

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Monday April 28th, 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: RSU 13 Superintendent, John McDonald, HR Director, Ali Young, Business Manager, Katherine Hunt, Dawn Jones, Cushing Principal, Nicholas Smith, Sherry James, Joan and Edward Kobrinski, Tom Nicols, School Board Rep, Samantha Jones, Stacey Souza

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

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 #16 & #17

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of April 14th, 2025, selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2025; meeting as amended

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the agenda- The RSU 13 presented a presentation on this year's 2025/2026 School Budget. John McDonald started off by saying lots of growth happened over the last school year, Tests scores for all schools are 50% and above, behavior referrals are way down, and graduation rates are up with drops outs down. An overall budget increase of 5.75%. Insurance is up over 14% and the new Paid Family Leave Act are a few factors. Cushing will see a 9.2% share increase. Budget meeting is scheduled for May 21st at Oceanside Highschool. There is a brochure in the Town office of the 2025/2026 Budget Breakdown.

Update on the Airpacks for the fire station, Cheryl reached out to Ben McCall, and he was going to confirm with another colleague in his office that it would have to go to a Town Vote because it is borrowing money from the Town. It is not money that the town has already determined to use.

Attorney RFP-

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the attorney RFP

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Open Engineering Bids-

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to reject the bid from Achorn Engineering.

Discussion: The town received a bid from Achorn Engineering for \$19,000.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Open Striping Bid-

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to accept the bid from Fine Line for \$5,325.00

Discussion: On the Line- \$12,672
K-5 Corporation- \$6,320
Fine Line- \$5,325

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

6.Unfinished Business-

6a. Fire Truck

ACTION:

Discussion: Craigs stated a few items to consider on this process. One was that without the second decent fire engine we would not have gallons of water for the community our insurance company looks at for homeowners, it's called ISO Rating. 2nd would be the spare fire truck is very old, meaning it is harder to get parts, and it fixed. Another to consider is OSHA regulations. Lastly, it comes down to, Do we really have undesignated funds, Real cash, not assets.

6b. Stump Dump

ACTION:

Discussion: The selectboard has scheduled a Bulk waste workshop for Thursday May 8th at 6pm.

6c. Office Window RFP

ACTION:

Discussion:

6d. Mowing Bid

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to extend the lawn mowing contract from Champagne Lawn Care for an additional year for the same \$15,000 bid price

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

6e. Fund Policy

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to adopt the Fund Balance Policy.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7. New Business:

7a. GA Phone

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve purchasing a designated phone for General Assistance.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0

7b. Pre-K Storage

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to allow the school to store items in the multipurpose room before August 1st date.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7c. Price Reduction in foreclosed properties

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to reduce the price of the foreclosed property, recommended by Realtor Stacey Souza, to \$7,000.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

8. Comment from Citizens

Adjourn

MOTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to adjourn at 7:14pm

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary