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April 19, 2023

Holland Assistant Town Administrator cc: Holland Town Administrator

cc: Holland Town Clerk

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Dear Administrators:

At the scheduled Board of Health meeting this past Tuesday, April 11, 2023, the attending Board of Health Members Kyle Merola and Charles Furst voted to change the Holland Brush Dump schedule and greatly increase the number of hours the facility will be open to the public. Until now, the facility was open approximately 40 days per year, four hours per day. The new schedule encompasses every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from April 15, 2023 until December 2nd 2023, and extends the hours from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The extra days and hours unfortunately require an increase in the cost of using the facility. The new annual permit fees have been reestablished at \$40.00 for Seniors aged 62 or over, and \$60.00 for all others.

The Board is aware that these increases are significant, but they also wish to remind the community that charges for Brush Dump permits have remained the same for at least 10 years. During that time, labor costs and fuel - as well as virtually all other costs - have more than doubled. The Board will also be offering additional services that will significantly offset and compensate for the increase. These new services will be announced as they are implemented. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact a Board of Health member.

Sincerely,

David C. Kowalski

Holland Board of Health Agent