

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Gerald Burns III, Representative Jim Thorne, County Commissioner Andre Cushing, Attorney Andy Hamilton of Eaton & Peabody, Don Gerrish of Eaton and Peabody (via Zoom) and Donovan Lynch of News Center Maine

9:30 AM: Daniel Frye called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

Town Manager Kevin Howell Tribute: Attorney Andy Hamilton suggested Selectmen and guests be given an opportunity to speak about Kevin. Suzan, Dan, Jim, Andre, Isaac, Tim and Gerald Burns spoke of some of their experiences with Kevin, the many things he did to make Carmel a better place and what he meant to them, with everyone agreeing his passing is a huge loss to them and to the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary Appointments: There was discussion between the Board and attorneys regarding how to proceed with the operation of the town. After discussion, the following motions were made:

Suzan Rudnicki made a motion that the Board designate Coreen Sylvester as interim town clerk, tax collector and treasurer. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor.

Isaac Raymond made a motion that the Board designate Lacey Walton and Danielle Nickerson as interim deputy town clerks, tax collectors and treasurers. Jared Fitts seconded. Five voted in favor.

Suzan Rudnicki made a motion that the Board designate Lacey Walton as General Assistance Administrator. Isaac Raymond seconded. Five voted in favor.

Isaac Raymond made a motion to have the Board designate Daniel Frye and Danielle Nickerson as FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) officers and webmasters. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor. Dan Frye abstained.

Isaac Raymond made a motion to have the Board designate Daniel Frye and Suzan Rudnicki to serve as coordinators with Don Gerrish in the designation of an interim town manager. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor. Dan Frye and Sue Rudnicki abstained.

Timothy Richardson made a motion to have the Board designate Isaac Raymond and Daniel Frye as coordinators to work with Andy Hamilton to designate an interim code enforcement officer and licensed plumbing inspector. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor. Isaac Raymond and Dan Frye abstained.

Isaac Raymond made a motion to have the Board designate Timothy Richardson Jr. as interim road commissioner. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor. Tim Richardson abstained.

Next Meeting: Isaac Raymond made a motion to schedule the next Selectmen's meeting for Wednesday, January 31st at 3:30 pm. Sue Rudnicki seconded. Five voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Sue Rudnicki seconded. Five voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.