

TOWN OF CUSHING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 23, 2019  
Cushing Community Center

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

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Lisa Young

**Public Present:** none

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Laurie Haynes, to approve 2019 Warrants 38 and 39.

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting**

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting with two corrections.

**Discussion:** Dan said you should be able to summarize minutes and get the details, 5 pages is ridiculous for one topic. Laurie added it took her 45 minutes to read it. Martha agreed saying if she [Sami] was comfortable summarizing it could be done just pointing out key points. Martha pointed out two changes for the minutes, page 4, GA Ordinance, should be Hearing. Also, on last page under comments from citizens, it says would run it, should say would run for it.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

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

**5a. General Assistance Ordinance**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to accept and adopt appendices A-F and H of the General Assistance Ordinance

**Discussion:** none

### **Motion Carried 5-0-0**

#### **5b. Last Meeting**

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Dan talked about how heated the last meeting got, and how Laurie read the policy three times and it still didn't get paid attention to. He added during the discussion the Hansen's talked about it being paid for out of taxpayer's money and so on, and he got thinking after the fact, the roads don't come out of property taxes, it all comes out of excise. He continued to say out of all the people in here arguing, they didn't put a penny into it. He said from now on, he feels you should take comments from citizens and take some time to review it and let it digest to bring back to the next meeting. Dan added by saying that people say "table it, it's what we do best," and he doesn't like that, he feels that as a Board information needs to be reviewed and digested because he feels it was voted wrong and didn't follow the policy. He ended with if the policy is wrong, the policy should be changed, and based on what the State is doing now [to sides of roads] maybe our policy is wrong, they're doing things they've never done before too. Corey said going to those extremes to build up roads that are so bad, it should be gone the extra mile and make the sides nice too. Dan said he wasn't hearing the point, they did go by what the State did last time they repaved, now they [State] must have changed their policy and he is all for doing the same, but is making the point that decisions shouldn't be made in the heat of the moments in situations like those. Laurie said the policy isn't wrong and doesn't need to be changed, the things she was reading were things that had not even happened in that situation. Laurie said going forward citizens could be told we [the Board] will take that under advisement and get back to you next meeting with an answer. Martha agreed saying that topic wasn't even in the agenda, so the Board hadn't had a plan to even work on it. Corey said his decision towards it all was because the same things happened last year with Spear Mill and Killeran Ln, adding it would be easier to have it be black and white. Dan said sides of the roads, absolutely, but some people should be responsible for a little of their own driveway maintenance. Corey agreed if you get a smooth road, he'd happily spend some of his own money to fix his driveway. Martha ended with ultimately, we made a decision, but if we had waited and thought it out a little more it could have been made in more of a careful way.

#### **5c. Regrading Bid**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to accept the \$12,600 bid from J.K. Kalloch, LLC for Stone's Point Road shoulder work and to have Alton supervise the work.

**Discussion:** Only one bid was received, that was from J.K. Kalloch, LLC for \$12,600. That includes shoulder machine, two trucks, skid steer, and ground man. \$400 per hour for equipment estimated at 18 hours, materials 1" minus gravel estimated 300 yards. If more work is to be done it would be \$400 per hour plus materials and Alton's approval. Laurie asked if that had driveways too, Alton said yes, it's included in shoulders. Dan said it does mention there could be more time and materials, how much could that run over. Laurie agreed and asked how can it go over if he bided on what he was told to do. Alton said he was backing himself up in case something was added, but if he does just what I told him it'll be the \$12,600. Alton then added another thing he [Jimmy Kalloch] wants is a town official there with him the whole time so he can make sure it's all being done right. Alton said it doesn't need to be him. Dan said if Alton wants to do it, he should do it for his hourly rate.

## Motion Carried 5-0-0

### 5d. Good Neighbor Park

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Corey said the parking lot bid that was accepted was supposed to have work completed by September 1 and nothing has been started yet. Alton said he has seen the Meklin's and they have been talking about. Laurie said someone should give them a call and remind them it needs to get done. Corey said he had texted Bruce Meklin and hadn't heard back on when he thinks they'll get to it.

### 5e. Map 11, Lot 8 Foreclosure on Cushing Road

**ACTION:** document was signed

**Discussion:** Lisa informed the Board they received the check from Ditech Financial for the Map 11 Lot 8 foreclosure property on Cushing Road and has the Quitclaim Deed the Board needs to sign.

### 5f. Town Loop Trail

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Lisa informed the Board that Dawn Jones, principal at the Cushing Community School, had contacted her in regards to some money that was donated back in 2008 for the Town Loop Trail. Lisa said after some research she found the donated money in the funds, \$145.60. Lisa said she had contacted Mindy [town auditor] to ask and as it was as a revenue, it had gone into the general fund. Mindy did say it could come out of undesignated funds and back into the Town Loop Trail account. Lisa added Gary and Ida Clarke always keep the trail nice, and they'd like to purchase some paint to mark the trails, and that some students would also like to do some work-related things on the trail that may cost a little money. Lisa was looking for the Board's approval for them to charge the paint to the E.L. Spear account and it could be paid out of that Trail fund. As for the student side, Lisa wasn't sure what it would be or how much money but read the email that said, "if students plan some work related to the trail could they access some of that money, it could be a good learning experience, what process would they use and would they need to make a proposal to the town." Lisa added it could be nice for the students to make a little proposal, Laurie agreed that's a good idea because you can't say go buy whatever you want. Lisa said she would tell Dawn to get the students to make a proposal, and Dan agreed that's a great learning experience for the students to bring before the Select Board.

### 5g. LD 917

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to increase the municipal agent fee for motor vehicle registrations from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations

**Discussion:** Lisa brought up a change in the recent legislative session, LD 917, "An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations." She said when someone comes in to re-register their vehicle, towns can now charge \$5, where before it was \$3, and on new registrations it can be \$6 instead of \$4. Lisa is asking the Board if they want to accept that change or keep it as it currently is. Dan asked where that money goes. Lisa said the agent fees have gone into the office salaries in the past to offset those costs.

## **Motion Carried 5-0-0**

### **5h. Trio Update**

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Lisa updated the Board that a while back the Trio database was access and Microsoft is no longer going to support that, so we are changing to a program called Sequel. Lisa said two weeks ago it was updated on the computer, Tuesday, September 24 there will be an hour web ex training, and we will go live in October. She said it is still the same Trio, there will just be some changes and the database will be different than access.

### **6. Unfinished Business:**

#### **6a. Discuss Clerk's office remodel**

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Alton said he has talked to Larry, and Larry was supposed to stop in and talk to Lisa. Larry told Alton the best bet for the door part of the project would probably be to get a price from Pen Bay Glass. Corey said he will talk to the owner at his new job about a door that we could possibly get to use. Alton thinks they just finished up a job and hopes to get them there this week to check it out.

#### **6b. Salt Pond Road ditching and culvert**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Alton said they are going to meet with Ann Fuchs, the State Hazard Mitigation Officer on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the CCC to discuss the grant. She would like to meet to discuss the basics of the program and then have the Selectman go down and look at Salt Pond Road with her. Laurie asked if she is a government person meeting with them in October, will it take a couple years to get something to happen after that. Alton said if you think you need it done quicker, put it out to bid and forget about this meeting. Laurie said it won't cost anything to meet with her. Lisa read that it's called Salt Pond Road Elevation Project, and Alton said Ray Sisk had talked about building the road up from Laurie's corner to the top of the tiny knoll and build the whole road up about two feet which allows for the bigger culvert. Laurie said cars are in the ditch there every winter because of the ice buildup. Corey said there is enough space there now to make culvert bigger now. Laurie said if we meet with her and it's going to be a couple years, she thinks it should be done sooner. Dan said instead of being hypothetical, let's meet with her and then go from there. The Board decided to wait and meet with Ann, and if we get the feel it's going to be lengthy, we could put at least the ditching out to bid.

### **7. New Business:**

#### **7a. Discuss the need for an Emergency Management Director and an Appeals Board Member**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to nominate Clarence Flanders as EMA Director

## **Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to nominate Bob Stackpole to the Appeals Board if he agrees, **after discussion motion was rescinded**

**Discussion:** Corey said Bob Stackpole would be good, Dan agreed if he'd accept. Laurie had a little concern because the Appeals Board can be a challenging position because people come to you when they're not happy and sometimes it takes a certain amount of finesse to communicate effectively without causing hate and discontent. Martha agreed. Corey said he can come across rough, but he is good with problems. Dan said 85% of the time he agrees with Bob, the other 15% sometimes he has a little problem with, but he feels with stuff like that, going to land use and stuff, he'd be good, and again he would only be one vote on a Board of five. Corey said he likes that there is no gray area, he stands flat footed and you're not going to change his mind. He added he does his research and knows what he's bringing with things he brings to the Board and is passionate about the things he brings to the Town. Laurie agreed he does things whole heartedly, but her problem is the way he communicates with people is sometimes too rough. She said coming to the Appeals Board you are there because you are not happy with something and wonders how he would communicate with those people. She added he is a smart man and would know what he's doing, she just worries about the communication aspect. Dan pointed out they are appointed by the Select Board so if it wasn't working out, you can get a different member, but they only meet about once every three years and shouldn't be a big problem. Martha wonders if no one has yet been approached, should we post that we are seeking candidates before deciding. Dan said there is also an alternate position, so looking for a member and an alternate.

#### **7b. Review and approve the Credit Card Acceptance Policy**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to accept the Town of Cushing Credit Card Acceptance Policy

**Discussion:** Lisa said once signed, we will begin taking cards the first of October. Dan asked if everyone read the Policy reminding the Board the fee goes on to the customer, not the Town. Alton asked if the fee changes, Lisa said it depends on the amount being paid. Martha asked if there will be written notice for people to see and be aware, Lisa said we would.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**8. Comments from Citizens:** none

#### **9. Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones  
Recording Secretary