

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
May 29, 2018
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Selectmen Laurie Haynes, Danny Staples, Corey Jones and Martha Marchut

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Registrar/Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Ordinance Committee Chair Claus Metzner

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve 2018 Warrants 19 and 20.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of the 5/14/18 Meeting:

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the 5/14/18 meeting with minor corrections.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Addressing Officer

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Cushing Addressing Officer Tom LeBlond was not in attendance, and had contacted the office to request that his agenda item be omitted.

6. Unfinished Business

6a. Sand Bid Update

ACTION: Board Chair Alton Grover made a motion, which Martha Marchut seconded, to accept bid for sand from Meklin instead of from John Hart.

Discussion: Alton Grover reported that he had talked to John Hart. Hart was having trouble getting enough sand for all the communities he had bid on. Alton was able to negotiate a better price from Meklin. He suggested the Selectmen accept Meklin's bid instead.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6b. New Signboard at the Town Office

ACTION: none taken.

Discussion: Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that the signboard outside the Town Office was in need of replacement. Selectmen discussed options for a new board.

6c. Transfer Station Update

ACTION: none taken.

Discussion: Martha Marchut reported that she had heard from Bob Butler about recycling rates. She said she would forward the information to Lisa or Kate so they could include it in the Selectmen's reading material. Martha suggested that Transfer Station representative Corey Jones give his email to Bob Butler so Corey could start receiving the mails. Laurie Haynes suggested the Transfer Station should update their website to indicate that they are now only taking #2 plastics for recycling.

7. New Business

7a. Ordinance Committee Report

ACTION [Informal]: Claus Metzner will send information to Town Clerk Lisa Young. If Selectmen have questions, a representative of the Ordinance Committee will come back.

Discussion: Ordinance Committee Chair Claus Metzner presented the information found in the document from Jensen Baird Gardner Henry entitled "Client Advisory: The New Recreational Marijuana Law Is Effective – Now What?" This document is attached to these minutes. Claus recommended that the Cushing Ordinance Committee do nothing further regarding the marijuana moratorium; since the state law requires a municipality or an individual to "opt in" in order to establish a retail marijuana facility, the status quo was to wait to see if anyone would do so. Alton asked about enforcement. Claus said it was not determined, but seemed to be a civil matter, not a criminal matter—like any other code enforcement violation. He said that if Cushing had a land use ordinance and someone violated it, the Town CEO could potentially be involved. Alton wondered how other surrounding towns had developed marijuana establishments in the face of citizen petitions against them. Claus thought these establishments were dealing with medical marijuana. Claus had heard in at least one case that an owner of a medical marijuana establishment has said he will request to become a retail establishment once it is legal for him to do so. The Cushing Ordinance Committee recommends that the Planning Board take up the issue of the potential effects of commercial marijuana establishments in Cushing, including electricity usage, water, and waste management. Martha asked if the Planning Board needed to do something right away, and Claus answered yes: Since they're reviewing Land Use ordinances, the best way to regulate incoming marijuana establishments is to show how these regulations are similar to the regulations for other businesses. Otherwise, marijuana regulations might not pass muster.

7b. Security

ACTION: Selectmen agreed that Knox County Chief Deputy Tim Carroll or a representative might address the Selectmen and the office staff about security.

Discussion: Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that at the recent Tax Collector/Treasurer Conference she had attended with Deputy Kate Hoyt, there had been a presentation about security.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,
Deputy Town Clerk