

TOWN OF CUSHING  
Meeting of the Selectboard  
Monday April 14th, 2025  
@ 6pm

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

**Select Board Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young, William Aboud, Clarence Flanders

**Public Present:** Nicholas Smith, Sherry James, Ray Meservey, Tom Nicols, Jack Matheson, Stacey Souza

**1.Call to Order:** Cheryl Stackpole called the meeting to order at 6:07P.M. and a quorum was determined.

*Enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(F) discussion of a confidential record at 6:03p.m.*

**Action:** Cheryl Stackpole motioned to enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Discussion of a confidential record at 6:03 P.M. seconded by Michael James

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**Action:** Cheryl Stackpole motioned to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:10 p.m. seconded by Tracey Bally

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**Action:** Tracey Bally made a motion to accept offer #1 on 819 Pleasant Point Road seconded by Michael James

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

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

**3. Approve and sign the Warrant**

**ACTION:** Cheryl made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2025 Warrants #13 - #15

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, selectboard meeting as written**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025; meeting as amended

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the agenda-**

**6.Unfinished Business-**

**6a. Stump Dump**

**ACTION:** Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to appoint William N. Smith representative for the discussion of the Transfer Station and Bulk Waste with Thomaston.

**Discussion:** \$181,000 is the Waldoboro Transfer Station budget. They are adding more employees which will make that amount go up. Their contract is a year to year who they contract with to recycle their trash. There are a lot of unknowns to the Waldoboro side. Thomaston Transfer station is \$194,000 but an extra cost for the stump dump. They have a 20-year contract where they recycle their trash. Going to the town of Thomaston with a proposal from the selectboard should be the next step. William Smith feels Thomaston Transfer Station is more cost-effective, convenient and better for people to deal with. If the town can vote on the Transfer Station for next March meeting, then we can be on board with them for their June meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**6b. Trailer Locked**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Lisa has the keys.

**6c. Heat Pump update**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:**

**6d. Approve electrician and discuss generator contract**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to accept BC Electrics quote for the heat pump electrical work for \$7,277.65

**Discussion:**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to enter a service contract with BC Electric for the Fire Station generator

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**7. New Business:**

**7a. Open Mowing bids**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Michael James to accept the lawn care bid from Champagne Lawn Care for \$15,000.

**Discussion:** Cheryl mentioned needing to speak with Champagne lawn care about Freeman Cemetery.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**7b. Fire Department budget**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** The board asked Clarence for an update on what they have spent thus far.

**7c. Fire Department Air pack**

**ACTION:** Michael James made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to least the Air Packs.

**Discussion:** Lease agreement would be within the budget. Clarence put in for a \$50,000 Stephen King Grant. If they do get the grant that money will go to the town. The fire department has the remaining amount due in their budget.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**7d. Fire Truck**

**ACTION:** Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Michael James to table the decision on the fire truck purchase until the next meeting.

**Discussion:** The town auditor says that the town needs to have a policy not an ordinance for making decisions on spending the undesignated fund account. By making a policy and not an ordinance it gives the selectboard authority without having to go to a vote. The town is still within the 30-day contract dated March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The contract price does not change within 30 days. Tracey made it clear on exactly what the wording meant on the March vote and Town meeting regarding the Fire Truck purchase.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**7e. Fund Balance Policy**

**ACTION:** Michael James made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to set the undesignated fund reserve amount to 25%

**Discussion:** This will be made as a policy

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**7f. Freeman Ancient Cemetery**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** add that to the mowing bid.

**7g. Accept Selectboard Member, Brian Soiett's, resignation and discuss election**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Michael James to accept Brian Soiett's resignation from the selectboard.

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**ACTION:** Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to put selectboard seat #2 on the November 2025 election.

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

#### **7h. Accept Planning Board member, Jay Jones, resignation**

**ACTION:** Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to accept Jay Jones resignation from the Planning Board.

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

#### **7i. Jensen Baird Ben McCall resignation**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Ben McCall has offered to give some names on others he recommends. He is available till May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7j. Posted roads removal**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Mike will remove signs tomorrow.

#### **7k. Office Window RFP**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Craig will draft a RFP for just the office windows.

#### **8. Comment from Citizens**

#### **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to adjourn at 7:15pm

**Discussion:** Tom Nicols asked if Cheryl could get him a floor plan for the pre-k classroom set up. He also asked if an outsider still wanted to use the space do they go through the same process. The answer was yes.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Danika Poland*  
*Recording Secretary*