

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, March 27th, 2023
Cushing Community Center

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

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Austin Donaghy, Bill Aboud, Robert Ellis

Public Present:

1.Call to Order: Chairperson Craig Currie 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: Chairperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to approve 2023 Warrants 12 & 13

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the March 13th ,2023 meeting.

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve the minutes of the March 13th, 2023, meeting as written

Discussion:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

ACTION:

Discussion: Craig let the board know that there was a letter in the new mail from the CEO to hold a public hearing on a new application received on a pier going in. Austin let the board know that this was something that he and Matt Deane would discuss as well as the Harbor Committee. Craig tabled the request on a public hearing.

6.Unfinished Business

6a. Community Resilience Workshop

Action:

Discussion: Craig sent out a notice to try and get citizen interest. Tracey will put it on the Town Facebook page as well. They will try and form a committee, which will oversee the grant application process.

6b. Addressing Officer

Action:

Discussion: Lisa did some research on other towns and who they use for an addressing officer, and most towns Fire Chief is assigned to this. A post was put out.

7. New Business:

7a. David Taylor to discuss Aqua Farms

ACTION:

Discussion- April 13th at 4oclock at the Thomaston Town Office, they have a representative from Protect Maine, coming to speak about Agriculture and how to protect small towns and keep big businesses from taking over. They have asked a selectboard member from all towns in the Georges River selfish program to come.

7b. Open Bids for Tax Acquired property at 813 Cushing Rd.

ACTION: Selectperson Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Mike James to accept Ben Poland's bid at \$65,002.00

Discussion – Benjamin Poland - \$65,002.00 BID, \$3500 deposit
Matt Poland- \$51,000.00 BID, \$3500 deposit
Travis Doughty- \$40,000.00 BID, \$3500 deposit
Mike & Rhonda Smith- \$65,000.00 BID, \$3500.00 deposit
LT INVESTMENTS LLC- \$41,600.00 BID, \$3,900.00 deposit

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7c. Sign Annual Appointments

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to sign all annual appointments as written.

Discussion-

7d. CEO/Planning Board Fee schedule

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to accept the schedule fees for the CEO/ Planning Board for all land use applications.

Discussion- In the past the select people got together with the CEO to set these fees. Danny is going to reach out to Kristin (Town Lawyer) and if the answer is "we can do something," we will look at it for the April 10th Meeting to discuss.

Motion Carried 4-0-1

7e. Discuss including the Good Neighbor Park parking lot in the contract bid for plowing for the 2023/2024 season.

ACTION:

Discussion- Danny said it was made very clear when the town took over the park, that there was to be NO expense taking from the taxpayers of Cushing for any maintenance to the field.

8. Comments from Citizens-

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary