

**Location:** Carmel Town Office

**Selectmen Present:** Daniel Frye, Suzan Rudnicki, Jared Fitts and Timothy Richardson, Jr.

**Absent:** Isaac Raymond

**Interim Town Manager:** Andrew Hart

**Rec. Secretary:** Coreen Sylvester

**Guests Present:** Glennis McSorley and Toby Pelletier

**6:30 PM:** Daniel Frye called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Suzan Rudnicki made a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2024 as written. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of the Residential Solar, Solar Farms, Windmills and Other Renewable Energy**

**Moratorium Ordinance:** Interim Town Manager Andrew Hart said attorney Mike Hodgins had put together a draft ordinance for a moratorium. After reviewing the draft, Selectmen asked Andy to find out if the grange would be available at 6:00 pm on either April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> for a special town meeting. Andy will have a warrant ready for next week's meeting, and Selectmen will finalize the date and time.

**Discussion of the Local Plumbing Inspector Position and the Code Enforcement Officer**

**Posting, Etc.:** Andy let the Board know he has posted the code enforcement and local plumbing inspector position(s), and already has a potential candidate who is certified and is coming to meet with Andy next Monday.

**Discussion of the Public Works Budget:** There was discussion regarding public works budget items. Andy said he and Tim have spoken with salt and sand vendors and if we get 330 tons of salt, we will be just under budget. For the sand it looks like we will be well under budget, which will help with some of the other line items.

The boom and the motor on the crane on the public works 1-ton truck are both shot. To repair the motor and wire section would cost about \$500.00 with no guarantee other parts of the crane will not go, or to replace the whole thing would cost about \$1,600.00. Selectmen agreed to have the whole thing replaced.

Andy said Public Works worker Jason Witham has said he does not think he will be able to come back to work for us due to personal issues. There was discussion about posting the position and/or checking with a temp agency.

**Discussion of the Town's Municipal Facility Renovation & Expansion Project:** Andy said there is a webinar on Thursday about participating in CDS (Congressional Directed Spending) awards that he plans to participate in. Andy said he will also reach out to Artifex to see if they plan to do any more designs for us, or if we have more available funds to work with them.

**Update on the Trails Project:** Andy stated Doug Beck from the state said he will be able to attend a Selectmen's meeting, via Zoom if possible, and Andy will try to schedule him for next week's meeting.

**Update – Flooding Situation on Irish Road:** Andy let the Board know he met with Greg Getchell and Judy Pomeroy's son on Irish Road and took pictures. There could potentially be something wrong with the cross culvert, and without committing to anything told them he would look into it. Andy said he also reached out to Plymouth Engineering and was told the gentleman he needs to speak with is on vacation for a couple of weeks.

**Next Meeting:** Selectmen decided their next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **April 1, 2024** in the amount of **\$8,481.00**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **April 1, 2024** in the amount of **\$35,551.73**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Daniel Frye made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor. Selectmen went into executive session at 7:13 pm. Selectmen reconvened in regular session at 7:39 pm. No action taken, informational only.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.