

TOWN OF CUSHING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
December 27, 2018  
Cushing Community Center

**Selectmen Present:** Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Dan Staples, Laurie Haynes, Corey Jones, and Martha Marchut

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Cushing Treasurer/Town Clerk Lisa Young

**Public Present:** Cushing taxpayers Brian Marshall, Austin Donaghy, and Leslie Freeman

**0. Open Discussion:** none

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

**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 47 and 48.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**4. Approve Minutes of the 12/10/18 Meeting:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting as amended. Selectman Martha Marchut seconded.

**Discussion:** Corrections to the minutes had been made before the meeting. No additional changes were proposed.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:**

**5a. Martha Marchut, Update on Transfer Station Committee**

**ACTION:** none taken.

**Discussion:** Apparently, the committee that had advised the Cushing/Waldoboro/Friendship Transfer Station Management Board as the three-town Board was being set up had disbanded briefly, but Butler

and other Selectmen had decided it should resume meeting. Martha had talked to Bob Butler about the advisory committee beginning to meet again in 2019. Butler told Martha that John Daigle had said he wouldn't be able to make very many meetings of this committee. Dan Staples said that he thought the Committee served an important function, that without oversight by a committee a lone actor, in this case John Daigle, might act on his own agenda. Dan thought it was healthier to have more people aware of what is going on, rather than decisions coming from one guy. Martha said that Bob told her there was some work coming; he had not told her what it was. Laurie Haynes clarified that they are still having the meetings with heads of the Select Boards of the three towns, Cushing, Waldoboro, and Friendship—and this was affirmed. Martha heard that Friendship had not expressed any interest in forming the Transfer Station Committee. Evidently, unless the members on the Management Committee expressed an interest in continuing the advisory committee, it would not be continued. Martha thought this had been stated in the Ordinance, in the section describing management. As originally set up, Martha thought, the Management Committee was to meet at least once a quarter. The Selectmen brought up the issues surrounding whether or not the Transfer Station should purchase a truck or buy a service contract from a trucking company. Dan Staples said this was a case in point where checks and balances would be helpful. He said it was not healthy for John Daigle to be making decisions like this by himself, though he had done a lot of good work for the Committee. Select Board Chair Alton Grover commented that it was clear that Waldoboro's Town Manager went along with John Daigle on most of his suggestions.

**5b. [Discussed at the end of New Business] Review and Accept Revised Date of Resignation from the Tax Collector**

**ACTION [1]:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to hire Samantha Feyler as Tax Collector, effective once she had successfully completed her 90-day probationary period of employment as Cushing's Deputy {Tax Collector/Clerk/Registrar/Treasurer}. Samantha would continue as Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar Lisa Young's deputy in the other roles but would be the Cushing Tax Collector instead of a deputy.

**Discussion:** none.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**ACTION [2]:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to accept Tax Collector and Deputy {Clerk, Registrar, Treasurer} Kate Hoyt's revised end date of resignation effective January 25<sup>th</sup> and thank her for the last couple of years.

**Discussion:** minimal.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**6. Unfinished Business**

**6a. Update on Property on Cushing Road**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to retain the land at Map 001 Lot 026 due to lack of available information necessary to sell the property and financial impracticality of getting this information.

**Discussion:** Alton said this must be Corey's thing. Corey said he thought it would cost the Town more than the property was worth, to do anything with it. Hiring a property surveyor. There's no upper boundary. There could be more or less land there. Alton asked what he meant by upper boundary. Where is it? Corey said Becky had had to go into Warren deeds to find out where the Cushing property's boundary was. Becky spent 2-3 hours and found some information, but it was not conclusive. The Selectmen agreed to retain the property.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

## **7. New Business**

### **7a. Expand Clerk Window**

**ACTION [Informal]:** Corey agreed to get a ballpark figure on the cost of enlarging the office window and installing automatic door locks. Corey said he could talk to Walter Read about the issues, have him write up a quick estimate. Dan agreed to talk to Custodian Terry Melanson about what's involved.

**Discussion:** Corey Jones's and Dan wanted to get a cost estimate in time to put it on the Warrant. Corey wanted to see if he could find prices for a type of metal curtain to pull down across the window at night, as well, and lock it. Dan Staples reminded the Board that the metal screen was a safety item, as now-Sheriff Tim Carroll had discussed when he addressed the Board the previous summer. Corey suggested a barrier that clerks could see through. Martha mentioned the automatic locking device in the event of an emergency, pricing that out as well. Corey mentioned putting a code on the door to the Clerk's office. Martha said if they got funding approved they could decide. Dan said before approved they would need something more final. Martha: what's the deadline for getting something put together? Answer: End of January.

## **8. Comments from Citizens: none**

### **---Executive Session---**

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F), to discuss a confidential record, at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Dan Staples, to go into Executive Session.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Dan Staples motioned, and Martha Marchut seconded, to enter back into the main meeting at 6:50 p.m.

### **---The Selectmen rejoined the main meeting at 6:50 p.m.---**

**ACTION:** Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to schedule a meeting with the person.

**Discussion:** no additional

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Approved 01.14.19

**ACTION:** Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,  
Recording Secretary