

**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 December 11, 2023 as written. Tim Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor. Isaac Raymond abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments: Rec Director, Fire Chief:** Jared Fitts made a motion to re-appoint Ralph Shaw as Fire & Rescue Chief and Deidra McIntosh as Recreation Director for the ensuing year. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**Golden Harvest Grange Letter of Approval:** Jared Fitts made a motion to sign a blanket letter of consent to register for bingo/beano. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Storm Recap:** Kevin gave a recap of the December 18<sup>th</sup> storm and said there was widespread tree damage that was handled well with staff from the fire department.

Kevin said the dugout at field 2 of the rec field was ruined due to the storm and he has gotten an estimate of \$3,900.00 to rebuild it, and an insurance claim has been submitted. Selectmen had no objections to having it rebuilt.

**2024 Municipal Election Update – Sample Ballot and Proposed Location Change:** For the March 2, 2024 municipal election, Isaac Raymond qualified to be on the ballot for Selectman. No candidates submitted papers for either of the RSU 87 Director positions. Kevin proposed having the election at the grange hall, and Selectmen agreed.

**2023 Recap – Treasurer's Report, Expenditure Report, Permit Reports Etc.:** The Town Manager gave the treasurer's report as well as an update on expenditures and permits as of December 31, 2023.

**Presentation of 2024 Budget Proposal:** There was discussion of Kevin's presentation of the 2024 proposed budget. Daniel Frye made a motion to recommend the proposed budget for the 2024 town meeting warrant. Timothy Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**Town Manager Contract:** Isaac Raymond made a motion to sign the town manager's contract. Jared Fitts seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of December 18, 2023 in the amount of \$7,177.89. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of December 26, 2023 in the amount of \$7,091.31. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of December 29, 2023 in the amount of \$31,652.02. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$20,464.19. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$8,692.43. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$2,880.94. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$153,934.25. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor. Tim Richardson abstained.

**OTHER BUSINESS - Light at Sand Shed:** Tim Richardson asked if we can have a light put up at the route 2 end of the road leading into the sand shed. Kevin said he would look into it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.