

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
April 13, 2020
via ZOOM Video Conference due to COVID-19

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Dan Staples, Craig Currie, Corey Jones, and Martha Marchut

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Bill Aboud, Bob

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 Martha Marchut, to approve 2020 Warrants 61, 62, 63, and 64.

Discussion: Dan mentioned that Miller & Miller Construction finished the fence repair on Stone's Point Rd and was \$130 under his estimate. Dan also questioned on the payroll for the assessor's agent, saying the agent has been sending two guys half days, one of which is training, and Dan doesn't feel it's the Town of Cushing's responsibility to be training someone and paying for it. Dan said he feels it should be 8 hours of coverage if that's what the contract is for, and paying \$576.39 each session, it shouldn't be paid out in labor for two men and not being a full day. Dan doesn't think that's what the contract says, he thinks it is for a full day and if he wants to send however many people it shouldn't affect the cost or coverage time. He said it happened on the 20th of February, the 19th of March, and on the 26th of March it was said a day would be taken off. Dan wanted to see what other select members thought about it. Alton agreed. Dan suggested having Garnett (the assessor's agent) to come to a meeting and discuss it since it has been going on off and on since Becky got done. Martha thought it was a good idea to invite him to the meeting as there may be some things he'd like to share with the Board in terms of the transition to a new person. Dan also brought up the agreement the Board made with the owner of the barge and the \$1,000 settlement agreement; he said he had the office girls go through the accounts and saw that we spent \$1500 and something dollars on it at that point, then another \$80 bill just came in, so we're over \$1600 in costs to the Town and we only settled for \$1,000. Dan said he feels it's water over the dam now because it's too late but in the future we need to be sure we at least get our money back and pay better attention to it, adding we're all guilty. Craig asked what the \$1600 costs were. Dan answered it was legal fees to the lawyer. He said we have always at least recouped our legal fees but this time they came back with the offer and the Board decided to just accept it and didn't really do the research in time. He said the barge is gone now but in future reference we need to pay attention to that. Martha said she thought that the Board felt it was a reasonable offer at the time.

Motion Carried 4-0-1; Corey abstained as he was unable to get in to review/sign

4. Review and approve the minutes of the March 9th and March 17th, 2020 meetings

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to approve the minutes of the March 9 and March 17, 2020 meetings

Discussion: Dan said on the March 17 meeting, second page, fourth line down, it should be town not time. Martha said in the same area, she wasn't sure it's clear that they are looking for information from the whole town, but it won't be shared with the whole town. She felt it was a little confusing the way it was written and didn't want anyone to be under the impression the information will be shared with everyone in the town.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Plow driver pay increase

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Martha brought up the previous minutes had a discussion about paying the plow driver. She said the minutes were going to be reviewed and the discussion was going to be continued at the next meeting but since we haven't met it hasn't happened yet. Dan said the old minutes were reviewed but it hadn't been brought back up yet. Martha asked for it to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

5b. Worker's Compensation Safety Incentive Program

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Martha said an email had been received back on February 24 and Lisa had asked what the Board's thoughts were on it. The email was about Worker's Compensation Safety Incentive Program, and she wondered if that should be in the agenda for the next meeting too. Alton agreed.

5c. Fire Station Issue

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said there has been a young fellow, who he won't mention the name because he is under 18, who has been hanging out at the Fire Department without supervision and he feels that him being under age without supervision shouldn't be allowed. Dan wondered what others thought about it and if it should be brought up to Clarence. Corey said he was still there tonight, Dan said he had been all day and he thinks it should be addressed. Dan said if the Board agreed he would go to Clarence as that is one of his committees; the Board agreed.

6. Unfinished Business

6a. Fire Station Door

ACTION: none

Discussion: Alton informed the Board that Larry Miller had fixed the Fire Station overhead door, it just needed to be reprogrammed. Corey thought someone should go look at the doors, he heard Clarence open the door closest to the office and it sounded like it was fetching up pretty good when it goes up and

down. Alton said he could get Larry to look at it if the Board agreed, adding he has been doing the doors and is quicker and cheaper than going through the door companies. The Board agreed.

7. New Business

7a. Chairman of the Board

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to appoint the Chairman and Selectman duties at the Selectman's Meeting to follow the Town Meeting.

Discussion: Dan had requested to wait until after the Town Meeting for the Chair and the duties because he would like to sit down and discuss the different duties. He feels the hours they put in should be evened out, adding he only has a couple committees, but they are very busy. He would like to sit face to face and talk over, adding if Craig takes over what Laurie did, they only meet a couple times a year, and Dan has more hours in one meeting than all of those almost at just the Clam Board level. He said the duties aren't proportional and he'd like to have the chance to sit down and break it down face to face not over the computer. Craig agreed and added that he didn't understand some of the committees. He added that being new he would love to hear more about what some of the duties are. Martha also agreed saying it is an awkward way to do it (via zoom).

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Selectman duties

ACTION: combined in the above motion

Discussion: none

7c. Annual Appointments

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to accept the 2020 appointments

Discussion: Dan said David Taylor was listed under the clam committee, but you need two people, so he suggested Carl Taylor Jr. Lisa said Sherri and Carl are on it as well, but their terms don't expire until 2021. Martha added Randolph Robbins and hauler, Ben Lash, to the Transfer Station Committee Member appointments. The Board appointed the following positions:

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Lisa Young
Tax Collector: Samantha Jones
Rescue Squad Director: Andrew Blanchard
Rescue Squad Assistant Director: Charlene Benner
Fire Chief & Emergency Management: Clarence Flanders
Deputy Fire Chief: Anthony Winchenbach
Licensed Plumbing Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer: Scott Bickford
Planning Board Member: William About
Harbor Master: Austin Donaghy
Shellfish Warden: Ian Clark
Shellfish Committee Member: David Taylor
Harbor Board Committee Member: Joshua Spear
Health Officer: Mariann Ahola
Cemetery Committee Member: Karin Weisert
Transfer Station Committee Members: Randolph Robbins and Benjamin Lash

List of ballot clerks

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. Accept Craig Currie's resignation from the Budget Committee and Board of Assessors

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to accept Craig Currie's resignations from the Budget Committee and the Board of Assessors

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-1; Craig abstained

8. Comments from Citizens: none

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary