

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Cushing Community Center
Minutes of Meeting
September 28, 2020

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: none

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 Corey Jones, to approve 2020 Warrants 89 and 90.

Discussion: Dan said he wanted on record that Garnett (assessor's agent) wasn't here one day last month and was still paid for the day. Lisa corrected that she had corrected the invoice and took that day off the amount she paid. Corey asked if he sends a standard bill for the 4 weeks. Lisa said she thought so, but she had talked to him and marked on the calendar the day he was going to be out. She added when she received the bill, she noticed that day was on it and just removed it/corrected it. Alton clarified it was on the bill, and Corey agreed, adding he billed for it but Lisa caught it. Lisa confirmed. Lisa said she did email him to let him know she removed that day from the pay but had not yet received a response. Corey said it'll be interesting to see if he agrees, or if he had possibly sent two guys another week thinking it would cover that missing week. Dan said that has been one of his pet peeves all along, bringing two people for half a day and charging for a full day. Martha thought we (at one point) talked about having him come in to discuss. Dan said yes but that was before the contract was signed, and now we're a few months into the last year. Lisa added he did mention trying to change the schedule to have them here a day the office is open, and she felt that would be great. The Board agreed. Craig added any of these changes should be made in a new contract when the time comes.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting

ACTION: Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting with one change

Discussion: Dan said under 5b, 7 or 9 sentences up from the bottom, it says, "Dan asked if she was getting at the want of an ordinance," and he feels it just doesn't read right. Lisa thought he was asking her if she was wanting a town ordinance. Corey agreed, saying now that he just read it, he remembers

him asking her that. Martha suggested the need for an ordinance would sound better, Craig agreed. Dan agreed and said changing that word does make it read better.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Norton Cemetery

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said that Sami asked about Norton Cemetery and if the Town is responsible for the trees when you drive into the cemetery, adding that they need some trimming. Alton thought so and adding he hasn't been out there in a long time. Corey suggested having Alton trim out through there while the Town has the tractor for trimming roadsides rented. Alton agreed he would do that. He also added he was planning to trim the bushes along the banks of the Good Neighbor Park while he has it too. Corey said someone had mentioned to him that the Post Office has some bushes grown up that make it hard to see pulling out, too.

5b. Request for use of the multi-purpose room at the Cushing Community Center

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to approve the use of the multi-purpose room by the Cushing Republican Committee for a meet and greet with Gordon Page

Discussion: Alton read a request to use the Cushing Community Center from Dan Staples for a meet and greet for Gordon Page on October 4, 2020 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. He added it's not sponsored by the Town of Cushing. Lisa said the insurance was already faxed.

Motion Carried 4-0-1, Dan Staples abstained

6. Unfinished Business

6a. Sign annual Local Road Assistance Program Certification

ACTION: The Board signed the document

Discussion: Lisa said this is just to accept the funds received for the roads.

7. New Business

7a. Approve and sign annual General Assistance Ordinance Appendices

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, approving the 2020/2021 General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-H

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Killeran Lane sign

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Corey said he has had a couple residents complain and ask for speed limit sign posted, adding there are logging trucks on and off the road frequently now that seem to be going pretty fast. Corey said personally he feels the road should be a 25-mph road because it's windy, narrow, and has quite a few kids on it. He added having no sign it makes it a 45-mph road and that's way too fast for that road. Alton said there hasn't been a sign there for at least 50 years. Lisa asked if that was something the State decides. Alton said yes, the State determines speed limits. Dan asked if the town can recommend. Alton said yes, he can contact Dave Allen at DOT, he has helped him change some speed limits Stone's Point Road, Davis Point Road, and Salt Pond Road. He said speed limits on any town roads can't be changed by the town, they need to be done by the State. Alton said he will look into what the State has the speed limit of that road posted at right now and see about getting it changed if it higher than 25-30 mph. Lisa added that Sami is updating some information we have on roads, such as length, rods, etc., and we may need Alton to come in and give some information to her for that.

7c. Food Pantry Parking Lot

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan suggested stopping at the Food Pantry parking lot on the way home to take a look at the parking lot. He added every time it gets fixed but after a hard rain it washes away again, and it can be dangerous trying to stop on all those rocks. He added that even himself, not going very fast, you try to stop on those rocks, and you skid. He said there must be something you can do. Alton said there is, he stopped by the other day when he was going by and scuffed that ditch out some so hopefully the water will go in the other end of the culvert. He said the ditch is full of sand, grass, etc. He added he scuffed some out, but it needs some more. Dan added the parking lot is higher than the road so every time you put something in it, it stands to reason to wash out again. Alton said that's not the problem; the problem is the water is coming from up above and running down the edge of the road, not getting in the culvert on the other side. Dan asked where the rocks come from then. Alton said that comes from the other end because it's washing the side of the road out. He said if you can stop the water from coming down across there it would alleviate the whole problem. Dan asked about ditching it, and added it's been an ongoing problem for years. Alton said it needs to be ditched along the side, and more down by the stop sign.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary