

Location: Carmel Town Office

Selectmen Present: Daniel Frye, Jared Fitts and Isaac Raymond

Absent: Suzan Rudnick and Timothy Richardson, Jr.

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: Isaac Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of June 26, 2023 as written. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board Appointments: Isaac Raymond made a motion to appoint William J. Mixer as an alternate member of the Planning Board for the ensuing five years, and to appoint Troy S. Garland as a regular member of the Planning Board for the remainder of his previous alternate member appointment through February 7, 2027. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor.

Aroostook Renewable Gateway Project: There was discussion regarding LS Power's proposal of building a new transmission line from Aroostook County into the existing New England grid, part of which includes an alternate route that may go through the northwest corner of Carmel. Kevin said LS Power is inviting the public to an informational open house on July 18, 2023.

Murray Road in Newburgh: As requested at the last meeting, Kevin drafted a letter to Newburgh's selectmen regarding the condition of Murray Road. After discussion, it was decided to wait for a full board before sending the letter.

Lacey Walton's Clerk Certification: Kevin let the Board know that after a lot of hard work, Lacey Walton has received her clerk's certification and deserves congratulations.

EMS Contract: After discussion, Jared Fitts made a motion to sign the new EMS contract with Northern Light. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

PFAS Testing Update: Kevin let Selectmen know D.E.P. took another water sample and completed a field study for us. Once they get the results, they will submit a recommendation to us.

Touch-a-Truck and Community Yard Sale: The town-wide yard sale will be from August 25th through August 27th. Kevin said the annual Touch-a-Truck event will be the same weekend and he has already gotten a lot of new participants for it.

RSU 87 School Board Vacancy: Kevin stated he has still had only one person express interest in the RSU 87 Board of Directors vacancy, but he hasn't sent his letter of interest yet.

Playground Update: The Town Manager said the groundwork for the new playground is complete. Everything is ready for installation as soon as the installers can schedule us.

Concession Stand Mural: Kevin let the Board know Hannah Hegarty has completed the mural on the Rec Field concession stand, and she did an incredible job.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **July 3, 2023** in the amount of **\$14,567.81**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **July 10, 2023** in the amount of **\$9,496.17**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **July 10, 2023** in the amount of **\$311,489.41**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Jared Fitts made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405(6)(H) to discuss a legal matter with the Town Manager. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor. Selectmen went into executive session at 7:27 pm. Selectmen reconvened in regular session at 8:10 pm. No action taken, informational only.

ADJOURNMENT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to adjourn. Daniel Frye seconded. Three voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.