

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Town Manager/CEO: Kevin Howell

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Carol Lackedy, Blaise Horridge, Shylo Cote, Attorney Mike Hodgins, Glennis McSorley, Toby Pelletier and Cheryl Horton

7:30 PM: Suzan Rudnicki called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

MINUTES: Daniel Frye made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2022 as written. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Tim Richardson abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

MINUTES: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the minutes of May 23, 2022 as written. Dan Frye seconded. Four voted in favor. Timothy Richardson, Jr. abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Lackedy – Hermon Food Pantry: Carol Lackedy gave a brief history of the Hermon food pantry and Christmas program, which services Hermon, Carmel, Levant, Etna and others if needed. Carol explained they have had to move to several different locations throughout the years and have to move out of their current location by August 1st as it has been rented out. Carol said she is looking for ideas for a place they could set up in temporarily. Selectmen said they would contact her if they come up with any ideas.

Carmel Days Update: Town Manager Kevin Howell gave an update on Carmel Days (October 1, 2022) planning, and said we already have several donations from local businesses, including an anonymous donation of \$5,000.00 towards the parade.

Grant Applications: Kevin gave an update on several grants he is working on, ranging from playground, town landing, recreation trails and stream crossing, totaling over \$250,000.00.

Roadwork: There was discussion on current roadwork progress and trees encroaching on roadways..

Blooming Algae: Kevin let Selectmen know he had a call from a resident regarding algae blooming in Black Stream. Kevin went to look at it and said it is a significant amount, which can have impact on connecting waterways. He met with Jim Beyer, Bangor Director of DEP, and the DEP is going to send a stream biologist out to do tests.

Drone Purchase: Sue Rudnick asked if Kevin had purchased any drones yet. Kevin said he purchased one and has registered it with the FAA. Because you have to be a certified pilot to operate one commercially, Kevin has signed up for the training.

Manager's Institute: The Town Manager's Institute is from August 10th through August 12th, and Kevin said he will be attending. Kevin also said he has submitted for his town manager certification.

Damascus Landing: In discussion with Jim Beyer, Kevin asked him if a permit would be required to have a porta potty installed at the boat landing. Mr. Beyer said we did not need a permit and he wished every town would have one at their boat landing. Kevin said he has ordered one for Damascus Landing if Selectmen have no objections. Selectmen had no objections.

Rec Field: There was discussion regarding plans for Kevin and the public works crew to add designated parking spaces all along the road by the Rec Field. Kevin said he will provide drawings at the next meeting. Kevin also said he would like to add a road between fields one and two, to make it easier for coaches to get their gear in for games. Selectmen had no objections.

Roadside Mowing Contract: After discussion, Isaac Raymond made a motion to sign the proposed three-year contract with Aggressive Cuts for roadside mowing. Daniel Frye seconded. Five voted in favor.

Snowplowing Contract: Kevin let the Board know Bobby Noyes let him know today that he is not going to be able to do our snowplowing due to staffing problems, so we will need to put it out to bid. Kevin said he will prepare the specs as soon as possible.

Review of Final Draft of Proposed New Land Use Zoning Ordinance: Kevin provided a copy of the Planning Board's final draft of the proposed new Land Use Zoning Ordinance and notified them of the public hearing scheduled for July 28th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Isaac Raymond made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405(6)(E) for a consultation with legal counsel. Dan Frye seconded. Five voted in favor. Selectmen went into executive session at 8:38 pm. Selectmen reconvened in regular session at 9:24 pm. No action taken, informational only.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of July 5, 2022 in the amount of \$11,240.47. Dan Frye seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of July 11, 2022 in the amount of \$7,161.99. Dan Frye seconded. Dan Frye voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of July 18, 2022 in the amount of \$7,026.20. Dan Frye seconded. Dan Frye voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of July 18, 2022 in the amount of \$773,166.12. Dan Frye seconded. Five voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Isaac Raymond made a motion to adjourn. Daniel Frye seconded. Five voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.