

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 2019
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Harbor Master, Austin Donaghy and Planning Board Chairman, Bill About

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 Selectwoman Martha Marchut, to approve 2019 Warrants 9 and 10.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of the 2/25/19 Meeting:

ACTION: Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting as written. Selectman Dan Staples seconded.

Discussion: Martha Marchut commented that she felt maybe too much detail is being included in minutes and changing protocol could save Sami a lot of work and us [the select board] a fair amount of going back and critiquing if it didn't have such a level of detail. Dan Staples asked how picking and choosing what we want detail and what we don't, how is she [Sami] supposed to know. Martha said she [Sami] could ask Lisa. Laurie added she would almost rather have too much detail than too little in the minutes. Martha said then we can sit down and critique, it just means spending more time in meetings going over things. Dan reconfirmed he just feels its hard to pick and choose. Martha added another way to do so would be to get together with Sami and go over some things before meetings in the future.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda: none

6. Unfinished Business: none

7. New Business:

7a. Discuss barge in Pleasant Point Harbor

ACTION: Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion that we add article 58 as an addendum to the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectwoman Laurie Haynes seconded.

Discussion: Laurie Haynes asked if a certified letter had been sent, and if so, if it was one or two. Austin Donaghy said he had sent one. Laurie asked if the signed receipt had been returned. Austin told her yes, it was signed by his wife. Laurie asked if that was enough to cover us [Town of Cushing]. Alton asked if Randy had gotten several letters. Austin said he had got lots of letters, Alton clarified that they weren't all certified. Austin replied that no, they weren't all certified, one other one had been certified last year as an order to remove it [the barge]. The most recent one was advising him about it coming before the board two meetings ago, that was sent certified and signed by his wife, picked up from his post office box. Alton asked if in the certified letter it advised Randy that they [Town of Cushing] were taking the barge? Austin said that it stated they were pursuing it with the State to be seized under the abandoned water craft law. He said he spoke to John Noll with the State's Bureau of Parks and Lands and that the director had signed off on the project and will fund their part of it and that they were sending their own 30 day letter to respond with a plan for removal of the water craft and if they do not the State will proceed in conjunction with the town. Austin informed that John Noll is in charge of abandoned watercraft in Maine. Laurie asked if that was going right out? Austin said they were sending it out certified tomorrow. Laurie asked if we could have that 30-day date, Austin said he assumed that date would be in the letter and that we will be getting a copy of that letter, allowing the AG if for whatever reason the AG gets involved. Laurie then confirmed that based on that it makes us completely covered. Dan said that he was still waiting for a couple quotes he hadn't heard back on, but Art Tibbetts had given an estimate of between \$20-25,000 to remove the barge and Dwight Henry had estimated somewhere between \$15-20,000. Dan recommended putting \$2,000 more on the estimate in case we might need to have the outfit from Brunswick come down to float it to get it to shore. Dan had offered the use of his dock as long as it was done in a timely manner. Corey asked if Art would take the crane and the barge. Dan said yes, the town would like to see the whole thing disappear. Austin said Dwight knew the previous owner of the barge and was getting details on its construction. Laurie then clarified that we weren't making any plans until after the 30 days, Alton then asked if it wasn't being voted on tonight. Dan Staples said what we were voting on tonight was to add an addendum to the town meeting so that the towns people could [decide]. Alton asked how that could be done not being 30 days. Dan said we are doing the addendum so we have the money in place so that after the 30 days we can do it [if needed]. We can't do it without the money. Martha confirmed it would be voted on at the town meeting. Dan said yes, but it had to be voted on tonight so we have the one weeks' notice to add it to the town meeting. Laurie said for it to be completely accurate it needs to say in the case of or should this happen or, not just saying that we are going to do it because if Randy goes down there tomorrow and gets the thing out of there, then this won't happen. Dan said that then we don't take the money, this is only going into place in case we need the money. Lisa said you can pass over an article as well. Alton abstained knowing what can happen, he says he is nervous about it. Laurie agreed that she was concerned about it too but felt concerns had been put to rest because the State would never jump into a situation where it'll be put at risk. Dan said the laws are behind us. Corey affirmed he had two certified letters, one last year and one this year, he's had enough warning. Laurie asked if it was a problem his wife signed it, Austin said no, Lisa confirmed it was proof it was sent and received.

Motion Carried 4-0-1

7b. Discuss Consolidated Communications phone fees

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to approve cancelling long distance and adding it to our Consolidated Communications plan which will include caller id

Discussion: Lisa said it is just to get approval to add caller id to our phone service and found out we can get caller id and long distance for cheaper than we are paying now. It would go to \$25 per line, and we have two lines, said now we currently have a separate provider for long distance.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary