

Location: Carmel Town Office

Selectmen Present: Daniel Frye, Suzan Rudnicki, Isaac Raymond and Timothy Richardson, Jr.

Absent: Jared Fitts

Interim Town Manager: Andrew Hart

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Glennis McSorley and Beth Doughty

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

MINUTES: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2024 as written. Timothy Richardson, Jr. seconded. Four voted in favor.

MINUTES: Voting on the minutes of April 22, 2024 was tabled as there were not enough Selectmen present who attended that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote to Approve Appointments: Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion of Grading Dirt Roads: There was discussion regarding which roads in town need grading. Interim Town Manager Andrew Hart will contact contractors for quotes.

Public Works Update: Andy said he has ordered four culverts, which have doubled in price from \$250.00 to \$500.00.

Andy let the Board know Jason Witham is coming back to work May 6th, and Ryan Azevedo is working with Willie Dunton this week.

Beaver Hut at Town Landing: Isaac Raymond said we got a permit from the state to remove the beaver hut at the Damascus Road Landing since the beavers aren't using it any more. Andy to contact Plymouth Engineering to see about getting the process started.

Andy stated R.A. Paradis had called him; our winter sand is \$16.50 per ton this year, up from \$14.50 per ton last year.

Sue Rudnicki asked if anyone is still living in the house at 849 Main Road. Andy said Adam Caldwell (our new code enforcement officer) started on April 22nd and is scheduled to work in Carmel for fifteen hours a week. Adam sent an email to our health officer and also went to look at the house, and said the house itself looks straight.

Discussion of Spirit of America Award: Andy stated he received an email from Bruce Flaherty, saying the Spirit of America Foundation wants towns to select their new recipient by June 30th.

There was discussion of Kevin Howell and Don Candage as possible candidates.

Dan Frye asked if the June 30th deadline is meant for town on a June 30 fiscal year end, or if it includes towns who are on a calendar year. Andy said he will find out.

MMA Legislative Policy Committee: Sue Rudnicki made a motion to nominate Andrew Hart as a member of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

Update – Flooding Situation on Irish Road: Andy said he met with Dan Frye, Jared Fitts, Steve Fleming, Greg Getchell, Mike Archer and Jeremy Pomeroy on Irish Road to look at the area and discuss whether there is anything that could possibly be done within the town's right-of-way. Andy said Mike said he would drop off a copy of paperwork from D.E.P., but he hasn't yet. No action taken.

Fire & Ambulance Service: Isaac Raymond said we need to start having conversations with surrounding towns regarding regionalization of the fire & ambulance service to make sure our costs are covered when we are responding to other towns. Andy said he has a meeting scheduled with someone from Maine Fire Chief's Association. Isaac suggested asking Ralph Shaw and Mike Azevedo who they would invite if we started having those discussions.

Isaac also said Kevin was working on establishing a junior ambulance crew for sixteen to eighteen-year-olds, but he doesn't know how far he had gotten with it.

Next Meetings: Selectmen said the next Carmel Days meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm and the next Selectmen's meeting will be the same date at 6:30 pm.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of April 29, 2024 in the amount of \$9,827.87. Sue Rudnicki seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of April 29, 2024 in the amount of \$1,012.96. Sue Rudnicki seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of April 29, 2024 in the amount of \$55,919.53. Suzan Rudnicki seconded. Three voted in favor. Tim Richardson abstained.

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