

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
November 25, 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: William N. Smith and Natalie Atwood

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 Laurie Haynes, to approve 2019 Warrants 46 and 47.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting

ACTION: Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting as written.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Bridge in Right of Way

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan Staples brought up the bridge at Kip Crute's old house again, mentioning that it is in the road's right of way and that a letter should be written and sent before it freezes in there and somebody has a problem. Laurie agreed. Alton said a snowplow will likely hit it. Laurie said she has spoken with Shirley Sternberg who told her that they [homeowners] had built the bridge for her to walk across when she goes to visit. Laurie told her she should put a bug in their ear that a letter will be coming. The Board agreed to send a letter.

5b. Selectman's Workshop

ACTION: Workshop planned for Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 8:00 am.

Discussion: Dan Staples mentioned a Selectman's workshop as previously discussed. He thought about the first Saturday in January so people could plan ahead. Dan suggested 8:00 am start time, Laurie agreed the earlier the better. Martha mentioned coming up with some items for an agenda for the workshop. Dan said people can just come and kind of clear and discuss things, such as minutes, and how they should be typed up as Sami has had some confusion with everyone having different opinions on how they should be. Laurie suggested adding protocols to the agenda as they have recently discussed how things should be properly done. Martha mentioned between now and then that everyone could send some things they'd like to discuss to Lisa and she will make an agenda for it.

6. Unfinished Business:

7. New Business:

7a. Craig Currie to talk to the Board about a State grant that is available to put towards a Maine Bicentennial event in Cushing

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig informed that Board that the Library Board, School, Broad Cove Church, and Historical Society and maybe the Select Board and Rescue Squad are thinking about going in for a grant from the State for bicentennial funds for communities to use to host events around the bicentennial next year. He states the next deadline for the grant is in February 2020 and he wants to let the Board know that they are interested in applying for to host some type of Cushing Day, possibly including an old time baseball game, parade, pig roast, all dependent on if the grant is received or not. Dan asked if it would be in June. Craig thought either June or maybe August. Craig said it is open ended and they would know about the grant by the end of February, and his question is if it is something the Town would like to be a part of in terms of being on the grant or not. Craig felt the more the merrier, the more you combine the community to do it, the better. Dan said he thought it was a good idea however he doesn't have a clue how to write a grant. Craig said that is being handled and that it's an online application by the Maine Arts Commissioner. He said the legislature has handed over the grant application process to them. He added it's an online application where you basically just tell them what you're planning on doing and how it relates to the bicentennial for the State. He said the Board could review the grant when done before submitted if they want. He said you can apply for a grant up to \$500 or another category that is up to \$10,000 and they were kind of leaving options open on that until they figure out what costs would be. Martha felt they would need to know a little more about what it would entail, or what is needed from the Town to be on it. Craig didn't think there was anything specific, the Town of Cushing would just be one of the sponsors included on the grant. Martha said the Board would want to see all of that. Laurie asked about risk, if they are a part of sponsoring an event, are they covered if someone were to get hurt. Lisa said if it is Town sponsored you are covered. Craig agreed to send Lisa information about the grant to share with the Board.

7b. Cemetery Board to address the Board

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Laurie said the Cemetery Board met last weekend and went over what was accomplished during the year and how much they need again next year. She said basically they fixed Pleasant View Cemetery, repaired the grass. She said there is a tree in Pleasant View that needs to be trimmed, several headstones need repair, the opening permit application and the State application for burial or removal have changed. Lisa said the State had sent the forms, and basically if someone is cremated, they want to know where it's being placed so they have records. Lisa said Bob [Weisert] has been made aware of changes. Laurie said they could really use another person on the committee, adding the current committee is a married couple and what if they go away, they need someone to take care of business. She added it needs to be learned, someone can't just jump right in. Lisa said David Glidden has been back up, Laurie questioned how much longer he will want to do that. Laurie thinks they need to find someone new to join and get educated on it. Dan pointed out it is a volunteer position. Martha suggested putting something out on the Cushing Post to advertise looking for someone to fill the spot. Laurie said it's not a lot of hours, and both of the people on there now are so nice, and as a volunteer couple they take it very seriously. Dan suggested advertising at Historical Society too, one of those members may be interested. Laurie also mentioned having prisoners do clean ups on the cemeteries in the spring. She then added the Cemetery Board was hoping to get \$8900 from the budget this year because they have \$600 left and then would have \$9500 again, which was exactly what they had last year.

7c. Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee Question

ACTION: Selectwoman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to approve Martha Marchut and Randy Robbins to be Cushing Representatives on the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee

Discussion: Lisa said Randy Robbins was in and wanted to know if he should be sworn in. Lisa said she wasn't sure if there was a committee yet. Martha said she spoke with Bob Butler and they are putting it together, but he did want the Select Board was okay with Randy and Martha being the representatives. Martha said Monika Magee can't do it as they are traveling, but she will still make it to what she can. Martha just wanted to make sure the Board was okay with her and Randy being the representatives so she can let Bob know for sure. Dan said it's a good thing because of a checks and balance thing, having the committee and getting ideas from everybody.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. Approve transferring money from the Rescue Squad Account to Fire Department account for new entry door

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to approve the transfer of \$500 from the Rescue Squad account to the Fire Department account for the purchase of a new door and keypad at the Fire Station.

Discussion: Lisa said Andy Blanchard was in and asked for the transfer to be approved.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7e. Documented Boat question

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said we have one boat in particular that is in the water on Hathorne Point and it has had several liens on the boat over the years, that are now expired. She asked if the Board wants to continue placing liens on the boat although it does cost the Town money to file the lien. She mentioned another boat was the barge in Pleasant Point Gut, but that boat is still under the previous 5-year lien.

Dan informed the Board that the barge is now half taken apart and they are waiting for the ground to freeze up to get it out. The Board decided to keep placing the mechanics lien on the unpaid documented boat.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: Nick Smith noted there was nothing heated or exciting this evening. He then asked about the garbage, mentioning he thought someone made a comment not knowing why they even send stuff over there, is that everything done with Waldoboro or just recycling. Laurie answered no, what she was referring to was when recycling is split off. She added Waldoboro has been doing business with Lincoln County for years and years, but Lincoln County has been losing money for the past few years and the Hampden group may be able to benefit us with lower tipping fees if we were to send stuff that way. Martha said it's not quite that simple, we have to pay if we send recyclables to Hampden. She said we pay, we pay less per ton than we're sending trash, but we still pay. She said we don't pay to send them to Lincoln County, but as Laurie pointed out, we are one of three towns that contribute to the funding of Lincoln County's facility so indirectly we do pay. She said if you put the numbers together and compare them, she's not really sure how they compare, but sending the stuff to Hampden is not free, we still pay for it. Martha felt until they get more information that's all there is to say about it.

---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 6:30p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Laurie Haynes to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to enter back into the regular scheduled meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, that based on the information given to us, the application should be declined.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectwoman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary