

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Cushing Community Center
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Craig Currie, Corey Jones, 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 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

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5d. Cross Road culvert

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said Josh Mitchell was in and asked about his culvert; adding it backs up really bad in the winter and backs into Prior Lane. Lisa said it is DOT. Alton said yes it is and it's happened before. He said he's called them and they jet it. Josh said it was still a problem and he's tried to clean it out and wasn't sure if it could be fixed. Alton said the pitch is a big problem there too, Lisa said that was what Josh had said, too. She asked Alton if he would call DOT about it. Alton said he can, and asked if that's okay if he does that.

5e. HAZCOM program

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said back in September when the fellow came to look at all the Town buildings, we need a HAZCOM policy that can be Town Office specific policy. She said the issue was that we have chemicals for cleaning, and we don't have the SDS sheets, so we need to find out what PPE should be used and provide any training. She said we need a policy for this. Martha said it's pretty standard practice. Martha thought you could probably get a sample policy from MMA. Lisa said the packet she had came from MMA. Lisa wanted the Board to check it over and suggested it can be added to the next agenda.

5f. Fire Station bathroom

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said she received a bill from Lewis Orff and said if he is considered an employee, he really should be noting his days, times, and what was done rather than something she can't even make out what it says. Lisa said she called, and he clarified it was half of the estimate. Corey said a date with the hours and what he did that day would be better. Dan agreed, more detail. Lisa said even adding using one of the office employee's time sheets would be good. Corey asked where the bathroom was at, he said he had looked quickly, and it looked like someone had been using the toilet (that isn't hooked up). Alton said he brought a jack hammer for them and the cement is now almost ready to go. Alton said nobody gets nothing done, it's been going on for a couple months now. Corey said it probably should have just gone out to bid from the get-go and it would have been done. Dan said he thought Lewis thought he could do it pretty reasonable, but it turned into more than he thought. Craig asked who was in charge of the whole project, Clarence. Alton said it should be, but it doesn't seem to be, adding he's not grabbing the bull by the horns and getting it done. Alton said he isn't getting anything out of it, it should be the fire chief not him, but nobody seems to take the initiative to make things happen. Craig said in the future hiring it out would be a good idea, then you have someone to hold responsible if things aren't getting done reasonably. He said you know going in it might cost a little more but there is someone to hold responsible. The discussion on the bathroom renovation moving forward continued.

6. Unfinished Business

6a. Town road speed limit

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to send a letter to Dave Allen (head of speed limits) from DOT requesting a speed limit review of Killeran Lane, McCarter Point Road, and Davis Point Road

Discussion: Alton said they need to write Dave Allen in Augusta a letter from the Select Board to tell him that they need a review of Killeran Lane. Alton said while he's here doing that one, he wondered about having him do McCarter Point and Davis Point, too, adding they don't have speed limit signs either. Corey thought it was a good idea, adding when the road isn't posted the speed is automatically 45 mph which isn't good on any of those three roads.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6b. Cushing Community Center

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Corey said he has been playing phone tag with Chris (in regard to fans in gym). Corey said he will call him again in the morning. Lisa reminded the money just needs to be done by the end of December for the grant money to be used. Alton said if he's going to call him, touch base with him about the light at the Fire Station, too. Corey said he showed Peter while he was here. He said he didn't show him the bathroom though. Alton said they want electricity run for the washer/dryer. Corey said the fans in the bathroom over there are dummied out, so the moisture goes right up in the ceiling.

7. New Business

7a. Outside light and doorstep exiting the gym area

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to have Miller & Miller look at the doorstep and get a quote

Discussion: Lisa said during voting the other night we had to re-route people once it got dark because the outside light wasn't working. She added that the step is also very big, even worse at night when it's harder to see. Dan suggested new steps. Alton asked if you need new ones or can you jack them up. Dan thought if you jack them up to make the top one good, the bottom one will then be big. Corey thought the roof was supported on the steps, Alton thought that actually sounded right. Dan checked and confirmed the overhang does connect right to the step. Lisa asked about a ramp. Corey thought that would be an insurance question, saying if there was a fire in one end of the gym, that would be the only exit for someone in a wheelchair. Dan suggested having Miller & Miller check it out and make a recommendation and get a quote.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Snowplow truck

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton asked if anything was going to be done with the old truck. Corey felt it could be auctioned off as it's in pretty hard shape. Dan said last year it got about \$16,000 in repairs. Craig said it would probably be better to have a new truck if we go back into the plowing anyway. Corey said if that 2007 truck sits for three years, then to try to use it again, things won't move like they should. Alton said

Martha didn't think it would sell very good without a sticker, but he knew someone who wants it. Martha asked if putting the \$10-12,000 additional into it, would it increase the value. Alton answered it might or it might not, could make it sell quicker. Corey said now is the time to put it out to bid, going into winter. He said if he personally was looking for a truck to use, he would buy it because he could fix it himself for probably a third of the quoted repairs. Martha asked if it would pass inspection as is; Corey said no. Alton asked what the Board wants to do. Corey felt it should be put out to bid. Dan said if it goes out to bid will the sander and stainless body go with it. Corey added it then needs to be taken apart. He said all the other trucks have been sold as a whole. Craig suggested with them you could get a better price too. He asked how the Town goes about selling. Alton said out to bid. Dan asked if there would be a minimum bid. Corey thought there should be. Alton said Hoppe was willing to do the tree work at the cemetery with some in trade towards the truck. Lisa reminded that they can accept or reject all bids. Corey said Craigslist is a good place to advertise. Craig asked if there was a KBB version to get a rough estimate of the value for something like this. The Board continued discussion and ended up deciding it would be posted to go out to bid with a minimum bid of \$18,000.

7c. Town Garage

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Corey asked the thoughts moving forward and asked if Jimmy had shown any interest in wanting the use of it. Alton said he was asked if they could put their loader and maybe one truck in the garage to keep it in town. Dan said it couldn't be done for nothing. Lisa agreed, adding for insurance reasons. Dan also added there are lights and heat. Alton said the other question was if there isn't anything in the garage do we keep the heat on because there is water in there. Corey asked if was something that could be shut off, Alton said it can't. Lisa suggested Jimmy could lease the building. Dan suggested maybe \$800-1000 a month would cover costs. Corey said we have a truck in there too and asked what would happen if that got hit by them. Craig said their insurance would have to pick that up. Craig felt the bigger question would be asking MMA if a private company's equipment can be kept in a town garage. Corey then said if the old truck doesn't sell, there isn't room for three trucks and a loader. Alton thought the old one wouldn't have to be kept inside. Craig felt tabling this until we have the insurance information would be best.

7d. LifeFlight Foundation

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to approve allowing LifeFlight of Maine to use an online petition website to gather the necessary signatures needed for a donation request on the annual Town Meeting Warrant

Discussion: Lisa said they received a request in which LifeFlight would like to receive money for the social agencies' monies at Town Meeting. Lisa said for the first time a new company is added there is a petition that needs to be completed. Lisa said they asked that due to COVID and how hard it can be to gather signatures during this time if they would be allowed to be an online petition on change.org to get the 75 signatures as the request to be put on the Town Warrant. She said a representative would have to attend Town Meeting, as well. Dan said he didn't see a problem adding he has donated to LifeFlight himself. Craig said the Rescue Squad donates to them annually, too.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7e. School Choice Week

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to recognize January 24-30 as School Choice Week in Cushing

Discussion: Lisa said this is something that was in the new mail and asked if the Board wants to address it. Dan said it was done last year as well.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7f. Norton Cemetery

ACTION: Selectman Corey Jones made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to transfer \$600.00 from Norton Cemetery Account to the Ancient Cemetery Account

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to transfer \$1,600.00 from Pleasant View Cemetery Account to the Norton Cemetery Account

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Craig said Bob Weisert had a \$1700 quote to repair the Killeran Lane cemetery that was authorized for repairs. The work is done, but an additional \$200 did accrue. Dan also reminded that they need to come up with money for the trees and stuff too. Craig said there is only \$1400 in the Ancient Cemetery account and they need at least another \$500. Martha said in the past they have taken from other cemetery accounts. Corey said Pleasant and Norton were the ones they had talked about money coming from for the trees. Craig thought the tree work was going to wait until next year. Corey thought they were looking at the legality of what would happen if the trees fell. Dan remembered that too adding if they fell over the winter the damage would cost a lot more than the removal costs. Alton thought they should be cut sooner than later too, if they can be. Corey said it would basically drain all three of the accounts. Dan said some extra should be put in those accounts over the next few years to cover things like this. Craig said he knew of someone who had tree work done by someone who had saved them a lot of money, he said he would get the name from them for a second estimate. Corey suggested trying Benner's too. Alton said the turkeys have gone up over the hill at Pleasant View Cemetery and it looks like something that could have been done with a rototiller.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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5d. Cross Road culvert

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said Josh Mitchell was in and asked about his culvert; adding it backs up really bad in the winter and backs into Prior Lane. Lisa said it is DOT. Alton said yes it is and it's happened before. He said he's called them and they jet it. Josh said it was still a problem and he's tried to clean it out and wasn't sure if it could be fixed. Alton said the pitch is a big problem there too, Lisa said that was what Josh had said, too. She asked Alton if he would call DOT about it. Alton said he can, and asked if that's okay if he does that.

5e. HAZCOM program

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said back in September when the fellow came to look at all the Town buildings, we need a HAZCOM policy that can be Town Office specific policy. She said the issue was that we have chemicals for cleaning, and we don't have the SDS sheets, so we need to find out what PPE should be used and provide any training. She said we need a policy for this. Martha said it's pretty standard practice. Martha thought you could probably get a sample policy from MMA. Lisa said the packet she had came from MMA. Lisa wanted the Board to check it over and suggested it can be added to the next agenda.

5f. Fire Station bathroom

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said she received a bill from Lewis Orff and said if he is considered an employee, he really should be noting his days, times, and what was done rather than something she can't even make out what it says. Lisa said she called, and he clarified it was half of the estimate. Corey said a date with the hours and what he did that day would be better. Dan agreed, more detail. Lisa said even adding using one of the office employee's time sheets would be good. Corey asked where the bathroom was at, he said he had looked quickly, and it looked like someone had been using the toilet (that isn't hooked up). Alton said he brought a jack hammer for them and the cement is now almost ready to go. Alton said nobody gets nothing done, it's been going on for a couple months now. Corey said it probably should have just gone out to bid from the get-go and it would have been done. Dan said he thought Lewis thought he could do it pretty reasonable, but it turned into more than he thought. Craig asked who was in charge of the whole project, Clarence. Alton said it should be, but it doesn't seem to be, adding he's not grabbing the bull by the horns and getting it done. Alton said he isn't getting anything out of it, it should be the fire chief not him, but nobody seems to take the initiative to make things happen. Craig said in the future hiring it out would be a good idea, then you have someone to hold responsible if things aren't getting done reasonably. He said you know going in it might cost a little more but there is someone to hold responsible. The discussion on the bathroom renovation moving forward continued.

6. Unfinished Business

6a. Town road speed limit

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to send a letter to Dave Allen (head of speed limits) from DOT requesting a speed limit review of Killeran Lane, McCarter Point Road, and Davis Point Road

Discussion: Alton said they need to write Dave Allen in Augusta a letter from the Select Board to tell him that they need a review of Killeran Lane. Alton said while he's here doing that one, he wondered about having him do McCarter Point and Davis Point, too, adding they don't have speed limit signs either. Corey thought it was a good idea, adding when the road isn't posted the speed is automatically 45 mph which isn't good on any of those three roads.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6b. Cushing Community Center

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Corey said he has been playing phone tag with Chris (in regard to fans in gym). Corey said he will call him again in the morning. Lisa reminded the money just needs to be done by the end of December for the grant money to be used. Alton said if he's going to call him, touch base with him about the light at the Fire Station, too. Corey said he showed Peter while he was here. He said he didn't show him the bathroom though. Alton said they want electricity run for the washer/dryer. Corey said the fans in the bathroom over there are dummied out, so the moisture goes right up in the ceiling.

7. New Business

7a. Outside light and doorstep exiting the gym area

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to have Miller & Miller look at the doorstep and get a quote

Discussion: Lisa said during voting the other night we had to re-route people once it got dark because the outside light wasn't working. She added that the step is also very big, even worse at night when it's harder to see. Dan suggested new steps. Alton asked if you need new ones or can you jack them up. Dan thought if you jack them up to make the top one good, the bottom one will then be big. Corey thought the roof was supported on the steps, Alton thought that actually sounded right. Dan checked and confirmed the overhang does connect right to the step. Lisa asked about a ramp. Corey thought that would be an insurance question, saying if there was a fire in one end of the gym, that would be the only exit for someone in a wheelchair. Dan suggested having Miller & Miller check it out and make a recommendation and get a quote.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Snowplow truck

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton asked if anything was going to be done with the old truck. Corey felt it could be auctioned off as it's in pretty hard shape. Dan said last year it got about \$16,000 in repairs. Craig said it would probably be better to have a new truck if we go back into the plowing anyway. Corey said if that 2007 truck sits for three years, then to try to use it again, things won't move like they should. Alton said

Martha didn't think it would sell very good without a sticker, but he knew someone who wants it. Martha asked if putting the \$10-12,000 additional into it, would it increase the value. Alton answered it might or it might not, could make it sell quicker. Corey said now is the time to put it out to bid, going into winter. He said if he personally was looking for a truck to use, he would buy it because he could fix it himself for probably a third of the quoted repairs. Martha asked if it would pass inspection as is; Corey said no. Alton asked what the Board wants to do. Corey felt it should be put out to bid. Dan said if it goes out to bid will the sander and stainless body go with it. Corey added it then needs to be taken apart. He said all the other trucks have been sold as a whole. Craig suggested with them you could get a better price too. He asked how the Town goes about selling. Alton said out to bid. Dan asked if there would be a minimum bid. Corey thought there should be. Alton said Hoppe was willing to do the tree work at the cemetery with some in trade towards the truck. Lisa reminded that they can accept or reject all bids. Corey said Craigslist is a good place to advertise. Craig asked if there was a KBB version to get a rough estimate of the value for something like this. The Board continued discussion and ended up deciding it would be posted to go out to bid with a minimum bid of \$18,000.

7c. Town Garage

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Corey asked the thoughts moving forward and asked if Jimmy had shown any interest in wanting the use of it. Alton said he was asked if they could put their loader and maybe one truck in the garage to keep it in town. Dan said it couldn't be done for nothing. Lisa agreed, adding for insurance reasons. Dan also added there are lights and heat. Alton said the other question was if there isn't anything in the garage do we keep the heat on because there is water in there. Corey asked if was something that could be shut off, Alton said it can't. Lisa suggested Jimmy could lease the building. Dan suggested maybe \$800-1000 a month would cover costs. Corey said we have a truck in there too and asked what would happen if that got hit by them. Craig said their insurance would have to pick that up. Craig felt the bigger question would be asking MMA if a private company's equipment can be kept in a town garage. Corey then said if the old truck doesn't sell, there isn't room for three trucks and a loader. Alton thought the old one wouldn't have to be kept inside. Craig felt tabling this until we have the insurance information would be best.

7d. LifeFlight Foundation

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to approve allowing LifeFlight of Maine to use an online petition website to gather the necessary signatures needed for a donation request on the annual Town Meeting Warrant

Discussion: Lisa said they received a request in which LifeFlight would like to receive money for the social agencies' monies at Town Meeting. Lisa said for the first time a new company is added there is a petition that needs to be completed. Lisa said they asked that due to COVID and how hard it can be to gather signatures during this time if they would be allowed to be an online petition on change.org to get the 75 signatures as the request to be put on the Town Warrant. She said a representative would have to attend Town Meeting, as well. Dan said he didn't see a problem adding he has donated to LifeFlight himself. Craig said the Rescue Squad donates to them annually, too.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7e. School Choice Week

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to recognize January 24-30 as School Choice Week in Cushing

Discussion: Lisa said this is something that was in the new mail and asked if the Board wants to address it. Dan said it was done last year as well.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7f. Norton Cemetery

ACTION: Selectman Corey Jones made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to transfer \$600.00 from Norton Cemetery Account to the Ancient Cemetery Account

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to transfer \$1,600.00 from Pleasant View Cemetery Account to the Norton Cemetery Account

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Craig said Bob Weisert had a \$1700 quote to repair the Killeran Lane cemetery that was authorized for repairs. The work is done, but an additional \$200 did accrue. Dan also reminded that they need to come up with money for the trees and stuff too. Craig said there is only \$1400 in the Ancient Cemetery account and they need at least another \$500. Martha said in the past they have taken from other cemetery accounts. Corey said Pleasant and Norton were the ones they had talked about money coming from for the trees. Craig thought the tree work was going to wait until next year. Corey thought they were looking at the legality of what would happen if the trees fell. Dan remembered that too adding if they fell over the winter the damage would cost a lot more than the removal costs. Alton thought they should be cut sooner than later too, if they can be. Corey said it would basically drain all three of the accounts. Dan said some extra should be put in those accounts over the next few years to cover things like this. Craig said he knew of someone who had tree work done by someone who had saved them a lot of money, he said he would get the name from them for a second estimate. Corey suggested trying Benner's too. Alton said the turkeys have gone up over the hill at Pleasant View Cemetery and it looks like something that could have been done with a rototiller.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Corey Jones, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary