

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Absent: Suzan Rudnicki and Jared Fitts

Town Manager/CEO: Kevin Howell

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Fire Chief Ralph Shaw

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

MINUTES: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of July 24, 2023 as written. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board Appointment: Isaac Raymond made a motion to appoint Jessica P. Meek as a regular Planning Board member. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

Municipal Quitclaim Deed – M16 L7: Isaac Raymond made a motion to sign a quitclaim deed for Coreen Sylvester for property located at Map 16 Lot 7. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

Fire Department Cascade System FEMA Grant: After discussion with Fire Chief Ralph Shaw regarding bids received for a cascade system, Isaac Raymond made a motion to purchase the system from Bergeron. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

PFAS Testing: Kevin let the Board know D.E.P. came out and tested the town office water, and it tested higher for PFAS than our first test did. D.E.P. is in the process of testing some of the neighboring properties and will do more step-out testing further out to determine how far it has spread. Kevin said he has contacted Alan Bolster of Aerus for a quote on a filtration system for the municipal building.

Bemis Road Washout: Kevin said he received a call from dispatch this morning saying there was a hole on the side of the Bemis Road. It was caused by Sunday's downpour, which was simply too much water for the culvert to handle. The section has been blocked off and will be repaired tomorrow morning, replacing the 24" culvert with a 36" culvert.

Community Playground Update: Kevin let Selectmen know the new playground is finished. It is all very high quality equipment and is already being enjoyed by many.

Touch-a-Truck Update: Kevin said we have a lot of different vehicles and vendors committed to our Touch-a-Truck event coming up on August 26th and the community yard sale is the same weekend.

Carmel Days: There was discussion about Carmel Days, which will be on September 30th this year. Kevin said all the events and entertainment are scheduled and booked.

Park Across From Rec Fields: The Town Manager said we are about to get started on turning the lot across from the rec fields into a skiing/walking trail park. He will be meeting with an engineer next week to look at it and see what we will need for permitting. According to the grant specs, it has to be completed by the end of next year.

Municipal Building Expansion: Isaac Raymond asked if there was anything new on the town office expansion project. Kevin said a few weeks ago engineers came in to inspect the site, and they have made some suggestions. The next step will be coming up with a conceptual drawing based on our needs.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of July 31, 2023 in the amount of \$9,316.40. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of August 7, 2023 in the amount of \$14,096.14. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$8,482.44. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$515,196.03. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Shoreland Zoning Ordinance: Kevin let Selectmen know D.E.P. approved our new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

New Law Re: Sale of Tax-Acquired Properties: Kevin stated Maine Municipal Association has come out with guidance for the new law requiring extra money from sale of tax-acquired properties to be returned to previous owners.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.