

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Tuesday Nov 25th, 2024
@6pm

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

Select Board Absent: Brian Soiett, due to ambulance call.

Staff Present: Lisa Young

Public Present: Sherry James, Kristi Niedermann, Principal of CCS, Dawn Jones, RSU #13 Assistant Superintendent, Stephanie Tribou, Cushing Representative Samantha Jones, Nicholas Smith, Carole Leporati

1.Call to Order: Craig Currie called the meeting to order at 6 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and sign the Warrant

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2024 Warrants #47 & #48

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the Nov 12th, 2024, selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the minutes of Nov12th, 2024, meeting as amended

Discussion: Craig Currie was absent from meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the agenda-

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to have Craig sign the state grant paperwork and the heat pump contract

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6.Unfinished Business

6a. Public Works Discussion-n/a

6b. Boston Cane oldest woman and man

6c. IT RFP- no workshop

7. New Business:

7a. Assistant Superintendent, Stephanie Tribou and Cushing Representative, Samantha Jones, to address the board regarding possible Pre-K program at CCC

MOTION:

Discussion: The district is looking to expand all towns affiliated with RSU 13 into providing a Pre-k program. There is not enough space at the Cushing Community School to add another classroom without expanding. The Cushing Community Center has become an option for a possible Pre-k classroom. Funded by the Department of Education. With the beginning stages of planning, Stephanie has asked to return with a more formal proposal to the selectboard. This will not need to go to the town for approval. Samantha spoke up and new things to look forward to in the new year. A couple examples, student engagement, engaging more in the community, maintenance, new art center and central sport field.

7b. Request to use the Cushing Community Room

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Discussion: Karl Crute requested the Town to take over Freeman Cemetery, off Woody Lane. This will be added as an article at the annual Town Meeting.

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7c. Confirm date for annual Town Meeting

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