

Town of Cushing Planning Board

Minutes of March 13th 2024 Meeting

Opening

2:30 PM. Meeting called to order and roll call made. In attendance were:

- Austin Donaghy.
- Susan Mansfield.
- Thomas Nichols.
- Gene Lukianov.
- Jay Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Nominations

The floor was opened for nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and, as an addition to the agenda, a Recording Secretary. Mr. Jones and Mr. Donaghy volunteered to be nominated for the Chair positions. Owing to outside commitments Mr. Jones expressed a preference to be Vice-Chairperson and nominated Mr. Donaghy as Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Lukianov.

Mr. Donaghy was unanimously elected as Chairperson.

Mr. Donaghy nominated Mr. Jones for the position of Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Mansfield.

Mr. Jones was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Recording of Meetings

Mr. Donaghy stated he was trying to use technology as much as possible for a couple of reasons. Number one, one piece might fail, the other may not. What was running was a recording on the OWL device, which will allow the Board to have an MP4 file of the entire meeting, which should be posted on the Cushing website for a short period of time, possibly six months, or as space permits.

So the other technology item is a TurboScribe subscription that will take the MP4 file, and at least make a pretty good attempt at converting it to text. The secretary would then take that file and create a minutes document from that. An iPhone is also recording as a backup.

Mr Donaghy stated that "Very recently, we had a meeting here where our lawyer made a mistake and got it wrong, [having] said we had passed something that we had not. And having a video, or at least a sound recording of the meeting would take care of [proving the matter]. How he figured we had passed something since the person wasn't given a permit before he went out the door, I don't know."

The Board was asked if everyone was happy with being recorded this way, then the practice will continue for each meeting from here on.

There were no objections.

Recording Secretary

Mr. Jones suggested that the Board elect a recording secretary?

There we no volunteers for Recording Secretary for the time being Mr. Donaghy agrees to accept the role.

Adjournment

Mr. Jones moved that the Board adjourn and begin its workshop, seconded by Mr. Nichols.

The meeting closed at 2:38pm

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