

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Town Manager/CEO: Kevin Howell

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Jim Dunning of Pine Tree Waste - Casella Systems Inc., Noah Dunning and Jessica P. Meek

6:30 PM: Suzan Rudnicki called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

MINUTES: Daniel Frye made a motion to accept the minutes of January 9, 2023 as written. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor. Sue Rudnicki abstained as she was not present for that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSW Proposals: There was discussion of the municipal solid waste collection proposals received from Sullivan Waste and Pine Tree Waste. (see minutes of January 9, 2023) Pine Tree Waste submitted a five-year contract (previously a three-year contract). After discussion, Daniel Frye made a motion to accept the five-year contract with Pine Tree Waste – Casella Systems, Inc. Timothy Richardson, Jr. seconded. Five voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Meeting Warrant: The Selectmen and Town Manager Kevin Howell went over the proposed 2023 Town Meeting warrant. Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the 2023 Town Meeting as written. Daniel Frye seconded. Five voted in favor.

Sample Municipal Election Ballot: Kevin showed Selectmen a sample ballot for this year's municipal election and said absentee ballots would be available this coming Friday.

Grant Application for Congressionally Directed Spending Requests 2023: Kevin stated he had a discussion with Senator Susan Collins' office regarding an email he had gotten from them saying they have opened up for towns to send a letter of interest to apply for a grant for which our municipal building expansion plans would fit very well. The town would need to budget for a percentage match, and the grant would be funded in 2024. The application period begins some time in February and will be open for six weeks. Selectmen had no objections to Kevin submitting a letter of intent and finding out more about the grant requirements.

Snowplowing Update: There was discussion regarding how the snowplowing is going this year with the new contractor (TGP Enterprises). Kevin said he is pleased with the job they are

doing. There have been a few mailbox complaints, which owner Tim Richardson has addressed. Tim had brought to Kevin's attention an issue regarding residents pushing snow into the road when plowing their driveways. Kevin said he sent out letters to the residents who had done it.

Potential Junkyard: Kevin said there is a potential junkyard at the garage at 1594 Main Road and said he would like to speak to Craig Dyer, who is operating it. Selectmen had no objections.

Zoning Map Signature: Suzan Rudnicki signed the new zoning map.

Town Manager Vacation Request: Kevin requested the week of February 21st as vacation time. Selectmen had no objections.

WARRANT: Dan Frye made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **January 17, 2023** in the amount of **\$6,188.77**. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Dan Frye made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **January 23, 2023** in the amount of **\$6,078.36**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Dan Frye made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **January 30, 2023** in the amount of **\$6,269.09**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Dan Frye made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **January 30, 2023** in the amount of **\$93,087.53**. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Sue Rudnicki made a motion to adjourn. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.