

**Location:** Carmel Town Office

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

**Absent:** Suzan Rudnicki

**Town Manager/CEO:** Kevin Howell

**Rec. Secretary:** Coreen Sylvester

**Guests Present:** 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 January 8, 2024 as written. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sample Ballot:** The Town Manager gave Selectmen a copy of the sample ballot for the upcoming municipal election at the Grange Hall on March 2, 2024. Absentee ballots will be available thirty days before the election.

**Consideration of 2024 Town Meeting Warrant:** After discussion, Jared Fitts made a motion to approve the 2024 Town Meeting warrant. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**Update on Five Road Railroad Bridge:** Kevin stated he spoke with the Regional CSX Representative who is in charge of bridges, and he has agreed to meet with Kevin at the site next time he is in the area. Kevin said he has ordered two more signs to put up on the approach to either side of the bridge to make the bridge more noticeable to truck drivers in the hope they will be less likely to hit it.

**Murray Road Internet:** Kevin let the Board know that after several years of effort, there is finally internet access on Murray Road.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **January 16, 2024** in the amount of **\$8,690.49**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **January 22, 2024** in the amount of **\$8,897.87**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **January 22, 2024** in the amount of **\$319,975.33**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Round the Clock EMS Coverage:** Isaac Raymond asked about the possibility of having 24/7 EMS coverage at our fire station. Kevin said that while this would be the desired goal for some time in the future, the challenge is the lack of sufficient call volume during the overnight hours to support the extra costs of adding two more shifts. Kevin said he will continue to explore options for expanding coverage.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.