, March 23  
1-3**

**Holland Elementary School  
26 School Road**



Please bring prior proof of rabies vaccination or your pets vaccine will only be good for 1 year.

Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier

Holland Dog Licenses will be available –

Spayed/Neutered      \$9.00

Intact      \$13.00

Vaccinations will be done by Nelson Veterinary Associates, Inc.

Rabies \$15.00

DAP4L (K9 Distemper) \$25.00

Bordetella (K9 Kennel Cough) \$20.00

Lyme \$45.00

FVRCP (Feline Distemper) \$25.00

FeLv (Feline Leukemia) \$45.00

Microchipping will be available:

\$45.00 Lifetime Registration

## Disabled Veterans Holland Property Exemption

Disabled veterans who own their homes (in fee simple) may be eligible for a property tax exemption. The exemption reduces the assessed value of the property, lowering the veteran's property taxes. See 32 V.S.A. § 3802.

**In Holland the exemption is \$40,000 from a homestead property.**

State law mandates a minimum \$10,000 property tax exemption for veterans in both the municipal and education grand list. Cities and towns may vote to increase the exemption up to \$40,000 in the municipal grand list. The value of a veteran's property will be reduced by the amount of the exemption. Veterans are eligible for the exemption in one of three circumstances:

- Disability compensation for 50% or higher disability **or**
- Non-Service connected pension ("improved pension") **or**
- Military retirement pay for a permanent medical military retirement

If a disability qualifies a veteran for this exemption, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs will issue a Summary of Benefits Letter. Submit the current year application to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs by May 1 of each year. **Please note:** Surviving spouses of veterans who had previously qualified for this exemption may also be eligible if they do not re-marry.

For questions regarding the application process and eligibility visit the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs website or call (802) 828-3379 or (888) 666-9844.

## Green Mountain Passport

A Vermont State Park  
Visitor's Pass Discount Program  
For Seniors and Veterans

### What is the passport for?

- Free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded)
- Free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites
- Free admission to events that are fully State sponsored

### Who is eligible?

Must be a legal resident of the Vermont town or city in which you are applying

Must be either:

- 62 years of age or older, or
- A veteran of the uniformed services

### How do I get a Green Mountain Passport card?

- Fill out an application at your local City or Town Clerk's Office
- Pay a one-time, \$2 fee to the municipal clerk
- Receive your Green Mountain Passport Card!

For more information on the Green Mountain Passport Card, contact your local Town Clerk's Office. 802-895-4440 or [holland1805@hotmail.com](mailto:holland1805@hotmail.com)

For more information about Vermont State Parks, visit [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

## NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

I am writing to you in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as NCSU's superintendent of schools and 34<sup>th</sup> year working in Northeast Kingdom schools. I am proud of being a "homegrown" NEK native and feel very fortunate to be able to work with the NCSU students, staff, parents, administrators, 63 school board members, and community members.

We continue to frame our work with students by thinking about NCSU's Design for Learning and our Work and Learning Plan. Both documents can be found on NCSU's website at <https://sites.google.com/ncsuvt.org/ncsu-learning-design/home>.

The big story of the 2023 – 2024 school year are the changes to education funding. There are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

### 1. Number of students and education spending

In the past, we have often talked about spending per equalized pupil. Due to Act 127 that went into law this year, this has changed to become a *weighted* pupil count. Students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divided the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

Because the NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount. Because we are spending less per student, our taxing capacity is increased, and – in most towns – the cost to the taxpayer went down significantly.

Last year, the legislature added a spending cap to help districts who would be disadvantaged by the weights. AOE took our equalized pupil count from FY24 and converted it to LTW ADM. That smaller amount of spending per weighted student is the amount that is used to determine the 10% cap. In some cases, our NCSU schools are only spending 3% more in overall spending, but are over the 10% cap.

If a school goes over the 10% cap and chooses to bring this to voters, when the budget is passed, districts will be required to bring the budget to a review panel, consisting of 3 business managers, 3 superintendents, and the Secretary of Education. If the spending is determined to be justified, the school's tax rate will be frozen at 5% before CLA is factored in. If not, the rate will be whatever the increase figures out to be. However, districts whose tax rates are going down will not be required to go in front of the panel.

When districts are capped at 5%, the rest of the school districts will have to make up the difference between the 5% cap and the increase that they

will be spending. If there are a lot of districts who are above the 10%, this may negatively affect the dollar yield, but only the legislature makes the decision about where the funds come from. They may choose a different revenue source or they may choose the dollar yield.

**Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.**

### 2. Dollar yield

Dollar yield is the amount the AOE determines the state ed funding will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate. Last year, the dollar yield was over \$15,000. This year, the dollar yield is at about \$9,100. Add in the school districts who may be frozen at the 5% tax rate and the dollar yield may continue to drop. The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. This year, because of more variables, we may have less of an idea about what the dollar yield will be, and our projections to taxpayers about tax rates may be more of a variable.

**Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.**

### 3. Common level of appraisal

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home's appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised at on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home was appraised at what they sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates, essentially a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

For the budgeting season for FY25, we initially saw real benefits with the new weighting law. Even with the much lower dollar yield, districts were seeing much lower projected tax rates. Then CLA came out and dropped even more than last year. This is resulting in significant increases and a very difficult budgeting season.

**Common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.**

Regardless of the financial pressures that we are all experiencing every day at the grocery store, the gas pump, and many other places, we still have a responsibility to educate NCSU's children. Our students need us now in ways that were not imagined 20 years ago: mental health supports, behavioral supports, and social supports. Although our work with students is challenging,

it is our moral and legal responsibility. For many students, if we don't provide for the mental health, social emotional, and behavioral needs of our students in our community schools, there are no other agencies who will provide these services.

I want to express how proud and grateful I am of our NCSU students, families, and staff. Despite challenges, NCSU's community of students, families, and staff have rallied to keep our educational systems progressing. We consistently meet state requirements, and we are also continuing to strive for excellence and to exemplify our district's 4C's of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to lead the NCSU community.

## Holland Town School District Reserve Funds as of 12/31/2023

### **Building and Grounds Fund**

Fund Balance .....29,492.99

### **Student Activities Fund**

Fund Balance .....692.81



### **Student Enrollment**

Pre-K private	4
Pre-K	7
Kindergarten	7
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>3</u>
Total Enrollment	90

**HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***FY2025 Proposed Budget***

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
Investment Earnings - Interest .....	\$ (500)	\$ (556)	\$ (800)	\$ (800)
Interest Income - TAN .....	(4,000)	(3,883)	(3,500)	(3,500)
Other Revenues - Rentals.....	(3,600)	(12,030)	(12,600)	(12,600)
Sales Of Goods .....	0	(80)	0	0
<b>Total Local Revenues .....</b>	<b>(8,100)</b>	<b>(16,469)</b>	<b>(16,900)</b>	<b>(16,900)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
Education Spending Grant .....	(675,374)	(675,374)	(890,663)	(1,093,063)
<b>Total State Revenues .....</b>	<b>(675,374)</b>	<b>(675,374)</b>	<b>(890,663)</b>	<b>(1,093,063)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE</b>				
Fund Balance As Revenue .....	(25,000)	0	0	0
<b>Total Fund Balance as Revenue .....</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$ (708,474)</b>	<b>\$ (691,843)</b>	<b>\$ (907,563)</b>	<b>\$ (1,109,963)</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Contract Services-Elementary .....	\$ -	\$ 50,819	\$ -	\$ 455,000
Tuition .....	464,554	495,922	604,314	742,728
<b>Total Direct Instruction .....</b>	<b>464,554</b>	<b>546,741</b>	<b>604,314</b>	<b>797,728</b>
<b>PRE-K</b>				
Tuition-Pre-K Students .....	40,216	53,469	52,696	46,608
<b>Total Pre-K .....</b>	<b>40,216</b>	<b>53,469</b>	<b>52,696</b>	<b>46,608</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
Board Member Stipend .....	2,585	2,400	2,600	2,600
Legal .....	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Liability Insurance .....	1,200	1,788	1,612	1,931
Advertising .....	500	-	500	-
Dues .....	200	-	200	-
Other Board Expenses.....	1,500	-	1,000	-
<b>Total Board of Education .....</b>	<b>6,985</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>6,912</b>	<b>5,531</b>
<b>OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment .....	20,499	20,499	24,397	42,654
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>20,499</b>	<b>20,499</b>	<b>24,397</b>	<b>42,654</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Contracted Service .....	6,200	6,200	6,400	6,720
Interest Current Loans - TAN .....	3,500	2,025	3,500	3,500
<b>Total Fiscal Services.....</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>8,225</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>10,220</b>
<b>AUDIT SERVICES</b>				
Audit Services .....	4,250	4,430	4,250	4,430
<b>Total Audit Services .....</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,430</b>

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
<b>OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Contracted Serv .....	14,000	22,224	22,500	25,000
Water Testing.....	1,500	1,980	1,500	2,250
Rubbish Services.....	250	-	500	500
Purchased Services.....	1,600	2,119	1,600	2,200
Contracted Serv.....	1,800	1,470	3,500	1,500
Property Ins.....	2,533	2,350	2,812	3,093
Telephone .....	2,200	2,233	2,300	2,300
Supplies .....	2,000	1,413	2,000	2,000
Electricity .....	4,500	7,108	6,000	7,500
Heating Oil .....	10,000	15,166	15,000	18,000
<b>Total Operations and Maintenance .....</b>	<b>40,383</b>	<b>56,062</b>	<b>57,712</b>	<b>64,343</b>
<b>CARE AND UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>				
Playground .....	1,000	1,750	1,000	1,750
Lawn Care .....	1,300	1,580	1,400	1,600
<b>Total Care and Upkeep-Grounds .....</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>3,350</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>				
Supplies .....	2,000	-	4,000	-
Renovations.....	2,600	-	-	-
<b>Total Care &amp; Upkeep Buildings .....</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Services-NCSU .....	14,000	16,996	15,000	18,000
<b>Total Transportation .....</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>16,996</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>				
Long Term Debt - interest.....	1,200	824	1,200	-
Long Term Debt - principal .....	11,500	16,000	11,500	-
<b>Total Debt Services.....</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>16,824</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Contract Services-NCSU .....	73,319	73,319	93,415	101,678
<b>Total Special Programs .....</b>	<b>73,319</b>	<b>73,319</b>	<b>93,415</b>	<b>101,678</b>
<b>EEE</b>				
EEE Local .....	8,968	8,968	13,867	15,421
<b>Total EEE .....</b>	<b>8,968</b>	<b>8,968</b>	<b>13,867</b>	<b>15,421</b>
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Contract Services-Before School Program ..	3,000	-	3,000	-
<b>Total Direct Instruction .....</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Ex.Curr. Transportation from NCSU .....	3,000	-	3,000	-
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Transportation</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPEND ...</b>	<b>\$ 708,474</b>	<b>\$ 813,050</b>	<b>\$ 907,563</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,963</b>
<b>NET BALANCE .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 121,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>





Dear NEK Neighbors,

We are pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report to all 56 towns in the NEK. As you know, we are the Communications Union District (CUD) for Northeastern Vermont - the municipal, non-profit organization whose mission is to build high-speed, fiber internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. As a resident of one of NEK's 56 towns, you have a voice through your town's representative to our Governing Board. To see who that is, please visit our website, [nekbroadband.org](http://nekbroadband.org) and go to the Member Towns page.

Our 2023 Annual Report shows the significant progress we've made in working towards our ambitious goals and we hope you enjoy reading it.

**AND** we know there is more work to be done. The two questions most often asked are "When are you coming to me? And how much will it cost?" To answer the 'When' we have to take into consideration multiple factors such as technical challenges, availability of grant funding, local interest and customer base, and material costs. All of these factors help us determine the most cost effective, efficient way to build a network that will need 2700 miles of fiber optics to reach everyone in the Kingdom. The easiest way to know when service will be available to you is to pre-register at [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org), and stay up to date with messages and notifications.

We also know that affordability of high-speed internet is a critical issue to many living in our region. That's why we include a free router and free aerial installation up to 400 ft for every customer. NEK Broadband also participates in the ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program), helping to create affordable pricing for 27% of households in the district that are eligible. This federally funded program provides a discount of \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. As of today, this program will run out of funds by mid April.

Last year we also started a program that gives NEK residents the opportunity to lend a hand to their low-income neighbors. For those customers who choose our 500/500 Mbps service, \$30 of their monthly payments will go towards giving a

fellow low-income NEK resident an equivalent \$30 discount per month. For those who choose our 1 gig/1 gig service, their monthly payment will help 3 of their low-income NEK neighbors with an additional discount of \$30/month each. We have decided to use these funds to subsidize to the same level if the ACP shuts down.

At NEK Broadband, we continue to search for and create ways to make it easier for all of our neighbors to get access to high-speed internet because In today's interconnected world, access to online resources is essential for participating in various aspects of life, including education, employment, healthcare, and civic engagement. We are proud to work to bridge the gap and increase these opportunities for all of our neighbors in the NEK.

The NEK Broadband team



### **Town of Holland 2023 Report**

With the Completion of our new Troy Station Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the state of Vermont. Newport Ambulance employs over 60 employees and has 4 stations covering 16 towns, 5 Gores and Grants and 786sq miles. Our call volume increased from 4500 calls in 2022 to 5300 calls in 2023.

Newport Ambulance's facilities are located at 830 Union St in Newport, 8437 RTE 111 in Morgan, 6719 RTE 100 in Troy and 62 Wilson Rd in Johnson.

Currently Newport Ambulance has 6 crews providing 24/7 service. Newport Ambulance has 10 ambulances and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond at the Advanced Life Support level at any time.

Newport Ambulance's Morgan station houses a crew that is available to respond 24/7, serving parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

In 2023 Newport Ambulance responded to 21 emergency calls in the Town of Holland and transported 5 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to a total of 51 calls for mutual aid.

In 2023 Newport Ambulance secured a Vermont state education grant that will help cover the cost of 6 current members to advance their education and acquire their Paramedic certification. This certification has an estimated cost of over \$20,000 per student. Newport Ambulance will also use these funds to help with continuing education of our other EMS providers.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your community.

Respectfully  
Jeffrey J. Johansen,  
Executive Director  
Newport Ambulance Service Inc

### **Orleans County Sheriff's Department**

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the Town of Holland patrol services this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

This past year has been a busy one for the Orleans county Sheriff's Department. The OCSD was able to send two (2) Deputies to the Level III full-time Police Academy in Pittsford, Vermont which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. When a law enforcement officer is level III there are no restrictions on their certifications with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Congratulations Deputy Andrew Gonyaw and Deputy Jeremy Cotnoir. We are all very excited see where you career with OCSD will take you.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with the United States Marshals, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms) DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD hired a new Deputy William Kulakowski who brings over eight (8) years of law enforcement experience with him. Deputy Kulakowski stepped up and became a valuable instructor in the area of Use of Force along with Deputy Gonyaw, which is extremely beneficial to this agency and our community.

The OCSD has hired Deputy Daniel Locke who is a trained Drug Recognition Expert who travels throughout the counties assisting local and state law enforcement with interactions involving individuals believed to be operating under the influence of drugs. This expertise has and will continue to benefit Orleans County and our surrounding counties to assist in keeping our roads a safer place for travel. Deputy Locke is also a Field Training Officers and Firearms Instructor which has already benefited the OCSD.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill is assigned to Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community. We are all very lucky Deputy Morrill care so much for this population of young people and does a wonderful job of being a positive role model for them.

The OCSD actively participates in grants through Governor Highway Safety as well as Operation Stone Garden which help to supplement patrol throughout Orleans County to enhance the safety of our residents.

We continue to maintain a “Drug Take-back” box in our lobby at the Sheriff’s Department. The Department has collected approximately 255.4 lbs of prescriptions in 2023. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December, the Sheriff’s department celebrated the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Operation Santa”. We received the generous, overwhelming support from many local area business and community members. Thank you! The program helped bring a happy holiday season to approximately 358 children in our community. Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse has always been someone who has been a big part of helping our community, whether it is supporting youth sporting events, organizing food drives and items to help our local high schools with their community closets to Operation Santa. Tammy works so hard on this, keeping track of all of the donations that come in from our community members is a full time job in itself. Tammy stays after her regular work hours, comes in on weekends to make sure that everything is where it needs to be so no child goes without, this is all done on her own time. I personally am so grateful for her dedication and hard work that she puts into all of these events yearly. Thank you Tammy!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local selectboards to meet the needs of each town is a rewarding part of my job. Keeping the lines of communication between the selectboards by both attending in person meetings, and sending monthly reporting system statistics helps keep our communities needs at the forefront of our services.

*Orleans County Sheriff’s Department Administration Office Hours: 8-4pm  
Monday – Friday. Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week. Call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Agency Assist	2
Animal Problem	3
ATV Incident/Complaint	2
Background Investigation	1
Citizen Assist	3
Citizen Dispute	1
Civil Process	18
Crash – Property	1
Found/Lost Property	2
Juvenile NICS Check	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1

Parade Detail	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	2
Sex Offense	1
Subpoena Service	2
Stone Garden	1
Threats/Harassment	1
Traffic Stop	3
Trespass	1
VIN Verification	1
Violation of Conditions of Release	2
Total Incidents for Holland	50

#### Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	0
Total Warnings	3

### **NVDA Report**

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves Holland as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses. This year, we are again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region. Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities: ● Land use planning and regulation; ● Transportation studies and project planning; ● Digital mapping and GIS services; ● Grant writing and administration; ● Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region; ● Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements; ● Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response; ● Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance; ● Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region; ● Training for local officials. The July flood brought new challenges to local governments and businesses already navigating post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we participated directly in flood response. We also began helping our communities meet the requirements of Act 47 (the HOME Act) to alleviate the housing crisis, and we continued to aid in regional pandemic recovery through assistance with ARPA funding, as well as other state

and federal recovery resources, such as the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. How have we served your community recently? In 2023, NVDA staff updated Holland's Local Emergency Management Plan, which has been adopted by your Town and accepted by Vermont Emergency Management. We also performed traffic counts in your community. NVDA dues are just \$0.85 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook

### **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **26+ years** of the program, **1,177 grants** totaling nearly **\$2.8 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000

to \$10,000 per project (\$15,000 for a couple special case projects).

New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$199,158** of which **\$82,374** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **17 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received over **\$9,375** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

**235** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

### **Holland Historical Society**

The Historical Society met in person in 2023. We held a barbecue style dinner in August in cooperation with the Holland Community Center's cornhole tournament. Even though it was a drizzly day, we had a decent turnout. If you'd like to help plan events and help to shape the Historical Society going forward, we are always looking for more active members. Our standing seam roof looks great. We expect the steeple repairs will be finished in 2024. Now, it's time once again to paint the siding and windows. The newer building needs some TLC as well.

#### **Holland Historical Society** **2023 Financial Statement**

##### **Checking**

Opening Balance, January 1, 2023 \$3,286.49

##### **Receipts:**

Town Appropriation	2,500.00
Preservation Trust of Vermont	11,840.25
Singsperation	120.00
Borderline Donation	150.00
Dinner	565.50
Amazon Smile Donations	66.98
Book Sales	142.00
Donations	1,490.00
Memberships	75.00
Life Memberships	<u>200.00</u>

Total Receipts Deposited \$17,149.73

Total Available Funds \$20,436.22

##### **Expenses:**

Electricity	678.89
Insurance	464.00
Propane	27.17
Transfer to MM	10,000.00
Lawn Mowing	440.00
Weeding Flower Beds	210.00
Miscellaneous	116.36
Name Plates	<u>23.85</u>

Total Expenses \$11,960.27

Closing Balance 12/31/2023 \$8,475.95

##### **History Book Fund**

Opening Balance, 1/01/2023 \$1,842.20

Interest .92

Closing Balance 12/31/2023 \$1,843.12

##### **Money Market Account**

Opening Balance 2,781.36

Transfer from Checking 10,000.00

Interest 27.49

Closing Balance 12/31/2023 \$12,808.85

### **Dailey Memorial Library**

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."

(Laura Bush)

Highlights of our Year:

- Youth Programs conducted by our new Children's Librarian, retired art teacher, Julia Winkler
- LEGO and STEAM programs conducted by Garrett Brinton
- Story Walks at our library and Northwoods Stewardship Center financed by a Vermont Community Foundation NEK Grant
- "For The Children" program sponsored by Carl and Susan Taylor to provide books to all 1st graders in Orleans and Essex Counties
- Yearly fundraisers including Big Truck Day and Children's Festival organized by Dan and Irene Dagesse, our Christmas Craft Fair, and a Community Yard Sale and Summer Book Sale
- Volunteers of all ages who helped with our Summer Programs as well as in the library
- Use of our solar-powered gazebo by patrons, school classes, and users of our free 24 hour WiFi
- Space for the community garden which was managed by "Derby Growers"
- AARP Tax Preparation
- Fourth of July Float designed by the Bury Family
- VT Humanities Council Book Discussions, Garden Tours, and Adult Workshops and Classes
- Christmas Giving Tree to benefit adults with special needs.

The staff, trustees and volunteers of the Dailey Library are grateful as always to the Town of Holland for its continued support. Please stop by anytime for a free library card, and look for us on Facebook, Instagram, and our website. We are always ready to hear ideas about how we can better serve our community.

Library Statistics in 2023

Patron visits.....10,379

Circulation of borrowed material... 19,970

E-book/E-audiobook downloads.....3,197

Total library program attendance.....1,832

Daycare Story Time visits.....52

Computer users per week.....17

Volunteer hours per week.....16

### **Green Up Vermont**

Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged. Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024. Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns. Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org). Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245

### **Specifics of Green Up Day in Holland 2024**

Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. It is the day caring citizens clean up the trash along our local roadsides deposited by less considerate individuals. For more information on the organization, see the State wide submission in this report.

Key aspects of this year's event are:

- 1) Trash must be in Green Up bags to be accepted. The Town pays no disposal fee for trash in Green Up bags. NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH PLEASE.
- 2) Green Up bags are available at the Town Clerk's office or through the co-coordinators, Mitch Wonson at 895-4928 or John Castle at 802-349-2415 .
- 3) DO NOT leave bags at the side of the road as the Town will not pick them up.
- 4) There will be a drop off station at the Town garage which will be manned from 10AM to 2PM. Bags must be dropped off during these hours.
- 5) Participants will receive a coupon for a FREE ice cream at Tim and Doug's at the Pick n Shovel, but supplies are limited.

- 6) You can pick up trash on any day which fits your schedule (this is recommended as weather on Green Up Day may be inclement), but drop off needs to occur on Green Up Day itself.
  - 7) Roadside metal and tires will be accepted at the Town recycling center during its normal hours of 8AM to 12PM the first and third Saturdays
- Questions, comments, need help, need bags, want to volunteer to man the drop of station? Please contact Mitch or John. We thank those who participated last year. Let us see of the community can again come together and make this a continuing successful event.

### **Haskell Free Library & Opera House**

To the town of Holland, Thank you very much for your previous support. Today, the Haskell Library and Opera House is asking you to consider our request for a \$2,000 donation. You will find our organization's mission, needs and project below.

For 2024, the library wishes to further accommodate families. That is why we are now open until 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Our Library is also involved in the community by collaborating with Phelps Helps, Sunnyside, Derby Elementary School, and Jardin-des-Frontières, but also by offering activities during the afternoon for our retired members, such as book clubs, conferences, and workshops.

The Opera House also came back to life this year. Since January, our team has been working on restoring the hall, and since July, we have been welcoming new shows every month. We installed new LED lights and changed the windows and the AC and heating systems. In addition, insulation and a new roof, along with repairs to the building are in progress. Our goal is to offer a variety of shows and events all year long. Good-quality screens and a projector were acquired. One of our projects is to provide our communities cross border with a unique Movie Theater that will feature current Box Office movies as well as Premieres, and winners of International Film Festivals in French and English. The Haskell is not a municipal facility but relies on donations and volunteers from the communities it serves, grants it obtains, and private donations and services from persons such as you. These donations allow us to improve our services, offer more activities (book clubs, workshops, and more) and use the opera house to its full potential. The Board of Trustees is asking for your support today to keep this Unique Historic International Institution viable... We are grateful for whatever financial support you can give and for whatever time you can share

### Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

For over 45 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities. Our valuable services include a Helpline; Medicare counseling and Bootcamp; specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age; exercise and mobility programs; family and caregiver support programs and grants; case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place; as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 400 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom, all Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. During this past year, 23 residents of Holland used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, our e-learning portals Trualta and GetSetUp, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Holland for your continued support in making a difference in the lives of your residents, who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance.

If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We're just a phone call away at the Helpline: 800-642-5119 or (802) 748-5182.

### ConnectABILITES

#### FKA - Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

Exciting news! OCCA has reinvented **itself** and is now called ConnectABILITIES **while still** supporting community members **in Orleans County with developmental and intellectual disabilities**. The **years of COVID isolation** and the **disappearance of community volunteers over the last years has caused** OCCA to rebrand **itself** to meet the needs **of the disability community at this time**.

**We are proud to be celebrating our 36th anniversary and still** a vibrant entity **in the community**. *ConnectABILITIES Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and people with differing abilities so that all are heard, empowered and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all of these people in opportunities that enhance their quality of life, and we seek to provide whatever support we can feasibly provide towards helping them to achieve their life goals. In doing so we keep our hearts and minds open to all who seek our help, regardless of their particular situations.*

To this end ConnectABILITIES has accomplished in **2023**:

- The rebranding of OCCA to become known as ConnectABILITIES
- Consultations with outside contractors to determine future direction for OCCA
- Recruited and added new Board Members
- Recruited and hired Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increased connection with community resources and worked in partnership with NKHS
- Provided a 6-week summer program for exploring the arts, for socializing, and to meet community members. An Ice Cream Social was held for all members. Transportation is provided to events
- Ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities)
- Launched our 888 # HelpLine to provide support and referrals for callers needing assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Developed resource referral database for Federal, State and local public agencies
- Maintaining social media sites, and a website
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Intentionally ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, nor United way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County and local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day when you vote to support ConnectABILITIES

and the disability community is greatly appreciated. The pull of the future towards support and sustainability for this vulnerable community in our midst is of the utmost importance. Please call 888-635-6222 for more information, with questions or referrals. We welcome our connection with you.

**Orleans Essex V.N.A. and Hospice, Inc.**

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

**SUMMARY OF SERVICES:**

Total Agency Visits FY 2023 .....	36,449
Total Visits FY 2023 - Town of Holland.....	60

**Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter**

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. has continued to rescue, provide healthcare and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 350 dogs and cats in 2023. Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter’s yearly survival and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. We have an amazing staff and volunteer pool who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals. During the past 12 months, volunteers have given over 4050 hours of their time. THANK YOU to all who work with our dogs and kitties and to the area towns who support our mission through donations and town appropriations.

**Umbrella**

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- Social Change focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY23, we provided 2,613 youth with educational workshops throughout our 18 school partners. We provided 387 adults with educational programs through 20 workshops.
- Advocacy Program serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY23, 750 individuals received direct advocacy, 81 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 15 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- Family Based Services focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY23, KCCC served 801 families and the Family Room worked with 63 families.
- Economic Empowerment serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our Cornucopia program, and our social enterprise, Dolcetti each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY23 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 39,509 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 8 households in the Town of Holland were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2023 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Holland’s support.



## **Orleans County Historical Society/Old Stone House Museum**

History enriches our lives. It infuses meaning into the places we care about and helps build stronger communities. Since 1925, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, known also as the Orleans County Historical Society, has preserved and shared the rich history of our corner of the world. The museum has grown to include eight historic buildings and 75,000+ artifacts that illustrate our regional history.

The Old Stone House attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County per year, bringing essential business and money directly into the region. Grant-funded projects inject money into the local economy employing contractors, tradespeople, suppliers, and professional services in the preservation of local history.

The Old Stone House provides jobs for seven permanent staff members as well as up to five seasonal employees. In the summer of 2023, three local middle schoolers worked on staff. In 2024, the middle school program will continue with added opportunities for high school students.

Daily tours, events, research, education programs and recreational opportunities make the Old Stone House a vital cornerstone to Orleans County life and culture. Hundreds of children, families and adults participate annually in the wide variety of programs offered. We are proud of our year-round, onsite educational programming, and this year, we added in-school and after-school heritage programs doubling our outreach.

We are dedicated to preserving and sharing history, enriching the culture of our community, and serving as an economic driver for our region. To do this, we rely on support from the towns we most directly serve. With this in mind, we ask that you support the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village this year. We appreciate your ongoing partnership.

## **NKHS 2023 Annual Report Summary**

Thank you, Town of Holland voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2024 appropriation request of \$1258 is the same amount voted on at the 2023 Town Meeting. This represents 1.30% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive, confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary Activity Report July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

3800 individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.

9 individuals from the Town of Holland accessed supportive care at NKHS.

· Employees provided over 300 hours of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 700 Northeast Kingdom community members.

416 total dedicated professional employees, 1 from the Town of Holland, support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, NKHS is responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. NKHS is asking the Town of Holland voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member of your community.

Thank you so much for your support!

## MINUTES

### Annual Town Meeting

**The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont met in said town on Saturday, May 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 10A.M. at the Holland Elementary School to transact the following business:**

Prior to Mitch opening the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Judd.

Mitch Wonson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Mitch went over the meeting rules.

**Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Mitch Wonson was nominated by Tom Adams. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations. Ayes had it. Mitch is the Moderator for the upcoming year.

**Article 2.** To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. Moved by Lenny Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clara Nadeau. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and reports were accepted.

**Article 3.** To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year.

**Town Clerk** – Diane Judd was nominated by Dennis Roberts. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Diane Judd.

**Town Treasurer** – Diane Judd was nominated by Tom Adams. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Diane Judd.

**Select Board** – Trevor Gray was nominated by Dennis Roberts. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Trevor Gray.

**Lister** – Diane Judd was nominated by Diana Emmerson. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Diane Judd.

**Auditor** – Suzanne Moulton was nominated by Diane Judd. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Suzanne Moulton.

**Constable** – Greg Bronson was nominated by Nathan Morin. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Greg Bronson.

**Delinquent Tax Collector** – Diane Judd was nominated by Brian Currier. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Diane Judd.

**Cemetery Commission** – Lucy Neel was nominated by Heather Dowland. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Lucy Neel.

**Solid Waste Supervisor** – Joe Noble was nominated by Brian Currier. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Joe Noble.

**Planning Commission** – 3 year term. No nominations

**Planning Commission** – Joe Noble was nominated by Andrew Bouchard. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Joe Noble.

**Planning Commission** – As Bruce Wilkie tendered his resignation there was a vacancy for a position to fill until 2024. No nominations.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money by tax to meet the expenses and liabilities for the ensuing year, not to exceed \$818,128.28 less such State Aid as is received by the Town. Moved by Tom Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Brien. Norm Lanman proposed an amendment of an additional \$3,000 to be added to the Sheriff's budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Wilkie. No discussion. The ayes had it, amendment passed. Hearing no further discussion on the revised article, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer with a due date of October 17 by 6:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted? Moved by Andy Bouchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurel Mosher. No discussion. The ayes had it.

**Article 6.** Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus General funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? (\$47,857) Moved by Shawn Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Pine. Sean Guyette moved to apply it to gravel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karon Thibault. Some discussion about what the Board would like to use it for. Elisa Hauck-Lemieux commended the road crew for doing such a good job but wanted to know about the painting of the lines on the pavement. Larry Judd (Road Foreman) said the state does the painting and last year there was a paint shortage. He has asked for our road to be striped this year. Sean withdrew the amendment as did Karon her 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ernie Emmerson then made the motion to amend it to 50% for gravel and 50% for chloride, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corinne McGrath-Preston. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and the amendment passed. The vote on the amended article passed by voice vote.

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland, pursuant to Title 17 §2640(b), move Town Meeting to Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00AM? Darrell Martin moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clara Nadeau. Diane Judd explained that off and on for years there have been voters that couldn't vote on changing the meeting time and it was thought this was a good opportunity. Mitch noted that if there were Australian balloting that would still be held on the first Tuesday in March, as would the annual school meeting. No discussion. Mitch closed and ayes had it. Town Meeting 2023 will be held on Saturday, March 4 at 10:00AM.

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to repurpose the unspent \$22,984.36 funds from the 2015 Highway Surplus to the Equipment Fund? *(In 2016 the voters approved Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Holland direct the Selectboard to use the Highway budget surplus of \$58,000 to make*

*improvements at the town garage with any of the unspent surplus being used to buy gravel?)* Moved by Norm Lanman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Pine. Hearing no discussion, Mitch closed. Ayes had it.

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland apply any surplus 2021 Highway funds to the Retreatment Fund? (\$104,027) Moved by Shawn Bickford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. Shawn wanted to know if there was a road that needed to be paved? Larry said that 1.6 miles of the Valley Road has not been paved in the past five years and it is needed. Discussion about doing better drainage etc under the road. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it.

**Article 10.** What would the voters of the Town of Holland like to see the ARPA funds used for? (For Discussion Only) Moved by Norm Lanman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Wilkie. Andy said that we can use it for any municipal expense except for paying down debt. He said the Board had a meeting with NEK Broadband about getting fiber in to Holland but it is expensive. Currently we could get a three to one match for any money we donate to this. Jonathan stated that would be the best bang for our buck right now. Derby is interested in paying for their share to help get the fiber from Derby to Holland. A formal request needs to be made to Derby. It will take years for this all to happen. Hearing no more discussion, Mitch closed.

**Article 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to disapprove the recently adopted ATV Ordinance? (In the event a petition is received regarding a vote on the Holland ATV Ordinance) Moved by Ken Pine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Roberts. A petition was received by the Select Board calling for the ordinance to be disapproved. William Sheehan wanted clarification about the vote. A yes vote means you don't want the ATV ordinance, and a no vote means you do want the ordinance. There are still concerns regarding the safety on our roads as well as disrespect. Trevor said the Board's hope is that if someone sees a law being broken, they will call the Sheriff. If there are other issues that come up, the Board would like to be told at a meeting. There were statements both pro and con. Jeremie Preston moved to close discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn Bickford. Ayes had it and discussion was closed. Paula Markwell asked for a paper ballot as did more than six others as is required. 100 ballots were cast. 31 Yes 69 No. The ordinance stands and signs will go up after the close of the meeting.

Brian Champney had asked for Mitch to express his thanks for the help he and his family had received after their recent house fire.

**Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.? Moved by Hugh Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lefebvre. Hearing no discussion, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it. Chantale Nadeau moved to vote Articles 13 through 23, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. Barbara Pine moved to exclude Article 16. Terry Lumbra moved to exclude Article 23. Chantale and Tom amended their motion to reflect the change. Articles 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 were passed by voice vote.

**Article 13.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town?

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers.

**Article 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?

**Article 16.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House? Barbara moved to amend the article to \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pine. When asked why, both Barbara and Diane explained how hard covid had hit the Haskell as it is on the border and had more restrictions than other local libraries. Mitch closed discussion. The amendment passed by voice vote. The amended article also passed by voice vote.

**Article 17.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$700.00 for the support of Dailey Memorial Library to provide services to residents of the Town?

**Article 18.** To see if the Town of Holland will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

**Article 19.** Shall voters of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing and finding homes for unwanted pets?

**Article 20.** Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?

**Article 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs?

**Article 22.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,258 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

**Article 23.** Shall the Town of Holland vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Orleans County Fair to continue support of the grounds for community events. Moved by Ken Pine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Pine. When asked why this was on our warning, Diane said a petition was submitted. No more discussion and Mitch closed. The ayes had it and the article passed.

**Article 24.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting. Jonathan Morin stated that he is a fan of volunteerism. Regarding

appropriations, he would rather see each tax payer donate to any or all organizations that they deem worthy. There was some discussion about how we might effect this change rather than the petition requests. The specifics of the idea would need to be investigated. Ernie suggested there needs to be more attendance at Select Board meetings. Karla Braunesreither (Chair of the Holland Community Center) spoke about the five events that the HCC has hosted thus far. They have started meetups. They received two grants but were denied the grant they applied for to help with the outdoor walking path. They are looking for donations of time and equipment to help with the path. July 16<sup>th</sup> is going to be Holland Day. There will be a parade, games, food, vendors, possibly a bounce house and lots of fun to be had. There will be a carnival type theme. If you have games to share, please contact Karla. It is important to note that none of the events that the HCC has done have been supported by taxpayer dollars from the Town. Diane asked for kudos for Larry as he is retiring and for the road crew for the great job they do. Larry received a round of applause with a standing ovation. Andy moved to close discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara. The ayes had it.

**Article 25.** To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Chantale Nadeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corinne McGrath-Preston. The ayes had it. Meeting adjourned at 12:04PM

#### **Dated this 23rd day of May, 2022**

Diane H Judd – Holland Town Clerk

Michael (Mitch) Wonson – Holland Town Moderator

## **MINUTES**

### **Annual Town Meeting**

**The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont met in said town on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10A.M. at the Holland Elementary School to transact the following business:**

Mitch Wonson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM but asked to wait a few more minutes to get down to business, due to the snowy weather. Our State Representative Larry Labor spoke about various bills that have been introduced.

Mitch went over the ground rules.

**Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Mitch Wonson nominated by Deforest Lumbra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pine. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch closed nominations. Ayes had it. Mitch was elected as Moderator.

**Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. No questions so Mitch closed discussion.

**Article 3.** To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year.

**Select Board** member for a term of three years: Andrew Bouchard was nominated by Jennifer Harlow. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Andrew Bouchard**.

**Lister** – Heather Dowland was nominated by Diane Judd. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Heather Dowland** as Lister.

**Auditor** – Heather Dowland was nominated by Diane Judd. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Heather Dowland** as Auditor.

**Constable** – Greg Bronson was nominated by Gilles Morin. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Greg Bronson** as Constable.

**Delinquent Tax Collector** – Diane Judd was nominated by Jennifer Harlow. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** as Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Cemetery Commission** – Kenric Gonyaw was nominated by Lucy Neel to serve for a five year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was

instructed to cast one ballot for **Kenric Gonyaw** as Cemetery Commissioner.

**Solid Waste Supervisor** – Hearing no nominations and no objections, Mitch closed nominations.

**Planning Commission** (Jonathan Morin's) – Kenric Gonyaw was nominated by Kenric Gonyaw. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Kenric Gonyaw** as Planning Commissioner for a term of 3 Years.

**Planning Commission** – Bobbi-Jo Letourneau nominated Bobbi-Jo Letourneau to a 1 year term. Gilles Morin nominated Jonathan Morin and then withdrew the nomination. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Bobbi-Jo Letourneau** as Planning Commissioner

**Planning Commission** – Gilles Morin nominated Jonathan Morin to a 2 year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Jonathan Morin** as Planning Commissioner.

**Planning Commission** – Karla Braunesreither nominated Karla Braunesreither to a 3 year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Karla Braunesreither** as Planning Commissioner.

**Planning Commission** – Kenric Gonyaw nominated Adam Fortin-Sanville to a 2 year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Adam Fortin-Sanville** as Planning Commissioner.

A round of applause for those elected officials who have served.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money by tax to meet the expenses and liabilities for the ensuing year, not to exceed \$840,843.28 less such State Aid as is received by the Town. Moved by Lucy Neel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pine. No discussion. Mitch closed. Ayes had it and the budget was approved.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer with a due date of October 16, 2023 by 5:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted? Moved by Tom Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pine. No discussion. Mitch closed. Ayes had it. Article passed.

**Article 6.** Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the *Highway Garage Reserve Fund* to be used for building a new town garage, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2840? Moved by Tom Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pine. Trevor spoke about why the Article came to be; High value

equipment is being stored outside. It will cost a considerable amount of money to build a new facility. No more discussion. Mitch closed. Ayes had it. Article passed.

**Article 7.** If Article 6 is Yes, Shall the town deposit money from the general/highway fund surplus to establish a Highway Garage Reserve Fund? Moved by Ken Pine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Harlow. It is estimated that the surplus is \$93,421. The board discussed how the surplus came about; due to grants being received, underspent budget, delinquent taxes and interest. Tom Adams proposed using 100% of the surplus being put into the Highway Garage Reserve Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Letourneau. Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it. Article passed.

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to apply any unallocated surplus funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? Mitch said as this article is moot as no surplus is available, if no objections we would move on to Article 9. No objections.

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland, pursuant to Title 17 §2640(b), move Town Meeting to Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00AM? Moved by Jennifer Harlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenric Gonyaw. Andy explained why Town Meeting had been moved to Saturday. Ernie Emmerson moved to amend the Article to Tuesday, at 10:00AM until voted otherwise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deforest Lumbra. Ernie stated that the only thing we really have control over is town meeting. Vic Petell stated that if we want to get young people involved, we need to make town meeting at a time that they can come. Discussion ceased. Amendment vote – hand count Yes 15, No 11. The amendment passed. Andy asked for a reconsideration, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maire Folan. Ayes had it. Maire moved to open for discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deforest Lumbra. Deforest moved to vote by paper ballot; 7 additional voters agreed. Maire proposed an amendment to move to Monday at 5:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Harlow. Discussion ceased. Nays had it. Amendment defeated. The original amended Article was voted on by paper ballot. Yes 19, No 14. Town meeting will go back to Tuesday at 10:00AM until voted otherwise.

**Article 10.** Shall the voters of the Town of Holland, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1936a prohibit law enforcement authority of the Constable? Moved by Jennifer Harlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Letourneau. Ernie asked what the purpose was to this? Diane explained that due to his current job our Constable is not allowed to do law enforcement type duties. In addition, unless we vote to not allow this type of duty, we could be on the hook for training and possible insurance consequences. Discussion ceased. Ayes had it.

**Article 11.** Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by advertising in the paper at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)? Upon request, the Town Clerk shall mail or distribute a copy of the full report to a voter or resident of the town. Moved by Kenric Gonyaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Currier. How much does mailing cost? Roughly \$400 according to Diane. Diane spoke about the many town reports that simply get tossed out having never been read. It costs around \$7 - \$8 to produce each report plus postage to mail them. It's not that town reports won't be done, they just won't automatically go out to each voter. When asked about keeping a list of people who want them mailed, Diane was agreeable to this. Ayes had it. Town reports will not be mailed out in 2024 unless a voter requests it.

**Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.? Lucy Neel moved to combine Articles 12 – 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Adams. A question was asked regarding the Haskell appropriation so Lucy amended her motion to Articles 12-15 and Articles 17-21, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Discussion ceased. Ayes had it.

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**Article 22.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting. Moved by Kenric Gonyaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Bouchard. There was discussion about petitions and the current policy in regards to appropriation requests. Currently, there needs to be three years of successful petitions before an organization does not have to submit a petition; unless they change the requested amount, they don't have to submit a petition.

The road conditions were discussed and the fact that the roads had not been plowed in a timely manner. Trevor said it had been addressed. There were concerns about the speed which the new road foreman seems to be going in equipment.

Andy brought up the idea of only having Select Board meetings once per month unless otherwise needed. The idea is not to make it harder for folks to attend, there just isn't always much to meet about.

Brian Champney spoke about the need for better water availability for the fire department. He had approached the International Water Company about installing a dry hydrant on their line and with him footing the bill. They turned him down. Andy said he had met with the Derby Line Village Trustees and International Water via a Zoom meeting last year. Some of the lines are wooden and some have asbestos and apparently there is gunk in the lines which would interfere with the fire hoses. This may be something for our Planning Commission to look into. Karla Braunesreither – Chair of the Holland Community Center spoke and said the HCC had a great year and have plans for 2023. There is a need for more support and members on the HCC Board. No more discussion. Ayes had it to close discussion.

**Article 23.** To adjourn the meeting. Ernie moved to adjourn at 11:53, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy Neel. Ayes had it and the meeting was adjourned.

**Dated this 6th day of March, 2023**

Diane H Judd – Holland Town Clerk

Michael (Mitch) Wonson – Holland Town Moderator

**Results of Australian Balloting:**

**North Country Union High School District**

**Article IV** 24 in Favor 7 Opposed

**Article V** 25 in Favor 6 Opposed

**Holland Elementary School Budget Article IV** 27 in Favor 4  
Opposed

**Article V.** Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve holding the annual meeting of the Holland Town School District on the same date as the Holland Town Annual meeting?  
29 in Favor 2 Opposed

**Vital Statistics – 2023**

**BIRTHS**

**Child**

Elijah Preston  
McKinley Steven  
Cade Bronson  
Kolsyn Gochie  
Benjamin Falconer  
Kennedi Percy

**Parents**

Corinne & Jeremie Preston  
Amber Stevens  
Greg & Ciera Bronson  
Kallie Driver & Alex Gochie  
Brooke Trucott & Jacob Falconer  
Chelsea & Kyran Percy

**WEDDINGS**

Amber Day  
Beth Barry  
Tammy Blanchard  
Chelsey Veilleux  
Tisha Bailey  
Allegra Grieco

Joseph Burnett	January
Roger Corriveau, Jr	July
Edward Duncan	August
Steven Patenaude	October
Richard Johnson, III	November
Jacob Wirgau	December

**DEATHS**

**Name**

Adam Judd  
T. Bradley Stouffer  
Ann Staples  
Raymond Fontaine  
Patricia Lewis

**Residence**

Holland  
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Select Board:	
Chair – Andy Bouchard .....	922-1503
Trevor Gray .....	895-2565
Jonathan Morin.....	673-4741
Town Garage, Valley Road .....	895-2923
Road Foreman – Tommy Charest .....	323-6073
Town Fire Warden – Dave Jacobs .....	673-2272
Constable – Greg Bronson .....	978-618-7780
Town Tree Warden – Andre Morin.....	895-2945
Fire Department, Derby Line .....	911
Ambulance .....	911
State Police Barracks, Derby.....	334-8881
Orleans County Sheriff Dept.....	334-3333
Immigration, Customs & Border Patrol .....	873-3277

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## **Board and Committee Meetings**

**Annual Town Meeting:** March 4, 2023 10:00AM Holland School

**Selectboard:** Tuesdays (as posted) - Town Office: 6:30PM

**Schoolboard:** First Tuesday – Holland School – 6:30PM

**Planning Commission:** Town Office - 6:30PM as needed

### ***Town Clerk's Office Hours***

Monday 8 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday 8 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday 8 am to 4:30 pm

Closed Wednesday & Friday

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