

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2021
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover; Selectmen Tracey Bally, Craig Currie, and Daniel Staples

Selectmen Absent: Martha Marchut

Staff Present: Town Clerk, Lisa Young

Public Present: none

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 2021 Warrants 32 and 33

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 and August 4, 2021 meeting

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting with one change

Motion Carried 4-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve the August 4, 2021 Special Selectmen Meeting minutes as written

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Discussion: Alton said he had one change he was looking to find again. Lisa asked if it was the grandson thing he had mentioned in the office, she said that she [Sami] had already corrected that. Alton said it was written as Jimmy Kalloch's son but was meant to be Alton's grandson.

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Cottage Road Violations

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to have CEO, Scott Bickford, and the Town's attorney finish the legal letter and action and give it back to the Board for review.

Discussion: Dan said coming out of the executive session we should have had a motion and asked if it was too late to do that. Lisa said it couldn't be in the minutes from that meeting, but it could be added now [in this meeting.]

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5b. Pothole

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said there is apparently a pothole on the corner of the school driveway and Cross Road. He said he hasn't looked at it but wanted to confirm Cross Road is a state road. Alton confirmed. Craig asked to get it filled does it involve contacting the State. He said he didn't know how big it was. Alton said he would call the State. Alton said the culvert in that same area is plugged too; Alton said he would remind them of that, too.

5c. Garage Compressor

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said he had a letter in response to the inspection of the compressor in the Town Garage. He read that there is no vibration dampening installed. Alton said he has seen one before and they get set under the legs; he read that if you don't do that the vibration can cause failure to tank wells. Alton said his has been in the garage for thirty something years and never broke, but he guesses they'll do it. Alton said the other guy that was here once said there should be a strap around the tank to the wall, so he thought maybe we should do both.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Town Plow Truck

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said Lisa sent that out today and asked if everyone had a copy. Dan said no, Alton and Lisa just did it. Craig asked if this was to sell the old truck. Alton said yes, it had been rewritten. Lisa said it just changed from two trucks to one truck and the only change was the minimum went down to \$15,000 and bids are due by September 13.

6b. Old Hoops

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Tracey asked about the old hoops laying on the ground; she asked if they [J K Kalloch] was going to take those away or if we need to find somebody to get rid of them. Alton joked there was a free sign. Alton said he and Jim talked about it, and he [Alton] said they could leave them if anyone wants them, and if they don't, he will take them away.

7. New Business:

7a. Annual MDOT Local Road Assistance Program Certification

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, that the MDOT Local Road Assistance funds will be used in a manner consistent with State Statute Chapter 19 of Title 23

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

7b. Discuss Remote Participation Policy

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said he looked it over it and had a few questions. He said under the second paragraph, he likes the part where remote participation won't be through emails. He then went on to read that the body will not restrict the public attendance through remote methods except in the case of emergency or urgent issues. He asked if that means that if we're live we don't have to have it, but when we're not live it makes it as available as possible. The Board agreed that's how they took it. Dan said the only thing we have available is the agenda, is that the same. Lisa said yes, and anything else that should be viewed is sent out through Lisa and people are told where to find it. Dan went on to read other things talking video/sound technology. Dan asked if roll call can be done by show of hands, as previously done. He said when they were remote, it would be silent and then everyone would talk at the same time over each other. Dan asked if they could add by show of hands to the policy. The Board agreed it's their policy, they can do it how they want. Lisa felt that was more towards the just audio, with video show of hands can be used. Lisa said she would get changes made and it can be reviewed next meeting.

7c. Vaccine incentive

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said he just wanted to bring it up as South Thomaston has decided to give \$200 to anyone who gets vaccinated. He said he read it and felt it should be discussed; he said his personal opinion is we shouldn't do it, but since it's making news, he felt it was worth bringing up. He said this is the first time around here and asked where South Thomaston is getting their money from. Lisa said it is coming from the American Rescue Plan, but that they are in the same boat we are and have not got the money yet. Craig said he just wanted to bring it up, so the Board was aware of it and in agreement and not wanting to do this.

7d. Library website sign

ACTION: Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to allow the Cushing Library to put a website sign below its current sign on the Town Office sign

Discussion: Craig said the library would like to put a sign below its current sign [on the Town Office sign] with their website. He said they would pay for it, but they feel a lot of people don't find their website, so they wanted to advertise for it. It said it would be smaller than what's their now.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

7e. Cushing Town events

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said in his travels through the Midwest this summer he noticed many small towns [like ours] were doing interesting events in their towns and wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. He said one was having a tree contest, where people would nominate their trees in their yards and have a panel of judge's pick the best. Another had a town scavenger hunt all over town; he said he might see if the library would want to host something like that. He said they were a couple ideas of things he saw. Lisa said someone in town did a Christmas light contest this year with prizes. Lisa said a dental office in Fryeburg just did a Town scavenger hunt, too. Craig said these events were all over the Midwest.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary