

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Absent: Suzan Rudnicki

Interim Town Manager: Andrew Hart

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Nancy Dysart, Wilbur Senter, Glennis McSorley and Toby Pelletier

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

MINUTES: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2024 as written. Timothy Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Election Warden Appointment: Isaac Raymond made a motion to approve Julia Pike's appointment as election warden for the March 5th Presidential Primary. Rim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

Informe Account: Interim Town Manager Andrew Hart let Selectmen know we have an account that we can use to run background checks and motor vehicle checks. He has cleared it up so going forward it will be all non-billable and added his name to the account for the interim.

FEMA Assistance Request: Andy let the Board know he has submitted the request for public assistance for the December 18th storm. He got an email saying we are approved up to that point, and now we just have to wait for someone from FEMA to come out to look at the damage with us and start the next part of the process.

Newborn Transportation Device: Andy said he worked with Fire Chief Ralph Shaw to obtain a new Fernald KangooFix newborn transportation device at no cost to the town.

Recall on 2011 GMC Sierra: There has been a recall on the 2011 GMC Sierra (public works truck) for the airbag, so it is scheduled to go to Varney's on the 29th to have it fixed at no cost.

Sam.Gov Renewal: Andy let the Board know he has been working on our Sam.Gov renewal. In order to apply for federal grants, you have to have a Sam's number and ours runs out in June of this year. It is a lengthy process to renew, so Andy is getting the process started for it.

Digitizing Cemetery Records Discussion: Andy said he has been working with Julia on digitizing cemetery lots, and they have been in contact with several vendors to get quotes.

Paving Discussion: There was discussion regarding consideration of possible roadwork projects for 2024 including Swett Road, Ash Hill Road, Marcho Road, Preble Lane, Fuller Road, Cook Road and Church Street. It was decided Andy would work on the bid specs and paving bids would be due by March 25th.

Code Enforcement: Dan said he had received a complaint about a potential junkyard and passed it on to Interim Code Enforcement Officer Jordan McLaughlin. Isaac said he didn't know whether Jordan had had a chance to go look at it yet.

Possible Ways to Honor Kevin Howell: Andy said Representative Jim Thorne had contacted him to say he had reached out to D.O.T. about the legislature naming a bridge after Kevin Howell, and town officials would have to agree to that. There was discussion about bridges that could be named for him and getting Katie Howell's approval for the naming of it. Dan said he was contacted by others about other ways to memorialize Kevin.

Zoll Medical AED: Andy said he had received an email from Zoll Medical offering a wall-mounted AED at a cost of \$1,600.00 to have at the Town Office in case of emergency. Staff would have to be trained in using it. There was discussion regarding possible liability. No action taken.

Town Manager Hiring Process Discussion: Dan Frye presented a proposal of \$6,500.00 from Don Garrish to handle the town manager search. After discussion, it was decided Dan would reach out to MMA for a proposal.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **February 20, 2024** in the amount of **\$7,720.90**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **February 26, 2024** in the amount of **\$8,075.05**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **February 26, 2024** as amended to void check #39725 as a duplicate payment in the amount of \$200,952.62 from original warrant amount of \$521,208.33; warrant approved in the amount of **\$320,255.71**. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Daniel Frye made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Selectmen went into executive session at 8:00 pm. Selectmen reconvened in regular session at 8:47 pm. No action taken, informational only.

ADJOURNMENT: Daniel Frye made a motion to adjourn. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.