

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Monday May 12th, 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, Austin Donaghy

Public Present: Kelsey Fenwick, Bailey Bowden, William Smith, Sherry James, Stacey Souza, David Taylor, Ethan Moon, Daniel Staples, Jeff Schroeder (Shellfish Clam Warden)

1.Call to Order: Cheryl Stackpole called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(F) discussion of a confidential record.

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) discussion of a confidential record.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:10pm

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to accept offer #3 on Map 001 Lot 026

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

3. Approve and sign the Warrant

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve 2025 Warrants #18 & #19

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of April 28th, 2025, selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the minutes of April 28th, 2025; meeting as amended

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the agenda-

Attorney RFP-

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to resend the Attorney RFP with a due date of June 23rd.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

6.Unfinished Business-

6a. Air Packs

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to cancel leasing the air-packs and instead purchase 5.

Discussion: Cheryl spoke with Clarence, just to update everyone, for the town to release money for the air packs, it would need to go to a town vote. Clarence has agreed to purchase 5 air packs for the fire department.

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6b. Bulk Waste Disposal

ACTION:

Discussion: add to the agenda after the Thomaston Town meeting, June 23rd.

6c. Office Window RFP

ACTION:

Discussion:

6d. Set date for Planning Board Interviews

ACTION:

Discussion: Cheryl, Tracey and Austin are going to set meetings for Monday, May 19th in the afternoon, if that doesn't work it will be May 20th.

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6e. Gig-Tel quote

ACTION:

Discussion: Updating the phone systems. This system allows more opportunities for the office. Voicemails go to emails, allowing them to put in more detail of closures on voicemails. New phones need to be purchased. Startup costs need to be determined.

7. New Business:

7a. Open Attorney Bids

ACTION:

Discussion: none available.

7b. Protect Maines Fishing Heritage

ACTION:

Discussion: A group of people helping towns put together a recommended Ordinance to protect towns in having their own control of what could be approved in their water ways. With a **Home-rule** ordinance this would protect state waters from being leased. Home rule ordinance allows a town to pass an ordinance that is more restrictive than State law. Danny Staples and David Taylor spoke of a recent situation to close to home that we abut over in St. George near little Caldwell Island. They think that all towns abutting should be notified. A lease of 16 acres and 3 years was just approved. Jeff Schroeder recommended the selectboard advising them to include Maine Agricultural Association in the conversation. They represent all agricultural industries in the state of Maine. Jeff mentioned that most agricultural groups oppose this group for various reasons, recommending they look at the agenda of this group, how they are funded, and why they started. Austin felt that really the selectboard is the wrong committee to be coming to, that this is something the Harbor Board should be overlooking. Cheryl and the entire board agreed for the Harbor Board and Shellfish committee take this over and come up with what's needed, then bringing it back to the selectboard.

7c. Good Neighbor Park

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve purchasing the sign that the GNP committee recommended.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

8. Comment from Citizens

Adjourn

MOTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to adjourn at 6:46pm

Discussion:

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Respectfully submitted,
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