

Location: Carmel Town Office

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

Town Manager: Andrew Hart

Rec. Secretary: Coreen Sylvester

Guests Present: Michael Archer, Jeremy Pomeroy, Sheila Mahon, Greg Getchell, 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 April 22, 2024 as written. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor. Timothy Richardson, Jr. and Suzan Rudnicki abstained as they were not present for that meeting.

MINUTES: Sue Rudnicki made a motion to accept the minutes of April 29, 2024 as written. Tim Richardson seconded. Four voted in favor. Jared Fitts abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy & Jeremy Pomeroy, Greg Getchell – Flooding Situation on Irish Road: Daniel Frye explained that he, Andy Hart, Jared Fitts, Steve Fleming, Greg Getchell, Mike Archer and Jeremy Pomeroy had met to look at the property, and they were waiting on paperwork Mike Archer had said he would provide (which he brought tonight). Greg Getchell said he could probably get a copy of a letter from D.E.P. to the Town Office as well as paperwork from his engineer sometime this week. Isaac Raymond asked what the findings were from contractor Steve Fleming, and Andy said Steve did not believe it was the Town's problem. After discussion, Selectmen decided to table the matter until they have had a chance to look at all the relevant paperwork.

Vote to Approve Appointments: Dan Frye made a motion to appoint Andrew L. Hart as the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner and Agent to the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Carmel. Jared Fitts seconded. Five voted in favor.

Dan Frye made a motion to appoint Adam W. Caldwell as the Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector and E-911 Addressing Officer for the ensuing year. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor.

Email from Robert Baloonis: Andy said that on May 2nd Robert Baloonis, Regional Director of the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, had sent an email to him and the Selectmen regarding a proposal from Congress allowing bigger trucks to drive over town roads.

After discussion, it was decided Andy would respond to Mr. Baloonis to find out what it is about and report back to the Board.

Maine EMS Award: Andy let Selectmen know that Kevin Howell had received an email from the director of Maine EMS saying that the Maine EMS Board has selected Kevin to receive the EMS Community Partner Award. Andy to reach out to Maine EMS to let them know Kevin passed away and find out what we should do.

Bridge-Naming: Isaac Raymond asked if there is anything new on the naming of a bridge for Kevin. Andy said Jim Thorne wasn't able to get to it in time for the last legislative session, but is still moving forward with it and will have to bring it to the next session.

2023 Audit: Andy let the Board know we are working with the auditor in clarifying a few things to get the financial statements finalized.

RSU 87 Referendum Warrant: Daniel Frye made a motion to sign the District Referendum Election Warrant for RSU 87 for the June 11, 2024 referendum election. Jared Fitts seconded. Five voted in favor.

Selectmen asked the Town Manager to see if Superintendent Mark Turner will be able to come to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss the school budget.

Facebook Page: Andy stated that Danielle Nickerson has set up a new facebook page, under 'Town of Carmel, Maine.'

Ambulance Billing: Isaac asked if Andy had had a chance to look at income versus costs for ambulance billing. Andy said Jill from Northern Light had sent him information, but they are working to redact the confidential information from it.

Roadwork Discussion: Tim Richardson said P.J. Breton had contacted him because last fall Kevin and P.J. had gone around town looking at culverts and ditching that need to be done and P.J. just wanted to make sure the work gets done, whether it's him or someone else. Tim said P.J. is willing to meet with Andy to go over what he and Kevin had come up with. Andy said he would contact P.J.

Andy let the Board know Lacey and Danielle have been working on inputting the budget figures into the computer, and it looks like we will have to cut back on some of the Public Works projects. Andy said there is a cross-culvert on Damascus Road that really needs some work, including rip-rap.

There was discussion regarding a report Andy had received from the State about two of the bridges in town. The one on Gristmill Road got the lowest score. Andy said he will have to talk to the State and find out what we need to do with them.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of May 6, 2024 in the amount of \$17,338.24. Tim Richardson seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$11,609.89. Isaac Raymond seconded. Five voted in favor.

WARRANT: Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$152,093.84. Suzan Rudnicki seconded. Four voted in favor. Isaac Raymond abstained.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be June 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Frye made a motion to adjourn. Jared Fitts seconded. Five voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.