

Location: Carmel Town Office

Selectmen Present: Suzan Rudnick, Daniel Frye, Jared Fitts and Isaac Raymond

Absent: 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 12, 2023 as written. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor. Suzan Rudnicki abstained as she was not present for that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Real Estate Tax Commitment Update: The Town Manager let the Board know taxes were committed Friday with a mil rate increase of \$.35, and the bills will go in the mail tomorrow.

PFAS Testing: There was discussion regarding the positive PFAS test on the town office well. Because it is a private well D.E.P. does not require public notification to residents. They are going to do a case study for us to try to find the source of the contamination. Kevin recommended writing an informational letter to mail to the residents in the village area, and post on our website. Selectmen agreed.

Holiday Trash Pickup: Kevin reminded Selectmen trash pickup will be on Wednesday next week instead of Tuesday because of the July 4th holiday and said he will post a reminder online after this Tuesday.

Update on Senator Collins CDS Request: The town's approval for the Congressionally Directed Spending Requests 2023 grant is looking good for next year. Kevin said as a formality the appropriations bill still has to pass the house and senate.

Murray Road in Newburgh: As requested at the last meeting, Kevin contacted Newburgh's town manager to see what their plans are for work on the Newburgh end of Murray Road. Newburgh's town manager said that road is at the bottom of their list. After discussion, it was decided Kevin would draft a letter to Newburgh's selectmen for our selectmen to review at our next meeting.

RSU 87 School Board Vacancy: Kevin stated he has had only one person express interest in the RSU 87 Board of Directors vacancy.

Playground Update: Kevin said the new playground should be finished by the end of July.

Town Landing Paving: Kevin let Selectmen know the town landing parking lot is all paved and striped.

Sheriff's Contract: The Town Manager said he went to the County Commissioner's meeting a couple weeks ago and was told the County has agreed to extend Carmel's law enforcement contract for three months.

RSU 87 Building Committee Board Representative Selection: There was discussion regarding selecting a representative for the building committee to oversee proposed building additions/renovations to RSU 87 (Carmel and Levant) schools. Selectmen decided to designate Daniel Frye as our representative for the Selectmen.

High Speed Internet – Murray Road: Two years ago Kevin had spoken with a representative of Spectrum who told him they would be building out Newburgh and would also be providing internet access to the Murray Road. Kevin said that still hasn't happened and he is still looking into ways to make it happen, including possible grants from Connect Maine.

Possible Change to Town Office Hours: There was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the town office hours to be open Tuesday mornings and closed Fridays. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **June 20, 2023** in the amount of **\$9,312.12**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **June 26, 2023** in the amount of **\$9,688.96**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **June 26, 2023** in the amount of **\$70,807.21**. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.