

**TOWN OF CUSHING**  
Meeting of the Selectboard  
Enter Executive Session  
At 5:30 pm Meeting to Follow  
Monday November 13th, 2023, 6pm

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

**Select Board Absent:** Daniel Staples, Tracey Bally entered at 6:15pm

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young

**Public Present:** County Commissioner, Ed Glaser, Fire Chief, Clarence Flanders, and Rescue Squad director, Andrew Blanchard, Brian Soiette

**1.Call to Order:** Danny Staples called the meeting to order at 5:30P.M. and a quorum was determined.

**---EXECUTIVE SESSION---**

Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.§405(6)(E) consultation with legal counsel.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Mike James to enter back into the regular scheduled meeting at 5:42pm.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**3. Approve and sign the Warrant:**

**ACTION:** Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve 2023 Warrants 43, 44, 45

**Discussion:** none

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of the Nov 13th ,2023 selectboard meeting as written**

**ACTION:** Select person Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to approve the minutes of the Nov 13th, 2023, meetings as written.

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 3-1-0**

**Ed Glaser County Commissioner to address the Board to discuss dispatch progress and budget.**

**Discussion:** Ed feels that now the system is working. They have 12-13 employees trained in dispatch. 6 full staff members. Training takes up to 9months to get all certified. Ed stated that it is still not enough to get back to PSAP. (Public safety answering point.) He is hopeful that the budget will pass, raising their pay rate to a much more attractive amount, hoping that more staff are interested in becoming full-time. PUC, Public Utilities Commission, has given them a year to get back their PSAP 911 license.

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

### **ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Lisa gave an updated list of foreclosures that will be up on December 4<sup>th</sup>. She has sent out all certified letters, any that come back she will send snail mail. Danny asked the board to start looking at the budget to get a jumpstart on things.

## **6.Unfinished Business**

### **6a. Back to work Policy**

#### **ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Table to next meeting. The Town of Thomaston Policy was sent in an email to the board to review.

### **6b. Fire Department Quote**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Danny Staples that the board accepts the quote from Jeff Banes of JB Roofing for \$118,451.00 pending references checked by CEO, Matthew Deane, are successful.

#### **Discussion:**

**Motioned Carried 5-0-0**

## **7. New Business:**

### **7a. Cemetery Account over budget**

**ACTION:** Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to hold a special town meeting, preceding the next selectboard meeting, to take \$500.00 from undesignated funds for the Norton Cemetery Account.

#### **Discussion:**

**Motioned Carried 5-0-0**

### **7b. Flail Mow sides of the road**

#### **ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Danny thought that we could get by another year, but the company that the Town used to rent from is no longer. This is an open issue. Brian Soiette knows of a company that may rent a flail

mower and will get back to the board with any information. Clarence Flanders was asked about the pig roast money again and where the money

**Motioned Carried 4-0-0**

**7c. CEO Monthly Report**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Matt Deane, CEO, gave a monthly report to the board.

**7d. Food Pantry-**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Craig said that he had a couple of people interested in a committee. Right now, it is being used for storage. Craig mentioned taking it to the town meeting about what's best to do. Brian had said it may be a great building for training purposes for the fire department. Lots of options were thrown around in the discussion.

**7e. New Sign for Town Office**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Cheryl will reach out to adventure advertising to follow up.

**7f. Town Lawyer**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** The board is going to wait to discuss after the foreclosure property was complete.

**7g. Intersection of Cross Road and Pleasant Point Road-Stop Sign?**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Danny will call DOT.

**7h. Need to Sell Skiff**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** Danny suggested keeping it because it would be a lot to replace it down the road if need be. Austin Donaghy, the Harbor Master, is using his personal skiff. The board would like to get the skiff onto town property and the boat cleaned up in the spring.

**7i. Library Ceiling**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion-** The board would like to hire somebody to look at the leak and see where it is coming from.

**8. Comments from Citizens-** Clarence mentioned some inside work for the fire station. Craig will work on a bid ASAP to raise appropriate funds needed to be voted on at the Town meeting.

**9. Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to adjourn at 7:04p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

**Reversed Adjournment and reopened regular scheduled meeting at 7:02pm.**

Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally, based on the dismissal of the bankruptcy. And with the receipt of the waiver of the using a real estate agent, that the Board proceed with the sale of the property at 813 Cushing Road to the approved bidder.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

Danny Staples made a motion second by Craig Currie to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Danika Poland  
Recording Secretary