

**Location:** Carmel Town Office

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

**Absent:** Suzan Rudnicki

**Interim Town Manager:** Andrew Hart

**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 March 11, 2024 as written. Timothy Richardson seconded. Three voted in favor. Jared Fitts abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Appointments:** Daniel Frye made a motion to appoint Robert J. Duplisea, Jr. as Assessor, Julia R. Pike as Sexton, Ralph G. Shaw as Emergency Management Director and Forest Fire Warden and Leslie Jean Wilkey as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Carmel for the ensuing year. Timothy Richardson, Jr. seconded. Four voted in favor.

Dan Frye made a motion to appoint Gladys M. Swett as Local Health Officer for the Town of Carmel for the ensuing three years. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

Dan Frye made a motion to appoint Donald R. Kneeland as a member of the Planning Board for the ensuing five years. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**Board of Appeals Discussion:** Interim Town Manager Andrew Hart said we currently have three members on our Board of Appeals, and in looking at the statutes it appears we should have five to seven members on the board. After discussion, it was decided Andy would put it on the website to see if any residents would be willing to serve.

**Sam.Gov Renewal:** Andy let the Board know he had submitted our Sam.Gov renewal, but he has to re-submit it because the first two characters of our sam.gov number were typed incorrectly.

**Roadwork:** There was discussion regarding roadwork. Andy stated there were some washouts on Fuller, Irish and Cook Roads, which he had Troy Garland take care of. He also had Tyler McIntosh do a couple of tree removals for us.

Andy said he, Tim Richardson and Troy Garland had met with the State onsite at Church Street to discuss catch basin issues. The State will probably raise the catch basin and put a culvert in.

**MMA Risk Management Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal:** There was discussion regarding the application for renewal of the Town's property and casualty insurance, and Andy said he has requested an updated equipment list from the fire department. Dan asked Andy to talk with different town departments to see if there had been discussions with Kevin regarding what may be needed for future purchases. Isaac asked if we had added our new Cascade system to our list for insurance, and Andy said he would find out.

**Code Enforcement Officer (and Local Plumbing Inspector) Position:** Dan Frye said he had spoken with Newburgh and Levant town managers to see if they would be interested in a regional code enforcement officer, and neither of them is looking to add more code enforcement hours at this time.

Isaac Raymond said Hermon's plumbing inspector is willing to do all of Carmel's plumbing inspections for the town's permit fees. He would be available for inspections on more than one day a week, and it would free up more time for our code enforcement officer to focus on just code enforcement duties. Isaac said he would speak with Mr. Murphy again to get more information.

Selectmen asked Andy to post the position for approximately fifteen hours per week and to screen the applicants and bring recommendations to the Board. Isaac suggested Andy put something on the town manager list serve to see if there are any towns who might be interested in sharing a code enforcement officer. Andy suggested also putting something on the MMA site.

There was some discussion about possibly adopting a building code, and there was a question regarding the population requirements.

**Carmel Days Update:** A meeting for a new Carmel Days committee was held at 5:30 pm today, and Isaac said it went well. Carmel Days will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> this year, and the theme will be 'everyday heroes.'

**Solar Farm Application:** Isaac said the Planning Board has received an application for a solar farm on Route 2 and extending back into the residential/farming zone. They accepted the application but have not made a decision on approving or denying.

There was discussion on whether to institute a moratorium until we can write an ordinance. Andy said our attorney told him that since they are in the residential/farming zone and a solar farm is not an allowed use in that zone, we have a reason for denial and don't need a moratorium at this time. After discussion, Selectmen asked that Andy ask Planning Board members to come to next week's meeting to discuss it.

**Zoom Meetings:** Isaac asked if we could look into getting set up for any zoom meetings without having to pass around a laptop. There was discussion about options.

**Community Events:** Andy said he has verified with a representative of Casella, and our spring and fall cleanups are scheduled for the second Saturdays in May and October from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The town-wide yard sale is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Touch-a-Truck is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of **March 18, 2024** in the amount of **\$8,585.37**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of **March 18, 2024** in the amount of **\$234,624.95**. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Daniel Frye made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Isaac Raymond seconded. Four voted in favor. Selectmen went into executive session at 7:47 pm. Selectmen reconvened in regular session at 8:18 pm. No action taken, informational only.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Isaac Raymond made a motion to adjourn. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.