

**TOWN OF CUSHING**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Cushing Community Center  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 6:00 P.M.

**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:** Robert Stackpole

**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. Discuss Agreement for Winter Road Maintenance**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Robert Stackpole said he had spoken with his insurance company regarding his liability insurance and was told it won't cover snowplowing of public roads; there is only one company that will cover that and his current company would drop him if he were to do it. He added the quote from the new company was an additional \$15,000 and he would need that on top of his initial bid for the snowplow contract. He added if the additional funding was not an option than the rest of his requests [for changes to contract] wouldn't be an issue anyway. Dan said the contract wasn't made directly for Bob but was for anyone who would be in contract with the Town for plowing the roads. He said the contract had been run by the lawyer who had agreed with it in regard to protecting the Town. Craig confirmed that Bob was saying he would still be interested in the job if they could pay the \$150,000 rather than the original bid of \$135,000; Bob said yes but added if the Town was not able to do so he understood and there would be no hard feelings as he hadn't figured in the higher priced insurance. Martha asked aside from the cost, were there any other issues with the contract. Bob said yes and brought up his concerns. Dan suggested speaking with Jim Kalloch to see if he would be in agreement with the contract as it's written as he feels it's similar to the one he signs with St. George. Bob agreed that was no problem, and understood it was his oversight. Bob added if he does end up with the contract, he would like to change the payment schedule. Dan said he was not in agreement, he would rather not pay ahead, but pay as we go to protect the Town. Craig also brought up the clause that Bob would like to add to be able to store in equipment in the Town Garage and mentioned he wasn't sure about a liability of keeping private equipment inside Town property. Corey said he feels you'd only need a waiver signed for that and that Bob would cover bills for the Garage during use. Bob said he would cover heat as long as he has control of the thermostat. Martha asked if keeping the equipment as his own place was an option; Bob answered it could be. Corey said that's the next thing; if contracting goes good, we have a big garage, what do we do with it. Dan felt that decision should be put off a year, and trucks should be kept for now to see how it goes. Bob agreed. The Board later discussed the older town plow truck. Corey said it's pretty humble, and feels it needs some expensive stuff and felt it might be best to bid that one off this year regardless. He said it needs an air to air and expects it to be up towards \$10,000 for a sticker. Alton asked if the Board felt they both should be stickered and ready in case they're needed for back up this year. Dan

thought the new one definitely should be and added Jim Kalloch had mentioned the possibility of leasing it from us. Corey said if he wanted to use them, it could be a lease for the first year and he could buy them if he kept going; lease to own kind of deal. Corey said letting them sit isn't going to be good. Martha thought even the old one would probably sell for more being stickered and ready for use. Corey suggested moving forward [if using town trucks] Mike Whitten should take a day to come down to pressure wash and clean the trucks up at the end of the season. The Board discussed Jim Kalloch's bid and discussed changing the payment schedule to match his bid on contract before presenting the contract to Jim to see if he would accept as written. Craig suggested adding the specifications Jim had written out in his bid to the contract, too; such as how much snow will accumulate for plowing to begin. Dan had mentioned some different date changes in regard to the months the work will actually be done. Martha felt you can't make other changes to a contract you just presented to somebody else, aside from the payment schedule changes. Craig agreed with Martha. Dan said they don't understand; he's not making changes; he is making applicable date changes to when it snows. He said rather than October 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of March, it would be making it October 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Corey said it was just shifting the dates a couple weeks. Lisa pointed out that his bid was a three-year bid; Alton felt that was good the price wouldn't change. Corey wondered if a one-year probationary contract would be better. Craig said there are plenty of outs for them in the contract if it doesn't work out.

### **3. Fire Station bathrooms**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Alton said he talked with Larry Miller yesterday as he looked at the bathrooms. He said he really wasn't interested in doing the job and suggested letting Lewis Orff do it as he was on the fire department anyway and added he really doesn't have time and it's quite a mess. Larry said there are some plumbing problems and that Scott [Bickford] will have to be involved and it could get time consuming. Dan asked if Lewis was a plumber. Alton answered no; Corey said a plumber would have to be hired. Alton said another problem is that the circle of 5 feet for handicapped accessible isn't there. Corey thought you could take a cabinet out of the meeting room and extend the bathroom if needed for extra space; Dan agreed. Alton said Lewis's quote was \$1700. Dan confirmed that was for woodwork, then you'd need to pay the plumber. Dan added if they did have to extend the bathroom as they had just mentioned it would make the cost go up, too. Alton said Lewis can start whenever the Board wants him to. Dan said we'd need to find a plumber, too. Corey suggested having the plumber look first, then begin the woodwork. Alton suggested having Scott check it out first to get ideas on best way to do it; the Board agreed.

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

### **5. Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones  
Recording Secretary