

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, Jan 30th, 2022
Cushing Community Center

Select Board Present: Select people Tracey Bally, Cheryl Stackpole, Mike James, Dan Staples, Craig Currie

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Lisa Young

Public Present: William Aboud, Bob Ellis, Austin Donaghy, Clarence Flanders, Andrew Blanchard, William Smith, Corey Jones, Meg Rasmussen, Jason Ward

1.Call to Order: Chairperson Danny Staples called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACTION: Chairperson Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve the General Assistance Ordinance.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve and sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Chairperson Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2023 Warrants 1,4 & 5

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the Jan 9th ,2023 meeting.

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to approve the minutes of the January 9th, 20223, meeting as written

DISCUSSION:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Discussion- Dan responded to many calls on the road maintenance after the storms, regarding potholes, sand piles, and culverts.

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

6.Unfinished Business

6a. Warming Shelter

ACTION:

Discussion: Clarence spoke with Philip Bramhall from Friendship on who runs the shelter in their town, to get some feedback. He said he would be willing to come up and talk and we could attend a meeting they are holding for more information. Craig had the question on insurance for a situation like this.

6b. Follow-up on Ambulance/Fire station workshop

ACTION:

Discussion: Danny spoke with Miller and Miller Construction who was going to write up quotes on both options, were not done yet. Danny said that no matter what is written up it will have to be put out to bid.

7. New Business:

7a. Meg Rasmussen to address the Board to discuss the Community Resilience Partnership

ACTION:

Discussion- The program provides resources to communities to help with any climate related resilience projects. Its an enrollment process. The state will fund up to \$50,000. Things that this will help cover is updates to our municipal building, heat pumps, solar back up power, roadways, etc. To enroll there is a seven-step process. Meg would be there to help write the grant up for the Town if interested. Danny asked if they did private projects as well. Craig asked what the percentage of communities get grants. Meg responded with 100%. He also wanted to know what the follow up process would be after the money was granted and used. The board will discuss and get in touch with her when agreement is reached.

7b. Foreclosure wording for paper.

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to require a bid of \$35,720.00

DISCUSSION- The board agreed on option 2 for the wording of the foreclosure property to be sent to the paper.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Photos/drawings for Town Report

ACTION:

DISCUSSION: Any photos need to be submitted by the middle of February. Lisa was going to ask if color pictures in the Town Report would make the price increase.

7b. Rescue Squad Director, Andrew Blanchard, to discuss using ARPA Funds for the Laryngoscope.

ACTION: Mike James made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to Approve the purchase of a Laryngoscope for \$3,427.89 from ARPA funds.

DISCUSSION:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7c. Approve and sign annual Holiday schedule and Review IRS mileage reimbursement for 2023.

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to approve the 2023 Holiday List.

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to approve IRS mileage reimbursement.

DISCUSSION: Mileage went up to 65.5cents a mile.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. **Approve and sign annual policy regarding check disbursement prior to expenditure warrant approval.**

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to approve the 2023 Policy Regarding Check Disbursement Prior to Expenditure Warrant Approval.

DISCUSSION:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7e. **Transfer Station quarterly meeting report**

ACTION:

DISCUSSION: Danny said there was increase in prices for certain items that were discussed. Also talk of town increase in price of 6-10% possibly.

7f. **Set interest rate for delinquent and abated taxes**

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to set the interest rate for delinquent taxes at 6% and abated taxes at 2% to be voted on at Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

8. Comments from Citizens-

----EXECUTIVE SESSION---

The Selectboard entered executive session pursuant M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter at 6:46pm. A motion was made by Chairperson Danny Staples, seconded by Craig Currie, to go into executive session.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Selectperson Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Mike James to enter back to regular schedule meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectperson Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 7:35p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Danika Poland
Recording Secretary