

TOWN OF CUSHING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 8, 2020  
via ZOOM Video Conference due to COVID-19

**Selectmen Present:** Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Dan Staples, Craig Currie, Corey Jones, and Martha Marchut

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Lisa Young

**Public Present:** Harbor Master Austin Donaghy

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Craig Currie, to approve 2020 Warrants 72 and 73.

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 2020 meeting**

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting as written

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:**

**5a. Transfer Station**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Martha reported she had spoken with Bob Butler and he had said there won't be a Transfer Station Committee meeting until after the Management Board meets. She said he didn't say a lot about what was going on with the facility but that he was confident that the MRC would make sure that with whatever happens we'd be okay. She said Bob had a lot of positive things to say about the new Executive Director, Mike Carroll, and added that he has a lot of experience in the industry and is instrumental in getting the CDD (construction demolition debris) taken care of in a reasonably inexpensive way. Dan asked how they would make up for the shortfall of money. Martha did not know,

she wasn't sure Bob would even know yet. Martha also told Dan she has tried to reach Ben Lash as suggested but hasn't been able to reach him yet.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **6a. E-mails**

**ACTION:** Item to be put on agenda for next meeting

**Discussion:** Craig said he spoke with Richard Provonchee and we can use the current [cushing.maine.gov](http://cushing.maine.gov) url and have an unlimited number of email addresses for free using that account. Craig said he asked if those emails are stored, and yes, they can be either at the consulting company, EES, or locally at the Town Office. Craig said this route we can convert to a town email without having to pay. He added they can be forwarded to personal emails but would have to be replied to through the town email. Corey asked if having it forwarded would still subject personal emails to town stuff, which is trying to be avoided by doing the town emails. Craig wasn't sure and felt if not responded to by the personal one it shouldn't. Craig felt that replying as a town official there could be legal ramifications down the road if going through personal emails, town emails being stored in one town setting seems better legally. Corey added a class they attended once, anything you use during a meeting can become town business, even cell phones if used during a meeting. He added personal emails that go through, it could subject personal business to the public, and he feels it all needs to be separate. Craig said his biggest thing was trying to find out if the town can change over without paying the \$5 per month per account and now we have found a way that we can. He said we can set up any number of accounts using the url. Lisa said it would be nice for everyone to have the same emails. Craig said all emails should be consistent, like first initial last name [@cushing.maine.gov](mailto:@cushing.maine.gov) or generic like selectperson1, selectperson2, harbormaster, etc [@cushing.maine.gov](mailto:@cushing.maine.gov). Austin suggested general emails would be beneficial because the emails can continue even after positions change rather than someone's name and then they leave the position and the email is gone. Craig said going this route, it really should be all or none, everyone should go this route if one person does. Corey felt this would also make it easier for townspeople to get a hold of us and write us having generic emails for all. Martha suggested some type of training on learning the new system if needed as well.

## **7. New Business**

### **7a. Assessor vacancy**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Dan said he knows a lady named Charly Haversat who said she wouldn't mind doing this. Dan said she lives on Raccoon Road and has been here for a while now. He said she would bring some energy to the Board and has been looking to get involved with some town stuff. Martha asked if the vacancy has been publicized yet. Lisa said no. Martha suggested putting it out on the Cushing Post first just so others that may be interested have an opportunity. She said she doesn't expect a big response but feels the transparency is important. Craig said Dan should tell her we are glad she wants to do it and very interested in her getting the position, but thinks he should explain to her why they have to post the position as well, before accepting, so she doesn't get ticked off when she sees it.

### **7b. Lawyer**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to send all of the information to the lawyer and to let her know that when they meet, she should be involved.

**Discussion:** Dan said it was mentioned in the workshop, as well, but there is a lawyer letter from Patrick Mellor representing some landowners down on Pleasant Point who want to meet with the Appeals Board. Dan said there are a couple new members on the Appeals Board and he thinks it's very important to have our town lawyer involved. He suggested having the town forward the lawyers letter and all information to our lawyer so she can be involved so a partially new Board isn't going up against a lawyer. Corey added that moving forward he feels anytime something gets to this point the town lawyer should be involved. The Board agreed

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**7c. Review driveway/entrance permit**

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to approve the driveway/entrance permit application from the Farnsworth Library Art Museum

**Discussion:** Alton said he noticed the new entrance while he was doing some work down there, so he asked George Hall who was doing the work. They said Gartley & Dorsky were supposed to get the permit taken care of ahead of time and they hadn't done it. Dan said he hadn't seen it yet but if others have and are okay with it, he'll trust them. Corey thought it was fine and as good as any other driveway in that area. Alton added it was in a low speed area.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**7d. BC Electric, Inc. annual service contract**

**ACTION:** Item to be put on agenda for next meeting

**Discussion:** Alton said this is just something we do every year; he wasn't sure if it had gone up or not. Lisa answered that yes it did; last year it was \$199.95, and this year its \$289.95. Craig asked if this was the generator. Alton said yes, the one at the Fire Station. Alton said they have checked around before on pricing and there wasn't much difference. Corey asked what it covers, adding last year when there was a gas issue, we had to hire someone to come down and get it going as BC was no where to be found. Lisa said they inspect the air filter, adjust voltage and hertz settings (if necessary), adjust gas regulator (if necessary), Replace spark plug(s), change the oil and filter, check battery and charger, inspect the whole unit, and check coolant and heater (liquid cooled). Craig felt it's not really a lot of money but a very big increase. Dan said his personal generator at home is \$250 for annual service so it's in the price range but seems to be quite a hike. Corey said his only problem was the issue we had we didn't get much help from them while the generator was out for a week or two. Craig asked if you could counter, offer \$210 or something. Corey said to service, air and oil filters are maybe \$70. He thinks you could get someone local to service it once a year too if there's no financial obligation to them. Corey said he would like to look into a couple things and suggested bringing it back up for discussion next meeting.

**8. Comments from Citizens: none**

**---Executive Session---**

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E), for consultation with legal counsel, at 6:45 p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Dan Staples and seconded by Corey Jones, to go into Executive Session.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Selectman Dan Staples motioned, seconded by Martha Marchut, to enter back into the main meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to have Austin pursue the recommendation of the attorney.

**Discussion:** no additional

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones  
Recording Secretary