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ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL

HOLLAND
VERMONT

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

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TOWN OF HOLLAND VERMONT

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT 2020

Year Ending December 31, 2020

Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, May 22, 2021

10:00 am

Australian Ballot Voting

Holland School Budget, Officers & Questions

JR & SR High Budgets

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:30 am – 7:00 pm

Holland Elementary School

**The Holland Elementary School Board will be holding an
Informational Meeting on Tuesday February 23, 2021 at
6:00p.m. – This will be a virtual meeting.**

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Reminders –

Have you filed your HS-122 for 2020 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. 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.

Rabies Clinic

There will be no Holland Rabies Clinic this year
due to the pandemic

Tractor Supply will be having Rabies Clinics on:
February 28
March 28

**Please call Tractor Supply in Derby for more
information 334-2944**



Holland Dog Licenses may be done through
the mail – or you may drop your renewal
form with payment and proof of valid rabies
vaccination (if yours has expired) through
the mail slot at the office.

Voting Information

Town Meeting – Will be postponed until May in the hopes of holding it outside. Voting for officers and the Town/Highway budget are done from the floor. If there is a contested race (more than one person wants it) there is usually a paper ballot cast. At that point you take a small piece of paper and mark who you want on it and bring it to the town clerk and place it in the ballot box.

Australian Ballot Items – The Junior/Senior High School/Career Center, Holland Elementary School budgets and Holland School questions are done this way. These items may be voted on by absentee ballot – this may be done 20 days before Town Meeting is held. To request an absentee ballot, you must contact the town clerk. Polls are open from 7:30 AM until 7:00 PM and Town Meeting and voting are held at the Holland School. When requesting an absentee ballot – you may vote right at the office. If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact Diane at 895-4440 or holland1805@hotmail.com

Online Voter Registration

Online Voter Registration Tool – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and

“My Voter Page” – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

You may now register to vote on the same day as voting is taking place.

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 Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10A.M. to transact the following business:

- Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- Article 3.** To elect all 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 \$818,160.88 less such State Aid as is received by the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same, according to the Grand List as established by the Board of Listers.
- 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 by 6:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted?
- Article 6.** Shall the Town vote to carry forward \$10,000 for Town Office building and grounds upkeep?
- Article 7.** Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to change the current appropriation of 1-1/2 percent of the Grand List to 3-1/2 percent for the upkeep of the Mead Hill and Marston Cemeteries?
- Article 9.** Shall all appropriation requests be required to submit petitions, with the exceptions of those organizations which have received appropriations for three consecutive years?
- Article 10.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?
- Article 11.** 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 12.** 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 13.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?
- Article 14.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 to support the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?
- Article 15.** 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 16.** 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 17.** 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 18.** Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?
- Article 19.** 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 20.** To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting.
- Article 21.** To adjourn the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Holland:

Trevor Gray
Timothy Sykes
Andrew Bouchard

The following Articles shall be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2.

Voting will be at the Holland School gym (26 School Road) from 7:30AM until 7:00PM

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 \$17,262,000, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,640 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.43% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$500,000 of undesignated FY2019 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? These funds are intended to offset the heating and ventilation units' replacement in A and B wings. The units are original to the building, and replacement parts are no longer available.

ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$5,195,600, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,929 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.25% higher than spending for the current year.

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 IN THE HOLLAND SCHOOL BUILDING IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021, AT 7:30 A.M. TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

- 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. Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$ 628,000, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,005 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.05% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article IV Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to use \$20,000 of FY2020 Fund Balance to reduce indebtedness from the 2014 roof replacement and renovation project?
- Article V Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the School Directors to move \$13,000 of FY 2020 Fund Balance to the Tuition Reserve Fund?
- Article VI Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the school directors to enter into agreements to utilize the school building for mixed use community space?

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED USING THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM ON **MARCH 2, 2021**. THE POLLS, LOCATED AT THE HOLLAND ELEMENTARY 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, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021, AT 6:00 PM. THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING. LINKS AND PHONE-IN INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE. THIS MEETING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17V.S.A. 2680(G).

DATED AT HOLLAND, VERMONT THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021:

TOWN OF HOLLAND
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

LINCOLN PETELL
JONATHAN MORIN
NANCY NOBLE

RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021 AT HOLLAND, VT

ATTEST: DIANE JUDD, TOWN CLERK

Town Officers

Elected Position	Term of Office	Term Expires
Moderator (Town)	1 Year	Michael (Mitch) Wonson.. 2021
Moderator (School)	1 Year.....	Michael (Mitch) Wonson..2021
Town Clerk.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd 2022
Treasurer.....	3 Years....	Diane Judd 2022
Selectboard.....	3 Years....	Tim Sykes2021
	3 Years....	Trevor Gray 2022
	3 Years....	Andrew Bouchard..... 2023
Listers.....	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude.....2021
	3 Years....	Diane Judd 2022
	3 Years....	Angela Thresher..... 2023
Auditors.....	3 Years....	Gaetane Patenaude2021
	3 Years....	Suzanne Moulton.....2022
	3 Years....	Angela Thresher2023
Constable.....	1 Year	Greg Bronson 2021
2 nd Constable	1 year	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector ...	1 Year	Diane Judd..... 2021
School Director	3 Years	Lincoln Petell..... 2021
	3 Years....	Nancy Noble.....2022
	3 Years....	Jonathan Morin 2023
Union School Director.....	3 Years....	Jennifer Harlow Jacobs..... 2022
Cemetery Commissioner	5 Years....	Diana Emmerson 2021
	5 Years...	Lucy Neel 2022
	5 Years....	Joe Noble 2023
	5 Years....	Heather Dowland..... 2024
	5 Years....	Laurie Gray..... 2025
Solid Waste Supervisor.....	1 Year	Joe Noble2021
Planning Commission	3 Years....	Bruce Wilkie.....2021
	3 Years....	Linda Wilkie 2022
	3 Years....	Joe Noble 2022
	3 Years....	Jonathan Morin.....2023
	3 Years....	Vacant.....2023

Town Officers

Appointed by Selectboard:

Tree Warden..... Andre Morin
Emergency Management..... Dave Jacobs
Green-Up Chair..... Michael (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/Asst School Treasurer Angela Thresher
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 2020)

Thomas Adams
Brian Currier
Diane Judd
Lucy Neel
Barbara Pine

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. In our opinion the financial statements are in good order. We would like to thank Diane Judd for her excellent accounting and record keeping. We would like to add that as auditors we appreciate Diane's dedication to the town and how she is always training and improving her skills to help our town run smoothly

Suzanne Moulton

Gaetane Patenaude

Angela Thresher

Town of Holland Auditors

Financial Statement

Town of Holland

Assets Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

General Fund:	Balance	
Checking #01	64,305.80	
Money Market #13	368,061.11	
Highway Checking #01	<u>11,329.19</u>	\$443,696.10
Cemeteries:		
Checking #13	13,704.91	
Savings #19	65.83	
CD #71	<u>4,260.01</u>	\$18,030.75
Accounts Receivable:		
Delinquent Taxes:		
2015	602.73	
2016	617.94	
2017	3,253.57	
2018	9,694.51	
2019	16,896.51	
2020	<u>40,427.35</u>	
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$71,492.77

Indebtedness:

Bank Loans – Balance on December 31, 2020

John Deere Grader 672GP (2021)	51,550.42
2017 International Truck (2021)	40,534.57
2019 International Truck (2023)	81,300.04
2017 F-550 Pick-up (2023)	41,562.52
Tice Mill Rd Structure (2021)	52,500.00
Fire Truck Share (2023)	25,250.00

Total Debt	\$292,697.55
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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 (2017)
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 – 2020

(Money received from the State of Vermont)

Department	01/01/20 - 12/31/2020
<u>General Fund</u>	
Town Clerk Fees	450.00
Current Use – Hold Harmless	132,837.00
2020 Taxes - Fish & Wildlife	31,079.40
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	28,998.24
Judicial Fines	12.50
Equalization Payment	515.00
Digitization Grant	4,341.53
Election Supplies Grant	155.08
Planning Grant	15,231.00
Act 60 – Reappraisal/EEGL Study	<u>4,377.00</u>
	\$218,003.95
<u>Highways</u>	
State Aid - Class 2	45,113.98
State Aid - Class 3	54,358.67
State Aid – Supplemental	25,794.75
VT Better Roads Grant (1)	<u>5,689.05</u>
	\$130,956.45
<u>School</u>	
State Aid (3110)	268,732.52
Small Schools Grant (3145)	<u>-35,722.00</u>
	\$233,010.52
TOTAL All Departments	\$581,970.92

TAX TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Year	Grand List	Rate	Taxes
2016	566,022.04	2.4932/2.5964	1,440,773.01
2017	560,591.18	2.6093/2.6213	1,470,494.46
2018	567,405.58	2.6067/2.6629	1,495,222.49
2019	570,121.63	2.6548/2.7678	1,545,864.25
2020	574,135.56	2.5996/2.7360	1,530,822.90

Grand List size reflects Current Use Reductions

2020 Taxes As Billed – after all Homestead Changes

Rate Category	Rate	Grand List	Total Tax Billed
Non-Res Education	1.7547	280,791.92	492,705.66
Homestead Education	1.6183	293,343.64	474,718.05
Paving/Retreatment	0.0872	574,135.56	50,064.54
Veteran's Exemption	0.0017	574,135.56	976.08
Town Highway	0.8263	574,135.56	474,408.26
Town General	0.0661	574,135.56	<u>31,983.90</u>
TOTAL TAX			1,530,822.90
Total State Payments (Education)			171,260.76

Listers Report

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXABLE PARCELS IN HOLLAND 510

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 2016 our listed values were at	87.54%
In 2017 our listed values were at	91.62%
In 2018 our listed values were at	90.64%
In 2019 our listed values were at	92.78%
In 2020 our listed values were at	89.09%

The last town-wide reappraisal was done in 2006.

Holland Board of Listers:

Diane Judd, Chair
Angela Thresher
Gaetane Patenaude

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Ashford, Judith	142,600	70,900	71,700
Bailey, Brent	91,600	34,700	56,900
Barrup, Lee & Amy	87,600	54,500	33,100
Castle, Nancy	126,400	20,500	105,900
Chalifour, Anne	31,700	20,700	11,000
Chalifour, Anne	77,400	54000	23,400
Chalifour, Anne	173,500	81,200	92,300
Champigny, Tony & Gabriel	170,000	20,179	149,821
Champney, Gary Jr & Leighann	235,700	90,700	145,000
Champney, Linda H	88,100	66,600	21,500
Champney, Linda H	1,991,000	1,534,400	456,600
Dagesse, Daniel & Irene	316,300	192,400	123,900
Daggett, Dave & Claire	17,200	14,700	2,500
Daggett, Steven	268,600	73,200	195,400
Davidson, Scott & Tim/Jacobs D	73,800	44,500	29,300
Ducharme, Daniel L	50,400	39,400	11,000
Durocher, Matthew	93,300	81,200	12,100
Emery, Catherine/Tice, Allen	239,000	90,613	148,387
Farrow, Michael W & Melanie F	187,200	7,100	180,100
Fecteau, Betsy Victoria	131,100	34,900	96,200
Ferwerda, Michelle	245,000	102,700	142,300
Fortin, Edward & Theresa	25,500	13,600	11,900
Fortin Edward & Theresa	1,030,800	596,300	434,500
Fortin, Michael & Deborah	54,100	29,400	24,700
Fortin, Simone	168,500	22,800	145,700
Foster, Laura	461,200	39,200	422,000
Gentile, Nicola & Maria	257,700	42,500	215,200
Gray Farms Realty LLC	2,182,600	1,885,600	297,000
Gray Farms Realty LLC	645,600	454,200	191,400
Gray Farms Realty LLC	227,100	205,500	21,600
Gray Farms Realty LLC	53,900	43,100	10,800
Gray Farms Realty LLC	77,000	58,900	18,100

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Gray Farms Realty LLC	15,800	14,100	1,700
Gray Farms Realty LLC	59,100	45,400	13,600
Gray Farms Realty LLC	77,000	58,900	18,100
Gray, Keith	232,500	177,700	54,800
Gray, Keith & Ruth	142,700	120,000	22,700
Gray, Keith & Ruth	87,700	18,030	69,670
Hamblett, Nathan & Tracy	146,600	43,200	103,400
Hickey, Joan	236,200	35,100	201,100
Hutchins, Jeffrey & Anna	359,700	80,500	279,200
JLS Forestry LLC	514,700	338,000	176,700
Judd, Eric & Jessica	242,700	52,103	190,597
Judd, Jaret & Jessica	128,400	62,000	66,400
Judd, Lawrence Sr	19,500	10,700	8,800
Judd, Lawrence Sr	71,800	53,763	18,037
Judd, Lawrence Sr	262,100	115,200	146,900
Kennedy, Monte F	138,400	96,200	42,200
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	31,000	21,800	9,200
Kutrubes, Peter & Stefan	283,300	150,800	132,500
Lafreniere, Leon & Tammy	190,100	55,200	134,900
Leitch, Jamie & Lynne	195,800	43,500	152,300
Letourneau, Priscilla	215,000	66,500	148,500
Line Farm, LLC	221,800	100,733	121,067
Marquis, Robert C	213,200	72,100	141,100
Marquis, Robert J	79,600	52,600	27,000
McLure, David	227,400	184,500	42,900
Merrill, Cynthia	282,800	230,800	52,000
Merrill, Jacob	53,800	34,900	18,900
Morin, Andre	80,600	61,500	19,100
Morin, Andre	88,900	78,800	10,100
Morin, Andre	411,100	200,900	210,200
Morin, John	573,700	307,300	266,400
Morin, Sue/Jonathan/Nathan	171,400	34,100	137,300

Current Use Exemptions Report

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT USE EXEMPTION	TAXED VALUE
Murphy, Jeremy	131,000	59,900	71,100
Nadeau, Aaron & Chantale	1,432,400	793,800	638,600
Parenteau, Robert & Cynthia	193,100	115,900	77,200
Patenaude, M&G, M&D	41,600	34,400	7,200
Patenaude, M&G, M&D, S	96,900	9,200	87,700
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	137,600	107,100	30,500
Patenaude, Marcel & Gaetane	508,900	331,900	177,000
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	1,535,600	1,051,615	483,985
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	35,700	29,800	5,900
Patenaude, Ron & Jennifer	180,200	151,600	28,600
Petell, Patricia	325,100	124,105	200,995
Petell, Victor A	504,200	224,900	279,300
Peter Piper Timber LLC	132,700	110,300	22,400
Peters, Richard & Mary Jane	97,900	83,893	14,007
Provencal, Roland & Arthur	467,800	315,500	152,300
Richards, D & Karalunas, D	150,900	5,700	145,200
Schub, William & Lisa	317,900	142,100	175,800
Sullivan, Suzanne	101,400	74,910	26,490
Taplin, Brian	44,000	28,400	15,600
Tatum, Miriam	89,000	72,900	16,100
Tice, Mark	196,000	134,600	61,400
Tice, Paul & Tice, Mark	<u>142,600</u>	<u>100,900</u>	<u>41,700</u>
TOTAL	22,931,400	13,234,844	9,696,556

*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. The municipal and school taxes are made up by taxpayers throughout the state. There were 86 properties enrolled in 2020.

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 12/31/2020

Beauvais, J/Reilly, J	Lafleur, David
Carter, Carrie **	Laurent, Morgan
Davison, Jared	Lockwood/Lagana*
Dulac, Alain	Mills, Pauline
Farrow, Marc & Felicia *	Newell, Mark/Merrill, Cindy *
Farrow, Marc	Pavelchak, William & Marie
Farrow, Michael & Melanie *	Reilly, Jessica *
Graves, James	Rolfe, Justin
Guerrera, Robert	Scott, Daniel & Kory
Healey, Bryan**	Searles, Richard *
Herb, Ray & Brenda**	Shepard, Craig & Debra
Jensen, Barbara **	Skinner, Lawrence (Estate)
Kingsley, Carlton	Wilmington Savings **

2015 Delinquent Total.....	602.73
2016 Delinquent Total.....	617.94
2017 Delinquent Total.....	3,253.57
2018 Delinquent Total.....	9,694.67
2019 Delinquent Total.....	16,896.51
2020 Delinquent Total.....	40,427.35
GRAND TOTAL Delinquent 12/31/2020	71,492.77

2017 Delinquent taxes collected	5,635.52
2018 Delinquent taxes collected	11,931.52
2019 Delinquent taxes collected	38,846.75
2020 Delinquent taxes collected (10/16/20-12/31/20).....	50,725.96
Total Delinquent Taxes Collected	107,139.75

***Payment Agreement**

****Paid in full after 12/31/2020**

A Tax Sale is planned for 2021.

Cemetery Commission 2020

The Commission is proud to say that we have had a very productive year, in spite of the pandemic. Most of the meetings were able to be held regularly outside right at Mead Hill Cemetery.

Here is a list of the projects that were done at the Cemetery in 2020: 1. The old maple tree by the south gate was removed. It had a rotten core posing a risk of personal injury or breakage of a headstone, if it fell. 2. The new Mead Hill Cemetery sign was erected. 3. A section of the fence on the south side of the cemetery was repaired. It was in bad shape, broken and overgrown with sumac bushes. 3. The biggest, and most expensive, project was the repair and straightening of fifty stones in the Cemetery.

These projects, along with the regular mowing and trimming, have certainly added to the beautification of Mead Hill Cemetery. But all of these projects and lawn care come at a cost. The most expensive project was the stone repair. Because very little money had been spent on the cemetery, except for lawn care in several years, the Commission had enough money to put toward these projects. The stone repair was a cost of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) alone. To have the stones repaired and straightened in the proper way is costly and requires a lot of work and expertise. This is an ongoing project, with more repair being planned each year as money allows. If repair and straightening is not kept up, every year more headstones will require care. The lawn care is also a big expense. (Our lawn care also covers our half of the Marston Cemetery on the Derby Town line.) We have received many kudos for the neat and manicured look of the cemeteries this year.

We received a grant from VOCA, (Thanks to Lucy.) That along with donations of money, material and work from citizens or people interested in the Cemetery, helped defray costs on the projects.

Each year, the Cemetery Commission receives a disbursement from the Town. This year we are asking for an increase in this disbursement. We have been getting one and one half percent of the grand list since 2014. At this rate, that amount would not even cover the cost of our lawn care. Given our funds on hand, there would not be enough left over to continue with our headstone work. We are asking for three and one half percent of the grand list. This request is a warning item and the Commission is asking to *please* vote yes on this warning item! Keeping Mead Hill Cemetery well cared for and the headstones in good repair is honoring all of those who are laid to rest there, as well as being a beautiful site that reflects positively on Holland.

Thank You, The Holland Cemetery Commission

Holland Cemetery Commission Perpetual Care – Cemetery – Trust Funds

Total in Trust Account	\$4,260.01
Funds held in Trust Account #19Ritchie Trust 1966	<u>\$65.83</u>
<i>Grand Total of All Funds Held in Trust</i>	<u>\$4,325.84</u>
(Interest only is for use in the Cemetery upkeep)	

Cemetery Commission 2020 Financial Statement

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2020		\$25,626.30
Receipts:		
Town Appropriation	\$8,603.00	
Donations	400.00	
Grave openings	250.00	
Interest from Trust Account CD	25.14	
Interest from NOW account	<u>10.91</u>	
<i>Total Receipts</i>		<u>9,289.05</u>
<i>Total Funds Available</i>		<u>\$34,915.35</u>
Expenses:		
Mowing Mead Hill/Marston Cemetery	9,500.00	
Fence Repair – Mead Hill	575.44	
Tree Removal	300.00	
New Mead Hill Cemetery Sign	360.00	
Corner Markers “G”	125.00	
Stone Repair	10,000.00	
Sextant	50.00	
Grave openings	<u>300.00</u>	
<i>Total Expenses</i>		<u>\$21,210.44</u>
<i>Ending Balance, December 31, 2020</i>		<u>\$13,704.91</u>

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

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expire April 1st 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. 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 registration plus temporary "R" sticker which is valid for 30 days from the date of renewal. 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://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Closed Wednesday & Friday

Currently I am limiting access to the office for safety reasons. Thank you for your consideration.

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 895-4067.

2020 was a very challenging year due to the pandemic. Due to these challenges grants were made available to assist the office for both safety at our elections and to digitize our land records. This allowed us to purchase two laptops, election signage and a duplexing scanner.

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

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.

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. Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash!

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

PLASTIC BAGS: Any plastic bag that is labeled #2 or #4 or #5 or has been identified as such. Any color is accepted. Includes bubble wrap.

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, Oil Filters, Automotive batteries, all batteries, propane tanks, metal aerosol cans, cellular phones, fluorescent bulbs. Tires & rims (separated only!)

ELECTRONICS: Computers, Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Computer Peripherals (Mouse, Keyboard, Scanner). Electronics must be intact, no loose pieces!

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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 5 9-1 Derby Recycling Center

Saturday, June 19 8-12 Newport Ctr Town Garage

Recycling Attendant – Ray Fontaine 603-505-5049

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

Fire Protection Report – 2020

Fire calls to Holland from the Derby Line Fire Department

Expenses

March	E Fortin – Chimney Fire	126.00
April	911 Call reported Accident/No Accident	309.00
July	Gagne – Maple Hill Rd	*184.00
	Purrier – Trucott Rd Alarm	*100.00
September	Holland Pond Fire – State Land	447.00
	Percy – Bonfire reported	194.00
November	R Patenaude – Tractor Fire	162.00
December	R Long – Chimney Fire	186.00

Total paid fire calls for 2020.....\$1,708.00

****Reimbursements.....\$284.00***

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

Selectboard Report

We made the decision to postpone Town Meeting until we can (hopefully) safely meet. Our plan is to meet at the school, under a tent. According to the current guidelines we could only have a total of 36 people attend if we were to hold it in the school gym. We feel it is important for our little town to have the opportunity to gather to discuss in person what is happening here. The date for Town Meeting 2021 is going to be Saturday, May 22 at 10:00. The Legislature passed bill H.48 which allowed us to change the date.

Norm Fortin was replaced by Andrew Bouchard at Town Meeting last year. Many thanks to Norm for his nine years of service to the Town of Holland.

The Town of Holland finally has a written agreement with the Derby Line Fire Department. Trevor was instrumental in developing an agreement with Fire Chief Ellam to protect Holland's future interest in the Fire Department.

Plans for replacing a large box culvert on Tice Mill Road came to a halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The project was to be funded primarily with a State grant. Due to shortfalls in Vermont's income, the State cancelled all road grants. The hope is that the project can be completed in 2021.

The Personnel policy was updated due to changing circumstances with health insurance. Our intent is to keep this document current so that future Select Boards have a good reference tool.

Once again ATV's on town roads was brought to the forefront. Scott Jenness, President of Border Line Ridge Riders came to the Board with the request that Bates Hill Road, Lackey Road and part of Mead Hill Road be open so riders could go to the Morgan Country Store. There was discussion regarding the request which resulted in Trevor creating a poll which was mailed out to property owners and registered voters. The results are on the following page. No further action has been taken as it has not been safe to have a large meeting.

The Board received several complaints regarding junk, etc on properties in Town. Steps were taken to rectify the situations, but the process is ongoing and will be further addressed in the spring.

As of July 1, the State of Vermont made it law that no food waste is supposed to go in your household trash. We reviewed the idea of having compost at the Recycling Center and rejected it as we felt it could create more problems. We

found an alternative in NEK Community Composting; for \$10 per month they will pick up your compost weekly. For information, call 802-323-7792.

The windows at the Town Office were replaced with more efficient vinyl windows in December. The office was built in 1984 and the windows were not insulated and were not in great shape. The hope is to replace the floors in 2021 and to do some other maintenance to keep the building in good shape.

You will notice that there is a 2nd Constable position on the elected officers list. We feel that with the combination of animal calls and the Junk/Trash ordinance, it would better serve the people of Holland to have two Constables.

We are elected to serve you, the people. We currently meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30PM at the town offices. If there is something that you want the board to be aware of the best place to discuss it is at a board meeting. If you would like to be added to a meeting agenda, please contact Diane on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

The Holland Select Board:

Trevor Gray – Chair

Andrew Bouchard – Vice Chair

Tim Sykes

Town Of Holland ATV Poll Results

Total Results:

Total People Sent Poll: 609

Total Responses Received: 252

- Note that not every poll response had answers to all 3 questions in the poll.

Question 1: What is your opinion on allowing ATV access on Holland town roads to Holland residents and taxpayers only?

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
105	67	24	32	16	4	137	83	28

Question 2: What is your opinion on allowing ATV access on Holland town roads to residents and nonresidents of the Town of Holland?

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
95	84	18	27	20	7	122	104	25

Question 3: Borderline Ridge Riders ATV Club is requesting use of a specific portion of town road. This route would start on Bates Hill Road at the Derby/Holland town line, continue on to the Lackey Road, and then turn on to Mead Hill Road to the Morgan/Holland town line. What is your opinion on allowing the Borderline Ridge Riders ATV Club access to travel this specific route on these roads in the Town of Holland?

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Not In Favor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
98	80	20	31	17	6	129	97	26

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2020 BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2021 Proposed General Fund Budget

	Budget FY 2020	Actual FY 2020	Budget FY 2021
ADMINISTRATION			
Assistant Clerks	9,000.00	7,637.63	9,000.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	37,500.00	37,500.32	39,000.00
Selectmen	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00
Constable/2 nd Constable	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Auditors	500.00	247.02	500.00
Listers	0.00	664.46	0.00
Delinquent Tax Coll Fees	0.00	7,928.43	0.00
Ballot Clerks	650.00	542.52	500.00
Recycle Attendant	2,275.00	2,275.00	2,700.00
Clerk to the Board	<u>625.00</u>	<u>625.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
	53,700.00	60,570.38	56,000.00
INSURANCE			
Consolidated Insurance	5,120.00	5,173.64	5,336.00
Officers Bond	130.00	130.00	130.00
Dental Insurance	300.00	273.73	300.00
Health Insurance	<u>2,800.00</u>	<u>2,800.20</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	8,299.50	8,377.57	8,766.00
OFFICE			
Electricity	850.00	558.72	850.00
Telephone/Internet	1,100.00	1,036.71	1,100.00
Office Supplies	800.00	911.06	800.00
Computer Supplies	650.00	2,694.00	700.00
Bldgs & Grounds	10,000.00	5,343.23	3,500.00
Postage	1,300.00	1,418.80	1,100.00
Record Book	230.00	371.50	300.00
Lister's Reappraisal Expense		823.61	
Office Equipment	<u>150.00</u>	<u>1,492.38</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	15,080.00	14,650.01	8,600.00
PAYROLL EXPENSES			
FICA Share	4,700.00	4,465.06	4,700.00
Medicare Share	<u>500.00</u>	<u>362.24</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	4,950.00	4,827.30	5,200.00

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2020 BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2021 Proposed General Fund Budget

	Budget FY 2020	Actual FY 2020	Budget FY 2021
GENERAL OPERATION			
Town Reports	2,000.00	1,671.00	2,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00	1,316.25	2,500.00
Recycling	3,000.00	2,647.52	3,000.00
Training	2,300.00	510.00	2,300.00
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	547.42	1,000.00
Advertising	150.00	96.25	150.00
Dues	8,146.00	7,116.00	8,150.00
Planning Commission Costs	1,000.00	**8,344.25	1,000.00
Blackboard Connect	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	3,000.00	39.80	3000.00
Property Tax Refunds		9,143.20	
Tax to Schools		830,978.99	
Fire Truck Loan Payment			8,797.79
Miscellaneous*	<u>100.00</u>	<u>664.89</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	21,196.00	864,075.57	32,997.79
SERVICES & ASSESSMENTS			
Ambulance	24,859.00	24,858.96	25,858.00
Fire Protection	4,000.00	1,708.00	4,000.00
County Taxes	9,800.00	9,402.40	9,800.00
NVDA	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rural Fire Program	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sheriff Patrol	6,500.00	5,474.10	7,000.00
Contingency	<u>500.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	44,259.00	61,579.46	47,758.00
TOTAL	147,785.00	1,014,080.29	159,321.79
Voted Assessments		10,533.00	
Cemetery Assessment		8,300.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,032,913.29	

**Grant Expense for School Re-use Study

*Miscellaneous Expenses Include:

Fees to State for Dog Licenses & Zoom Program

Statement of Estimated Revenues – General Fund

	2020 Estimated	2020 Actual	2021 Estimated
Town Clerk Fees	6,000.00	10,482.50	6,000.00
State Aid:EEGL Study	4,921.00	4,892.50	
Current Use	125,000.00	132,837.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,075.00	1,100.00
Interest on Accounts	750.00	1,064.18	600.00
Delinquent Taxes	45,000.00	107,139.75	45,000.00
Interest on Del. Taxes	4,500.00	9,284.11	4,500.00
Penalty on Taxes	0.00	8,745.49	
Lease Rent	7.20	7.20	7.20
PILOT-F&W	25,000.00	31,079.40	31,000.00
Cemetery – Tax Raised		8,300.00	
Voted Appropriations		10,533.00	
Loan – Fire Truck Payment		25,250.00	
Fire Reimbursement		184.00	
IRS Refund		7.66	
Center for Tech & Civic Life Grant		650.00	
Elections Grant		155.08	
Digitization Grant		4,341.53	
Planning Commission Grant		15,231.00	
Refund – Cancelled Reg 1 Conference		285.00	
Metal Scrap Income		265.15	
Property Tax-Current		1,461,397.31	
Homestead Tax (from State)		28,998.24	
Homestead Tax (from Schools)		11,574.35	
Property Tax – 2021 Prepay		6,148.38	
TOTAL REVENUES		1,885,927.83	
Pre-pay 2021 Tax		(6,148.38)	
Current Use to Highway		(100,000.00)	
Prop Tax to Schools		(830,978.99)	
Prop Tax to Highway		(473,869.03)	
Lister Reappraisal Fund		(4,892.50)	
Penalty on Taxes		(8,745.49)	
Property Tax Overpay		(9,143.20)	
Fire Truck Payment		(25,250.00)	
TOTALS		1,459,027.59	

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2020 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2021 Proposed Highway Budget

	Budget FY 2020	Actual FY 2020	Budget FY 2021
LABOR			
Overtime Pay	7,500.00	3,014.30	7,500.00
Highway Crew	131,000.00	131,958.98	136,000.00
FICA Share	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>11,018.16</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
	148,500.00	145,991.44	156,500.00
INSURANCE			
Unemployment Comp.	292.00	181.00	423.00
Consolidated Insurance	21,410.50	20,908.11	18,789.00
HRA Account	10,000.00	9,203.62	6,426.00
Health	36,100.00	32,288.81	34,874.00
Dental Insurance	900.00	841.55	900.00
Advertising	175.00	0.00	175.00
Training	175.00	0.00	175.00
Safety Equipment/Supplies	2,500.00	2,623.16	2,500.00
Uniforms/Shoes	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,273.12</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
	73,802.50	68,319.37	66,512.00
EQUIPMENT HIRE			
Equipment Hire	12,000.00	7,990.00	12,000.00
EQUIPMENT			
Repair & Maintenance	30,000.00	17,700.11	30,000.00
Repair & Maint. Mileage	1,500.00	720.01	1,500.00
Tires & Chains	6,000.00	2,846.96	10,000.00
Fuel – Diesel	40,000.00	20,870.57	40,000.00
Oil & Grease	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>620.05</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	79,500.00	42,757.70	83,500.00
GARAGE			
Supplies	1,500.00	486.98	1,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	767.53	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,000.00	1,036.71	1,000.00
Furnace Fuel/Propane	2,500.00	1,358.72	2,500.00
Buildings & Grounds	3,250.00	1,023.570	3,250.00

TOWN OF HOLLAND
2020 HIGHWAY BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FY 2021 Proposed Highway Budget

	Budget FY 2020	Actual FY 2020	Budget FY 2021
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>241.94</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	11,250.00	4,915.45	11,250.00
RETREATMENT			
Retreatment	25,000.00	*103,505.22	25,000.00
ROAD MATERIALS			
Gravel	65,000.00	67,140.50	65,000.00
Chloride	35,000.00	32,587.35	38,000.00
Salt	25,000.00	16,144.45	25,000.00
Culverts	10,000.00	11,557.60	10,000.00
Patching	250.00	89.64	250.00
Signs & Posts	800.00	0.00	800.00
Winter Sand	14,000.00	17,808.60	18,000.00
Ditching Materials	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
General Road Permit Fee	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>1,590.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>
	159,300.00	146,918.41	166,300.00
EQUIPMENT FUND			
Equipment Loan Payments	137,776.89	137,776.89	137,776.89
SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS			
Better Roads Project		7,170.57	
State Aid – Tice Mill Structure		52,500.00	
Holland Pond Culvert Loan	<u>14,042.34</u>	<u>19,110.50</u>	
	14,042.34	78,781.08	
TOTAL	674,171.73	621,092.81	658,838.89

*Retreatment fund had \$29,190.89 and we raise \$50,000 each year for retreatment

Holland Pond Culvert Loan is paid in full.

A one year loan was used to pay for the structure for Tice Mill Road as the State grant wasn't available as was planned.

Statement of Estimated Revenues – Highway Fund

	2020	2020	2021
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
State Aid, Regular	97,475.00	99,472.65	99,500.00
State Aid, Supplemental		25,794.75	
Interest on Accounts	500.00	622.96	500.00
Property Taxes		473,869.03	
Overweight Permits	70.00	155.00	100.00
Access Permits	0.00	75.00	0.00
Current Use	89,500.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Paving Retreatment Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Better Roads Grant		5,689.05	
Health Insurance Refund		626.38	
Tice Mill Structure Loan		52,500.00	
TOTALS		808,804.82	

Restricted Funds

***Restoration Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2020	\$13,541.95	
Fees received	<u>2,408.00</u>	
<i>Restoration Fund Balance 12/31/20</i>		\$15,949.95

***Grand List Reappraisal Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2020	\$47,022.09	
State Reappraisal Funds received	4,892.50	
Reappraisal expenses	<u>(1,488.07)</u>	
<i>Reappraisal Fund Balance 12/31/20</i>		\$50,426.52

***Lister Education Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2020		\$3,106.01
No change as this is now handled by the state as a reimbursement program		

***Equipment Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2020	\$778.51	
<i>Equipment fund balance 12/31/20</i>		\$778.51

***Retreatment Fund**

Balance January 1, 2020	\$29,190.89	
Raised by Tax	75,000.00	
Paving Expense	(103,505.22)	
<i>Retreatment Fund Balance 12/31/20</i>		\$685.67

***2015 Highway Surplus**

Balance January 1, 2020	\$22,984.36	
<i>2015 Highway Surplus Balance 12/31/20</i>		<u>\$22,984.36</u>

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		\$90,825.01
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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.

HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY2022 Proposed Budget

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Proposed
REVENUES:				
LOCAL REVENUES				
Pre School Tuition Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Regular Elem Tuition - VT LEAs (public) ..	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings - Interest	(1,000)	(273.74)	(800)	(800)
INTEREST INCOME-TAN	(4,000)	(7,017.87)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Other Revenues - Rentals	-	(300.00)	-	(3,600)
Refund of Prior Years Expenditure	-	(125.00)	-	-
Misc. Other Local Revenue	-	(1,811.00)	-	-
STARS Grant Funds	-	-	-	-
Sales Of Goods	-	(11,061.00)	-	-
Total Local Revenues	(5,000)	(20,588.61)	(4,800)	(8,400)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	(592,496)	(599,942.78)	(635,100)	(596,600)
Education Spending Grant Adjustment	-	-	-	-
Small Schools Grant	-	17,861.00	-	-
Small Schools Financial Stability Grant	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	(42,504)	-	(16,800)	-
Intensive-PY	-	(310.49)	-	-
Total State Revenues	(635,000)	(582,392.27)	(651,900)	(596,600)
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE				
Fund Balance As Revenue	-	-	-	(23,000)
Total Fund Balance as Revenue	-	-	-	(23,000)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$(640,000)	\$(602,980.88)	\$(656,700)	\$(628,000)

EXPENDITURES

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Proposed
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Health Reimbursement Account	\$ -	\$ 2,721.41	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp	-	365.27	-	-
Contract Services-Elementary	-	14,394.34	-	-
Tuition	371,000	314,160.50	385,000	385,000
Total Direct Instruction	371,000	331,641.52	385,000	385,000
PRE-K				
Tuition-Pre-K Students	26,848	34,154.58	34,450	34,450
Total Pre-K	26,848	34,154.58	34,450	34,450
TECHNOLOGY				
Purchased & Technical Services-From NCSU	-	66.18	-	-
Total Technology	-	66.18	-	-

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Proposed
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Board Member Stipend	1,700	1,999.98	2,000	2,000
Legal	1,000	875.00	1,000	1,000
Liability Insurance	2,400	1,374.14	2,400	1,200
Advertising	2,000	139.08	500	500
Printing	250	-	-	-
Dues	850	166.53	850	200
Other Board Expenses	2,500	10,023.14	1,500	1,500
Total Board of Education	10,700	14,577.87	8,250	6,400
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	27,040	27,040.00	22,098	22,098
Total	27,040	27,040.00	22,098	22,098
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Clerical	-	179.40	-	-
FICA	-	13.72	-	-
Supplies	-	36.99	-	-
Total Office of Principal	-	230.11	-	-
FISCAL SERVICES				
Contracted Service	5,800	5,800.00	5,985	6,000
Interest Current Loans	2,000	3,362.64	-	3,500
Total Fiscal Services	7,800	9,162.64	5,985	9,500
AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	2,000	4,250.00	2,000	4,000
Total Audit Services	2,000	4,250.00	2,000	4,000
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	13,897	-	-	-
Health Ins	5,957	-	-	-
FICA	1,065	-	-	-
Life Insurance	19	-	-	-
Workers Comp	720	-	-	-
Unemployment	19	-	-	-
Tuition	40	-	-	-
Contracted Serv	680	7,465.48	14,000	14,000
Contract Services From NCSU	-	7,105.21	-	-
Sewer Services	960	-	-	-
Water Testing	960	2,172.00	960	1,500
Rubbish Services	1,280	120.00	250	250
Purchased Services	1,200	1,289.71	1,200	1,200
Contracted Serv	1,500	3,448.83	1,500	1,500
Property Ins	1,920	2,681.86	2,800	2,533
Telephone	1,120	1,451.93	2,000	2,200
Supplies	3,600	450.57	3,000	2,000
Electricity	7,500	3,557.88	7,500	4,500
Heating Oil	10,240	7,901.10	10,240	8,800
Non-Instructional Equip	400	-	400	400
Total Operations and Maintenance	53,077	37,644.57	43,850	38,883

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Proposed
CARE AND UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Snow Removal	2,700	-	-	-
Playground	2,200	-	2,200	1,000
Lawn Care	1,500	1,465.00	1,000	1,300
Total Care and Upkeep-Grounds	6,400	1,465.00	3,200	2,300
CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Supplies	1,000	-	2,000	2,000
Renovations	5,000	-	-	2,600
Total Care & Upkeep Buildings	6,000	-	2,000	4,600
TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services-NCSU	30,000	9,945.00	30,000	20,000
Total Transportation	30,000	9,945.00	30,000	20,000
DEBT SERVICES				
Long Term Debt - interest	1,200	3,530.03	2,500	3,800
Long Term Debt - principal	11,500	12,000.00	12,000	12,000
Fund Transfers	-	54,529.54	-	-
Total Debt Services	12,700	70,059.57	14,500	15,800
SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Purchased & Technical Services	30,000	-	30,000	-
Contract Services-NCSU	45,900	47,837.00	65,756	69,715
Total Special Programs	75,900	47,837.00	95,756	69,715
EEE				
EEE Local	10,535	10,431.60	9,611	9,254
Total EEE	10,535	10,431.60	9,611	9,254
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Contract Services-Before School Program ..	-	8,050.00	-	3,000
Total Direct Instruction	-	8,050.00	-	3,000
EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Ex.Curr. Transportation from NCSU	-	3,000.00	-	3,000
Total Extra-Curricular Transportation	-	3,000.00	-	3,000
FOOD SERVICE EXPENSE				
Transfer from School	-	(54,529.54)	-	-
Total Food Service Expense	-	(54,529.54)	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPEND ...	\$640,000	\$555,026.10	\$656,700	\$628,000
NET BALANCE	-	(47,954.78)	-	-

Holland Town School District
Reserve Funds as of 06/30/2020

Building and Grounds Fund

Fund Balance 13,328

Tuition Reserve Fund

Fund Balance 132,665

Alternative Education Fund

Fund Balance 15,966

NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

Schools have never experienced the challenges we've seen from the impact of COVID-19 since mid-March of last year. We have risen to meet those challenges in our schools, supervisory union and communities. We have seen countless ways in which faculty, staff and administrators have stepped up to support students and families.

The response was immediate. Teachers quickly adapted to delivering remote learning with no formal training or preparation. We had an amazing effort from our school food service programs and the Abbey Group in providing meals for delivery. Our bus drivers and contracted transportation services delivered meals and often, school resources, with the assistance of school staff. NCSU Encore Coordinator Beth Chambers spearheaded our efforts, and was assisted by Kristin Beswick, to provide childcare to essential workers, while numerous faculty and staff volunteered to assist. Samantha Stevens, our Equity and Community Outreach Coordinator was instrumental in supporting multiple initiatives and, most importantly, families struggling the most with the impact of the pandemic. We even pulled off a surely memorable drive-through graduation at NCUHS! The response to school closure and going remote was remarkable.

By mid-May, we had constituted five work groups to prepare for our return to school in September: Facilities, Transportation, Special Education, Learning Design and Early Childhood Programs. These groups met numerous times through the summer to examine the Strong and Healthy Start guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health. We created our own extensive handbook to support implementation at the school level.

By early July, we determined that providing a virtual option for students was important to many families. NCSU Director of Learning Design, Jessica Applegate, created virtual programs for students K-6 by hiring five new teachers and setting up an option with the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative. Given the short turnaround time, I truly believe this was our "Apollo 13 moment." We were incredibly fortunate that NCUJHS created their own virtual courses and provided access to other 7th and 8th grade students from our K-8 schools to attend. The high school also responded by creating a range of virtual sections and delivering a hybrid model.

Throughout the summer custodial and maintenance personnel went above and beyond to prepare schools for reopening by building handwashing stations, creating plexiglass dividers, organizing classrooms, and putting up tents for outdoor learning. Principals worked with faculty and staff to

establish new routines and practices. We appreciate the collaborative problem solving with the Northeast Kingdom Education Association to work through a range of issues related to employment that were important to a successful reopening and fall school session.

I'm especially grateful for the coordination of our COVID-19 mitigation efforts by our NCSU School Nurse Leader Lindy Perry, and School Nurse Liaison Kristy Pillsbury. They ensured we had the necessary protocols in place, PPE available, and they are always responsive to questions from the field. We had an incredible outpouring of support for our mask making initiative led by Liz Butterfield. I also appreciate the dedication of our COVID positive case response team who convened with short notice, including on many weekends, to support principals and to work with the Vermont Department of Health whenever there was a positive case in our schools.

All along, our local school boards and NCSU Full Board have supported our efforts as we balanced Freedom and Unity in navigating the many collective decisions that needed to be made. If there was ever a time that we needed to draw upon our mission of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community it has been this past year. It is evident that we have seen much courage and caring throughout this year. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our students, staff, and each other!

Respectfully Submitted,



John A. Castle
NCSU Superintendent of Schools

Student Enrollment

Pre-K private	1		
Pre-K	4	5 th Grade	3
Kindergarten	7	6 th Grade	3
1 st Grade	4	Jr High 7-8	10
2 nd Grade	5	Sr High 9-12	23
3 rd Grade	4		
4 th Grade	6	Total Enrollment	70



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LEARNING BELIEFS

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

Growth Mindset ♦ Curiosity ♦ Perseverance ♦ Relevance
Mutual Respect ♦ Feedback ♦ Reflection ♦ Instructional Access ♦ Equity
Diversity ♦ Personal Responsibility
Shared Leadership ♦ Individual & Collective Accomplishments
Community Partnerships

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learners participate in experiences that/to...

Support Personal Pathways ♦ Include Problem-Based Projects
Are Academically Rigorous
Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections ♦ Contain Experiential Discovery
Utilize Transferable Skills ♦ Encourage Student Voice
Incorporate Technology ♦ Involve Physical Activity ♦ Create & Perform
Engage The Community ♦ Occur In The Natural World
Happen Anywhere & Any Time

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learners succeed by becoming...

Caring, Kind & Grateful ♦ Confident & Self-Directed ♦ Honest & Fair
Independent Thinkers ♦ Innovative Problem Solvers
Academically Accomplished ♦ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
Technologically Skilled ♦ Globally Aware ♦ Contributing Citizens
Respectful of Our Environment
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy
Appreciative Of & Skilled In The Visual & Performing Arts



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SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN

Equity

- Advance equity principles and practices

Social & Emotional Learning

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

Content Standards and Transferable Skills

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

Student Engagement

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

Student Voice & Leadership

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

Formative Assessment and Data

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018



Newport Ambulance Service Inc
P.O. Box 911 Newport, Vermont 05855

Newport Ambulance has had its struggles along with every other agency during the COVID 19 Pandemic. In 2020 Newport Ambulance call volume decreased to 2538 from 2932 in 2019. In 2020 Newport Ambulance responded to 11 emergency calls in Holland and transported 3 Holland residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 114 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews have been working close with the Vermont Dept of Health and VTEMS to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing sites throughout the state. We have started training personnel to assist with the statewide rollout of the COVID 19 vaccine.

Newport Ambulance was issued funding from the following state and federal COVID 19 programs, HHS Cares Act, Ems Stabilization, Hazard pay, and Payroll protection. These monies will be used to help offset the lost revenues for 2020 and potential losses for 2021.

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 5 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 has completed the substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St, Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

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

Respectfully

Jeff Johansen – Executive Director

NEKWMD Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2020 by processing less recycling compared to 2019 – 2,211 tons in 2020 compared to 2,615 tons in 2019. Significant drops in mixed paper and plastic were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including food scraps, tires, and cardboard saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, glass, and battery tonnages were approximately the same as 2019. Recycling markets remained stable but low throughout most of 2020. The District ended 2020 with a deficit of \$8,338.22. Revenues in 2020 were 5% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 6% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did disrupt our work schedule for several weeks in the spring, but it does not appear to have impacted the District significantly over the course of the entire year. Legal fees and truck repairs were the primary drivers of the deficit in 2020. The pandemic will impact our budget process for 2021. The 2021 budget will be approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors and not a direct vote by District members. This is a temporary one-year change directly related to changes in Town Meeting Day. There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2020. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District. The NEKWMD is entering 2021 with a proposed budget of \$809,527 – an increase of 1.85% compared to 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the District's 2021 budget will be acted upon by the District Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021. The District sought and received a one-time legislative remedy in order to act on the budget internally. There will be 2 additional public hearings to receive input on the 2021 proposed budget. These meetings will be held via ZOOM on February 18 and 25, 2021 at 6pm. The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2020. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase. We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided 114.50 hours of patrol services to the Town of Holland during January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available through your Town Clerk.

The past year has forced many challenges on our community and the Orleans County Sheriff's Department recognizes how difficult it has been for the citizens of Orleans County. COVID has forced everyone to change their daily routines, how we socialize and how we currently exist. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department made every effort to bring joy to our community in such difficult times. We were able to provide over 110 gifts to children during the Governor's orders while conducting Birthday Parades with area Law Enforcement, Ambulance Services, Fire Services, Towing Services, and other community members. Thank you everyone for helping to celebrate our children's birthdays.

This year we have had to say goodbye and wish a few Deputies the best in their next endeavors. Deputy Phil Brooks resigned in February, 2020; Deputy Kyle Ingalls and Deputy Chase Walters joined Custom and Border Protection and at the time of this letter are currently in the academy. They have all moved on to better themselves and their careers and we wish them well.

Sergeant Tyler Jacobs and K-9 Jonah have also moved onto the Department of Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division with the State of Vermont and we are very sad to see them go, but are so happy for Sergeant Jacobs as this has been a goal of his for several years. The team will be missed by all.

The Orleans Sheriff's Department has hired some great new Deputies. Deputy Andrew Gonyaw is a full-time Patrol Deputy who has made such a great impact in a short period of time he has been here. Deputy Kirsten Kingsley who has been working, patrol, in the court and is currently assigned to the State's Attorney's Office as part of the STOP grant to further investigate crimes throughout Orleans County. Deputy Corey Marcoux; comes with 10 years of law enforcement experience and is a certified Field Training Officer, to the position of State Transport Deputy. Deputy Marcoux has and will continue to be a great asset to this department. Deputy Paul Barnard was hired and quickly showed an interest in the vacant School Resource Officer position at North Country Union High School. Deputy Barnard has already had a great impact in the school and we look forward to building those relationships with the students and staff. Deputy Testut was able to head back to Lake Region Union High School as their Resource Officer. Deputy Testut has been instrumental throughout these challenging times, helping school staff keep open communication with students and families, delivering school supplies and food to students and families. The Orleans Sheriff's Department was able to bring Richard Wells on with the department as a Sergeant. Sergeant Wells comes with

13 years of law enforcement experience, is a Field Training Officer, Death Investigator, NHTSA Radar Instructor, Advanced Roadside Impairment Enforcement, certified DUI checkpoint supervisor and several other strengths and expertise. Orleans County is fortunate to have Sgt. Wells as one of the newest members to the team.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a “Drug Take-back” box in our lobby at the Sheriff’s Department, which has collected approximately 167.5 lbs of prescriptions in 2020. 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 of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff’s department celebrated the 13th anniversary of “Operation Santa”. We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. Thank you! The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 283 school children, to include Brighton Elementary this year as they are within our Supervisory Union. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. This is the highest number of children we have been able to provide for in the past 13 years and we hope next year will be just as successful.

January 1, 2021, the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department will be dispatched by Newport Police Department from 4:30 pm – 8:00 am Monday – Friday, Friday starting at 4:30 pm – Monday 8:00 am. When a community member calls the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department 802-334-3333 after normal hours they will no longer receive an answering machine, they will speak to a live person. While Newport PD is dispatching after normal hours they will be able to assign a Deputy to the call, call out a Deputy if need be, but will be able to give immediate assistance to whoever is calling and that is what is most important.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer L. Harlow Sheriff

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Agency Assist	7
Citizen Assist	2
Traffic Accident w/Damage	1
Directed Patrol	7
Lockout	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2
Public Speaking	1
Service Abuse Prevention Order	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstances	1
Threatening	1
Traffic Hazard	2
VIN Number Inspection	1
Total Incidents for Holland	31

Arrest Report

DLS Criminal	1
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Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	2
Total Warnings	6

NVDA Report

For 70 years, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to simultaneously serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are vital as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage other state and federal funds for our region.

Local governance is increasingly complex - and even more so during a pandemic! Since last March NVDA staff has been swift and agile in meeting the pandemic's unprecedented challenges. We quickly mobilized to help local governments secure expense reimbursements due to COVID and connect so many of our businesses to the available state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued without interruption as well. They include, but are not limited to:

- * Land use planning and regulation –town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- * Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- * Digital mapping and GIS services;
- * Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- * Direct business support, referral services, and loans to employers in our region;
- * Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- * Local emergency planning and hazard mitigation planning;
- * Brownfield assessments and planning;
- * Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- * Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How is this relevant to Holland? In 2020 our Emergency Planner helped with updating Holland's Local Emergency Management Plan, which was approved by Vermont Emergency Management. Our Transportation Planner assisted with a Grant-in-Aid project to bring Holland's roads into compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit. We also performed traffic counts and provided technical assistance with planning. Finally, we provided local officials daily COVID 19 information such as grant assistance and health information.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of 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, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. The Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation 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, 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. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, 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 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from 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. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly \$10,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. 215 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
2020 Financial Statement – Checking

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020 \$13,768.80

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	2,500.00
Town Meeting Dinner	238.00
Book Sales	40.00
 Donations	 4,145.00
Memberships	195.00
Life Memberships	<u>600.00</u>

Total Receipts Deposited \$7,718.00

Total Available Funds \$21,486.80

Expenses:

Electricity	599.33
Insurance	474.00
Propane	204.18
Lawn Mowing	350.00
Secretary of State Filing Fee	20.00
Weeding Flower Beds	126.00
Transfer to new Money Market Account	<u>10,000.00</u>

Total Expenses \$11,773.50

Closing Balance 12/31/2020

\$9,713.29

History Book Fund

Opening Balance, 1/01/2020 \$1,837.59

Receipts:

Interest	<u>1.84</u>
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Closing Balance 12/31/2020

\$1,839.43

Money Market Account

Opening Balance	10,000.00
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Interest	<u>3.56</u>
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Closing Balance 12/31/2020

\$10,003.56

Holland Historical Society
2020

Our building desperately needs a new roof. Our steeple also needs some major work. Any donations to help are more than welcome!

Due to the Coronavirus, we chose not to hold any meetings or gatherings in 2020.

Thank you for your support!

Meeting Schedule for 2021
To be decided

Northwoods Stewardship Center

I am writing to respectfully request the Town of Holland consider supporting NorthWoods Stewardship Center through an annual appropriation of \$250 at Town Meeting.

NorthWoods offers widespread conservation and educational services throughout the area and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs (including camps, After School, and natural science activities); summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth; and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year.

NorthWoods offers the facility, at no charge, to host the annual Youth Hunter Education Course, which trains many young hunters and their families – an excellent way to connect and learn about the natural environment. We have a full calendar of workshops and trainings for the community, both young and old.

We invite all Holland residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our landowner education programs. Continued support from the Town of Holland is critical to the success of these programs and we appreciate your support!

Haskell Free Library & Opera House

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the US-Canada border, the Haskell Free Library & Opera House has been closed to the public since mid-March, almost three quarters of the financial year. For most of this time the building has not been accessible for our Canadian staff or volunteers. All of the staff except the bookkeeper were laid off, putting the responsibility on the American board members to make sure the building remained in good condition, bring in the mail, empty the book return bin, and pay the bills. Some core staff were able to return to the building in November in order to organize the backlog of work and to begin planning for a partial reopening.

LIBRARY STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Predictably, all of our numbers were drastically lower in 2020 than in previous years, except for the e-book and digital audiobook loans. This was especially disappointing because the year had begun on such a strong note, with so many new activities and programs being offered. It was also looking like it would be the busiest year yet in terms of tourism. In just three months, usually considered as our slow months, we received almost 4,000 visits, including tourists from Germany, France, Spain, Estonia, Columbia, China, the Middle East, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, and New Zealand.

There was a significant dip in the number of active members this year. A member ceases to be active when they haven't checked out an item for two years. It's impossible to say why this number dropped with any certainty, but my guess is that it's linked to the fact that our summer residents and other occasional members were not able to use the library.

SUMMARY

Building accessibility will continue to be an issue as long as the border is closed, forcing us to find creative solutions in reaching our library patrons, especially the Canadians. In 2021, we will begin offering limited services in both Canada and the United States, concentrating on expanding our online services, restarting our Interlibrary Loans, and offering remote pickups and deliveries. We were very fortunate to have been donated a Bookmobile van just before the shutdown, and we look forward to putting it to good use!

2020 was a challenging year for everybody, as the world was forced to suddenly adapt to a new way of life. In 2021, the Haskell Free Library & Opera House will also need to adapt in order to best serve its community in this new reality.

Dailey Memorial Library

“The Community is the Heart of the Library”

The challenges faced by our community over the past year have been unprecedented in our lifetime. The coronavirus pandemic has tested our strength, endurance, and spirit as well as requiring us to become more creative in running our organizations and agencies. Because the staff and trustees of the Dailey Memorial Library believe that libraries are essential elements of the community, we have been dedicated to serving our patrons in every way possible during this time, in accordance with the governor’s orders. We are currently one of 41 libraries in Vermont (out of a total of 159) that is open for full patron service.

Highlights of our Year:

- Story Time on the Lawn with free lunches from “The Lunch Box”
- 24 hour free WiFi at the library as well as outside Scampy’s in West Charleston
- Gazebo Use by our Summer Reading Program participants, the Junior High Classes, and Wifi users
- Storywalk on the Green
- Space for the Community Garden
- “For the Children” Program sponsored by Carl and Susan Taylor to provide books to 1st Graders in Orleans and Essex Counties
- Book Sponsor Program to allow patrons to purchase books at a reduced cost, read them first and then donate the books back to the library
- Vermont Humanities Book Discussions via Zoom

Patrons have been welcomed back inside our building since mid-June while curbside service is available for those requesting it. Returned books are isolated for one week and disinfected, and the conference room is available and frequently used for individual online meetings or a maximum of two computer users. In addition, our children’s librarian provides a weekly “Story Kit” for preschoolers which includes a craft and a list of books related to a chosen theme. Our staff and trustees are exceedingly grateful to the Town of Holland and its Selectboard for their continuous support of our library. We are dedicated to continuing to serve our community over this next year, and as always, we invite suggestions about how we can improve your library.

Library Statistics

Patron Visits.....	6,691
Circulation of borrowed materials.....	13,159
E-book/E-Audiobook Downloads.....	2,419
Computer users/week.....	23
Volunteer Hours per week.....	12
Community Room Reservations/Uses.....	48
New patrons Registered.....	75

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the Washington Post.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Thank you!

Specifics of Green Up day in Holland

Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 1. It is the day responsible citizens clean up trash along our local roadsides deposited by less considerate individuals. For more information on the organization, please see the State submission in this report or visit www.greenupvermont.org.

KEY ASPECTS of this year's event are:

1) Trash **MUST** be in Green Up Day bags to be accepted. There is no charge to the Town at the landfill for trash in Green Up Day bags. **NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH PLEASE.**

2) Green Up Day bags are available at the Town Clerk's office or through Mitch Wonson, the Green Up Day coordinator.

3) **DO NOT** leave bags along the side of a road, as they will only be picked up if some other citizen does so.

4) There will be a staffed drop off location at the Town garage open from 10AM to 2PM. Bags must be dropped off during these hours.

5) Participants will receive a coupon for **FREE** ice cream at Tim & Doug's, but supplies are limited.

6) You can pick up trash on any day (recommended as you can fit it into your schedule), but must be dropped off during designated hours.

7) Roadside metal and tires can be accepted at the recycling location on the grounds during normal recycling hours: 9AM to 12PM.

Questions, comments, need help, want to volunteer to staff the drop-off: please contact Mitch at 895-4928. Historically, participation could be described in cordial terms as paltry. This year, it will be interesting to see if there is a greater sense of community and concern about the beauty of our small Town.

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

For over 41 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 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 370 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. During this past year 13 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, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website www.nekcouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Holland for your continued support to make 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.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. We support enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our Orleans County communities for over thirty years. 2020 was a year like no other. Covid has severely limited our in-person interactions and has increased the isolation and loneliness of many of our members. We are also getting more people with disabilities joining who are seeking our help and companionship, but less people are volunteering. We therefore have changed our approach in response to Covid. Our goal is to safely bring people together, reduce isolation and increase meaningful connections. This means more outside, small group and online activities for our members. We hope to secure funding to assess technology needs and provide equipment and instruction when needed. We plan to conduct online workshops, support groups, and instruction in a variety of life skills. We are also providing healthy outdoor activities and will resume small group indoor activities when it becomes safe to do so. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer to contact us. Since its inception, OCCA has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Holland voters for your past support, and once again are asking for your help.

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 2020	39,369
Total Visits FY 2020 - Town of Holland.....	188

During Fiscal Year 2020, home based services were provided to 14 individuals in Holland for a total of 188 multi-disciplinary visits. 4 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

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 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

Social Change -Social Change focuses on a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use while creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. In FY20: 1717 Youth were served through 73 sessions, 258 adults were trained in 24 workshops. Umbrella also has 15 school partners throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Advocacy - The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter). New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

Family- Based Services - Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection. In FY20 560 households received Umbrella support to access child care, 120

families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to child care. Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY20 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

Economic Empowerment - Economic Empowerment supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges with wrap-around, no-judgment support. Participants gain experience through culinary service and transition to employment on the pathway to meet their financial goals. Women package and prepare food for homebound seniors via Cornucopia's Meals on Wheels program and food service at the Ready, Set, Grow Center in Newport. In FY20 the Cornucopia program had 8 graduates, of which 100% gained employment post-graduation. 12 former graduates received follow-up support. Cornucopia produced 37,276 meals (717 weekly average). We have 5 clients in the extended Cornucopia program and 2 new jobs were created.

Women and youth expand marketable skills while earning money towards our mission through our social enterprise, Dolcetti Gelato. \$3,000 earned with 8 pop up events in the summer of 2019.

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 1 household in Holland was served by Umbrella in FY20 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

This Town Meeting Day we humbly ask that you support the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village—a museum and historic village that is more than just a place to visit.

We are working harder than ever in these challenging times to meet this unique moment from donating fresh, organic veggies grown in our Giving Gardens to building a new accessible educational trail available for all to safely enjoy throughout the seasons. We provided safe and enriching children's programming and gave away free lunches to children under 18-years-old throughout the summer. We're also working with our communities to discuss equity and inclusion through the lens of Orleans County's history and the legacy of Alexander Twilight. We need your help to continue our increasingly important work. Your town's contribution allows us to fulfill our mission to preserve our region's unique history, educate the young and not-soyoung who participate in our programs and events, and inspire all to live a better and brighter future. We need your help to continue to make a real difference in our community! Thank you for all that you do for our organization. We value your support and look forward to your next visit.

MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters in the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont met in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10A.M. 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 10:00 AM. Mitch went over the meeting rules.

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Mitch Wonson nominated by Bill Crowley. Hearing no further nominations, Ken Pine moved to cease nominations, second by Barb Fecteau. Ayes had it.

Article 2. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. Tom Adams moved, 2nd by Bob Camber. Tom congratulated Diane Judd for achieving her Master Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. A round of applause for Diane. Ernie Emmerson asked the Select Board questions regarding the Orleans County Sheriff and the budgeted \$4,500. He also commented that there didn't seem to be a line item for enforcement of the new Junkyard/Trash Ordinance. He stated that the budget could be amended. He also felt there were conflicting reports regarding future use of the school. The Select Board explained that as the School is currently owned by the School District, they (the Select Board) do not have any say in what happens to the building. At this point, Bruce Wilkie (School Feasibility & Re-purposing Committee Chair) read from his report. Representative Brian Smith asked to speak. Bruce moved to allow, 2nd by Lucy. Ayes had it on the voice vote. Brian Smith stated that both he and Representative Lynn Batchelor would like to attend the Committee meetings. John Castle urged the community to recognize the value of having the building rather than consider it a liability. Hearing no more discussion, Mitch closed discussion. Ayes had it and reports were accepted.

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 Bill Crowley. Ron Patenaude was nominated by Bob Camber. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Paper ballots were cast. 30 for Andrew and 27 for Ron. **Andrew Bouchard** was elected for the three year term.

Lister – Angela Thresher was nominated by Bruce Wilkie. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Angela Thresher** as Lister.

Auditor – Angela Thresher was nominated by Suzie Moulton. Hearing no objections, Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Angela Thresher** as Lister.

Constable – Greg Bronson was nominated by Jonathan Morin. Ron Patenaude was nominated by Greg Bronson. Ron declined the nomination. Jonathan Morin was nominated by Greg Bronson. Each candidate spoke. Diane explained the job as it has been done in the past. After a voice vote it was declared that **Greg Bronson** is our new **Constable**.

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

Town Agent – Diane Judd was nominated by Bob Camber. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diane Judd** as **Town Agent**.

Cemetery Commission – Laurie Gray was nominated by Lucy Neel to serve for a five year term. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Laurie Gray** as **Cemetery Commissioner**.

Cemetery Commission – Diana Emmerson was nominated to finish the term she was appointed to. This term expires in 2021. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Diana Emmerson** as **Cemetery Commissioner**.

Solid Waste Supervisor – Joe Noble was nominated by Dawn Brainard. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Joe Noble** as **Solid Waste Supervisor**.

Planning Commission – Jonathan Morin was nominated by Diane Judd. Mitch closed nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for **Jonathan Morin** as **Planning Commissioner** for a term of 3 Years.

The additional Planning Commission vacancy was not filled. The Select Board can appoint someone to fill this position.

A round of applause for those elected officials who have served and did not choose to continue. A round of applause for the road crew.

Article 4. To see if the voters will direct the Select Board to borrow the sum of \$25,250 to pay Holland's share of the Derby Line Fire Truck for a term of three years. Moved by Ernie Emmerson, 2nd by Bob Camber. Trevor explained that the Select Board is working with Chief Craig Ellam of the Derby Line Fire Department to establish a written agreement based on the "gentleman's" agreement which does not appear to be in writing, but is what has been followed for years. There are certain pieces of equipment which we are asked to pay ten percent of. This is the second since 2010. The amount of \$25,250 would be divided between three payments, plus low interest. The Ayes had it.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to open Town meeting at 9:00AM, rather than at 10:00AM. Moved by Andrew Bouchard, 2nd by Noe

Noble. Discussion was had about whether or not the change of time would allow more people to attend. General consensus was no. Discussion closed. Nays had it. Town Meeting 2021 will begin at the usual time of 10:00AM.

Article 6. 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 \$821,956.73 less such State Aid as is received by the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same, according to the Grand List as established by the Board of Listers. Moved by Ken Pine, 2nd by Dawn Brainard. Ernie moved to amend the budget by adding \$5,000 for a total of \$826,956.73, 2nd by Andrew Bouchard. He stated this would give sufficient money for both the Sheriff patrol and to enforce the new ordinance. There was some discussion as to whether the budget can be amended in this way. Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Cotnoir was present and asked if there were any question for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. There were none. Ernie withdrew his amendment and Andrew withdrew his 2nd. Ernie then amended to add \$2,000 to the Sheriff line item and to add \$3,000 as a contingency fund for ordinance enforcement, 2nd by Andrew. Show of hands, 23 Ayes and 20 Nays. A question was asked regarding the bump in building and grounds. Diane explained that the office was built in 1985 and could use some work. The plan is to replace windows and flooring, depending on the cost. Ayes had it and the amended budget of \$826,956.73 passed.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Holland vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer as provided by law with a due date of October 15 by 6:00 PM, with no postmarks accepted?

Tom Adams moved, 2nd by Bob Camber. No discussion. Ayes had it.

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? Moved by Joe Noble, 2nd by Lenny Brien. When asked if what the surplus amount was, Diane stated \$18,100. Ayes had it.

Articles 9 through 20 Bill Crowley moved to approve all as written, 2nd by Ron Gilfillan. Discussion ceased. Ayes had it. All appropriation requests were approved.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Holland Historical Society, Inc.?

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to Green Up Vermont?

Article 11. 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 12. 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 13. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$450.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, and their children?

Article 14. Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the support of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House?

Article 15. 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 16. Shall the Town of Holland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,258.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. a not for profit 501©(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care?

Article 17. 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 18. 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 19. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center for the purpose of providing: summer camps, school science and outdoor programs; summer Conservation Service Corps training and jobs for local youth; low-cost forestry workshops for landowners; and maintenance of local hiking and water trails throughout the Northeast Kingdom?

Article 20. 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 Educational Program?

Article 21. To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting. Moved by Ken Pine, 2nd by Joe Noble. Allowing ATVs on the roads was brought up. The Select Board has not been approached again. Dairy Air Wind legal battle – Will we be spending more as it seems they have given up? Minimal spending going forward is anticipated. Our attorney does not feel we have a good chance to be reimbursed for our expenses. The Select Board was asked if there was a question of ATV's on our roads if they would survey the people of Holland. Board was agreeable to doing this. Mead Hill Road and issues with snowmobiles was discussed. This is an annual agreement with the snowmobile club and is warned on the Select Board agenda if people are

concerned. Tires at recycling was discussed. Some felt that the Town should not be paying for this service. The thought was that this money could be used for something else. Ernie asked that folks please attend meetings. Mitch reiterated this and also stated the Boards can do better notifying residents. A website was mentioned. Minutes of meetings would be better sent as soon as they are available, rather than with the agendas. Mitch closed discussion.

Article 22. To adjourn the meeting except for the Australian balloting in progress. Dave Przech moved, 2nd by Barb Fecteau. Ayes had it. Meeting adjourned at 11:23

Results of Australian Balloting: 130 ballots cast – 435 on checklist

North Country Union High School District

Article IV	77 in Favor	51 Opposed	2 Blank
Article V	74 in Favor	53 Opposed	3 Blank

Holland Elementary School Budget

86 in Favor	43 Opposed	1 Blank
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NEKWMD Budget

92 in Favor	35 Opposed	3 Blank
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Presidential Primary 128 ballots cast

Democratic:		Republican:	
Joseph R. Biden	23	Donald J. Trump	50
Michael R. Bloomberg	8	Bill Weld	7
Pete Buttigieg	1		
Tulsi Gabbard	1		
Bernie Sanders	35		

Dated this 9th day of March, 2020

Diane H Judd – Holland Town Clerk
Michael (Mitch) Wonson – Holland Town Moderator

Vital Statistics – 2020

BIRTHS

Child

Eliana Kran
Richard Russell
Wyatt Limlaw
Nylah Smith
Prescott Sykes

Parents

Katelyn & Ariel Kran
Jamie & Thomas Russell
Dannica Limlaw
Kaylee Ming & Zamanee Smith
Alisha & Hunter Sykes

DEATHS

Name

Edward Fortin
Rachael Pelletier
Rodney Andrews
Douglas Moulton

Residence

Holland
Holland
Holland
Holland

Age

66
75
75
68

BURIALS

Name

Merna Ashman
Alan Wooley, Jr

Residence

Newport City
Morgan

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Telephones

Town Clerk's Office, School Road.....	895-4440
E-mail: holland1805@hotmail.com	
Town Garage, Valley Road.....	895-2923
Road Foreman – Larry Judd.....	673-5488
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: May 22, 2021 10:00AM Holland School

Selectboard: Second & Fourth Tuesday - Town Office: 6:30PM

Schoolboard: First Tuesday – Holland School – 6:00PM

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

Town of Holland
120 School Road
Derby Line, VT 05830

