

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2019
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Dan Staples, Laurie Haynes, Corey Jones, and Martha Marchut

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Samantha Jones

Public Present: Austin Donaghy, Bill Aboud, Pat Aboud, Nick Smith, Ed Amoroso, Kristi Niedermann, and Crystal Robinson

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Corey Jones, to approve 2019 Warrants 5 and 6.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of the 1/28/19 Meeting:

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting as amended. Selectwoman Martha Marchut seconded.

Discussion: Martha Marchut requested two minor word/phrase corrections

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda: none

6. Unfinished Business: none

7. New Business:

7a. Good Neighbor Park

ACTION: none

Discussion: Kristi Niedermann stated how when the process began, they wanted a larger parking lot. Mr. Goldsmith came and proposed for a narrower one and Kristi gave that to the Board of Selectman as an alternative but said that as they've been talking it seems having the bigger one would be nicer for turning around and stuff. She said the one that was parallel parking, was maybe just two cars less, but she wasn't as concerned about the number of cars as much but the ease of turning around in that area. It's easier to go into a parking lot and come out than just to pull along the side of the road so they think it would be better, she said, and recommends that the town goes for the larger parking lot. Dan Staples stated that he thought that's what they had already voted on [the bigger one anyway], and the other was just a suggestion. Kristi agreed that yes it was a suggestion but thought that Laurie had said it was a nice idea, or Kristi thought it seemed that she thought it was a good idea, but she [Kristi] is now concerned that they should recommend that they want the bigger one instead of the narrower one. Danny restated that is what was voted on. Kristi said okay, she only remembered voting on a parking lot, not necessarily which one. Alton said they have the permit. Kristi agreed. Danny said other design came in after the fact, just before they voted, and he took it as nothing more than a suggestion. Alton added that the way Mr. Goldsmith drew it up, it would probably be about half the cost of the larger one. Kristi understood that. Alton went on to add the way he [Mr. Goldsmith] drew it up he didn't believe the parking lot would even need a culvert, the larger one would need a long culvert going in the brook. Kristi again stated she understands that. Alton said okay, as long as everyone understands. Laurie asked if the people had voted on a dollar amount yet. Kristi stated yes, it was \$10,000.00. Laurie asked if that was enough to do everything. Kristi said she believed so. Alton said there was an estimate. Laurie questioned if it was for the big parking lot for the \$10,000.00. Alton said yes. Dan Staples said it would have to go out to bid, Alton agreed. Dan Staples added that the one they call big measures up to about 6 cars. Kristi said it's not much more but it's just easier to get in and out, and it [narrower design] was a nice idea, she liked it, but didn't think it was as practical. Crystal Robinson then added that she would like something in writing that there would be no chemicals sprayed on the park; to keep it organic and protect the environment and the shorelines and everything. She stated that she didn't think anybody was at this point, but just in case someone would like to in the future put a chemical fertilizer or something like that, or spray for insects or whatever, for this park we say no sprays. Dan Staples said that they can't do anything like that down there without coming before the Select Board anyway. Crystal agreed but said she was speaking for the future. She said towns like Portland are saying that they want to keep all their town areas organic. Laurie said that she thought they would need to run that question before the people, some people might freak out about ticks and feel it's their park and they want it sprayed for ticks. Kristi said that there are organic ways for dealing with it and people that do that organically. Dan said he felt personally they were trying to create a problem before there is a problem. If someone comes and asks then they'll deal with it, Dan said, but why create a problem when there are enough problems as there is. Crystal said she was thinking it might happen without anyone knowing about it, things get sprayed. Alton said we can't. Crystal questioned rather they can't [just spray without approval]. Alton said no, Dan then added that it is town property, and they can't do it without somebody knowing. Crystal said she didn't know, she thought the town Selectman had the right, if they need to spray for ticks to spray for ticks. Dan said he wouldn't sign anything where the public is going to be.

7b. Sign appointment paper for Registrar of Voters, Lisa Young

ACTION: Document was signed by the Select Board

Discussion: none

7c. Discuss and set annual interest rate for delinquent and abated taxes (9% is the maximum allowed)

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to keep the interest rates the same as last year; 6% for delinquent and 2% for abated.

Discussion: Alton said it was 6% last year. Laurie added 6% and 2%, 2% for abated. Dan Staples asked if we can keep it the same. Alton said yes we can. Dan said he didn't feel we should be trying to make even more of a burden and to keep it the same.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. Discuss and appoint new office assistant

ACTION: Moved to executive session

Discussion: none

8. Comments from Citizens: Bill Aboud asked how to get on the agenda for the next Selectman's meeting to hold a second public hearing in regard to the site plan review ordinance.

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to schedule a second public hearing to begin before the Selectman's meeting on February 25, 2019.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

---Executive Session---

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F), to discuss a confidential record, at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Dan Staples to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Alton Grover motioned, and Martha Marchut seconded, to enter back into the main meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectwoman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, declaring that Randy Martin's barge/crane be declared an abandoned watercraft.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, that Harbor Master, Austin Donaghy, be authorized to start paperwork and advise Randy Martin of said procedures.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

---Executive Session---

The Select Board entered back into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F), to discuss a confidential record, at 7:25 p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Martha Marchut to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Alton Grover motioned, and Martha Marchut seconded, to enter back into the main meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Danny Staples, to hire Danika Poland on a three-month probationary period.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Corey Jones made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary