

TOWN OF CUSHING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, March 22, 2021  
via ZOOM Video Conference due to COVID-19

**Selectmen Present:** Chair Alton Grover; Selectmen Craig Currie, Tracey Bally, Daniel Staples, and Martha Marchut

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Lisa Young

**Public Present:** Cheryl Stackpole, KD, Clarence Flanders, Corey & Sami Jones, Ida Clarke, Bob Ellis, Meagan Rackliff, Janelle Poland, Tom Shook, Jennifer Benner, Jason Ward, William Cochran, Jen Corbett, Erin Rodin, Bill Aboud

**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. Elect a Chairman**

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to nominate Alton Grover as the chair with the understanding that we are going to have a vice-chair as well, and where the plan will be that the vice-chair will succeed Alton Grover in a year

**Motion Carried 4-0-1, Alton abstained**

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to nominate Daniel Staples as vice-chair with the understanding that this is a path to chairmanship, subject to a nomination and approval, when the time comes. Craig added an amendment to that motion that this will occur next March

**Motion Carried 4-0-1, Daniel abstained**

**Discussion:** Martha said last year they had quite a discussion about the value in having a new chairman from time to time. She said that's not to detract from the wonderful work Alton has done over the years but for various reasons they didn't pursue it at that time but did say they would come back to it this year and would want to seriously consider. Dan said other town boards usually have a chair for three or so years and then they change, he said that hasn't been the case with Cushing. Martha asked others to jump in with thoughts, including Alton. Alton thought you should go longer than three years because in three years you're just about getting it under your belt, he felt it should go at least five or six. Martha asked if right now they are talking about how long terms should or could last, or just making a decision about nominating a new chair. Craig said another option is to have a vice-chairman to be next in line if the chairman is unavailable for a meeting and could probably learn things and eventually become chairman. Martha agreed. Dan said are we going to do it or what are we going to do, we have a lot on this agenda. Craig said Dan hasn't spoken up and asked his thoughts. Dan said he has twelve years of experience and knows he can do it but added obviously Alton can do it too, he's been doing it the last

twelve years he [Dan] has been on this Board. He added he doesn't know the experience of the others, but all Boards are run a lot different. Craig said this is his first Board and he's only been on one year and doesn't feel qualified to be chair or vice chair; he feels there are three more experienced folks between Martha, Dan, and Alton. He said he values what they think they should do but thinks the vice chairman would be a good idea with the chair continues to be Alton, or even if changed. Dan said when we talked about it before he told the other towns he deals with have all had 2 or 3 different chairs int hat time and we've always had just Alton, adding it was nothing against Alton. He said St. George has had the same one nine years but the others have changed 2 or 3 times. Martha asked if we can go from having a chair to a chair and a vice chair in this meeting without having a protocol or policy change. Dan said yes you can do that on any Board, he does it on his Clam Board. Martha said that is an option then, to vote for both to have a plan for a transition. Alton said he thinks it should be Martha or Dan and added Dan did take his place when he was out. Martha said Dan has three more years on the Board and Martha only has one, so it makes more sense for it to be Dan if that's the road we go down. Dan said let's do one, somebody nominate somebody so we can move on. Alton said hopefully somebody does nominate somebody so we can get going. Martha nominated Alton as the chair with the plan for a vice-chair as well. Corey Jones spoke up from the audience urging the Board to nominate Danny and change this up. Alton said here we go. Corey said yes Alton, here we go, it needs to change. Alton said you're not supposed to be swearing at these meetings. Corey replied J---- C----- isn't a swear, he said Dan should be the Chair, Alton has had long enough, and it needs to be changed. Alton said he thinks this is a Selectmen's meeting isn't it. Corey said yes, it is and he's going to be at every one for the rest of the year, something needs to change. Alton laughed. Craig asked if there was any more discussion. Dan said he thought they were going to be changing chairs, but he was all set, they had a nomination seconded. He felt that [change] was the discussion six or eight months ago, but he's good with it.

#### **4. Approve and Sign the Warrant:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to approve 2021 Warrants 12 and 13

**Discussion:** Craig mentioned he was surprised by the \$3600 to print the annual report. He said he knows that's what it is, but that's a lot of money for printing. Dan said there's a lot of reports. Martha asked Lisa if that is pretty standard. Lisa said it was less than it was last year because they didn't get as many, but she wasn't sure as far as standard. Lisa asked if they raised prices dramatically or anything. Lisa didn't think so. Alton asked if there were 100 less. Lisa thought so. Craig asked if you are legally obligated to actually print the town reports. Lisa said yes, but added that one thing she doesn't like about the place doing now; because he just prints he isn't able to get an electronic version and Lisa feels that would be good to have and would be nice to be able to post to the website. She thought about maybe looking for somewhere that offers that next year. Craig said anybody doing a print job like that these days should absolutely be providing an electronic version. He added it's too bad you can't just have an electronic version to save on costs.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

#### **5. Review and approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting**

**ACTION:** Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting as written

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 4-0-1, Tracey abstained**

## **6. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:**

### **6a. Salt Bids**

**ACTION:** none

**Discussion:** Dan said the last meeting they put the salt bids on hold; Dan asked if Alton heard anymore from the County. Alton said no, he suspects they'll put it out to bid the first or second week of next month but said he would call and check.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **7a. Fire Truck & Ambulance Contract**

**ACTION:** Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to have the Towns' lawyer look at the contract in the next day or so, to put our minds at ease, and then if the lawyer is okay with the contract, we will go with the full payment with the \$12,000 discount

**Discussion:** Dan said Tom Shook is on standby for any questions. He said he printed off copies of the contract for the others to look at. He said basically there's almost a 2% discount if we pay it up front, he added the company has been in business for over 40 years and it's drawn up by lawyers, so he feels pretty protected. Dan asked Clarence what kind of equipment comes with the truck. Clarence said nothing comes on it, he said there is some from the other truck they are using on that one. Dan asked if it'll cost a lot of money to finish this truck. Clarence said maybe \$5-6000. Dan said if the Board feels comfortable, he thinks saving that 2% could go right to that new equipment and not cost anymore. Alton asked if our lawyer has read it over. Dan said she hasn't. Alton asked if they think she should to make sure it's alright; Martha said she was thinking the same thing. Dan said they have 21 days so there is time. Tom said there are 21 days from the time the contract is signed to pay to receive the prepayment discount. He said that would be about \$12,000 off the price. He said they also have been in business for almost 42 years and have bonds to cover anything that could possibly happen. Dan said so it is fully insured between the time we sign the contract and the time it is delivered to us. Alton said he didn't feel comfortable paying the whole thing, he thought maybe 50/50, he said what if something goes wrong. Dan said the performance bond covers that. Alton asked if there's a copy. Tom said you will have a copy of everything, yes. Tom said you could see the bonds on the pages in the contract. Alton said you can't do 50/50, Tom said no you can't do that and receive the discounted price. He said we can do the payment anyway you want if you don't want to take advantage of the money you can save. Dan said it has been approved, have the lawyer read it over in the next couple days. Tom said once the lawyer advises it, let him know, he will change the date to the date of sign to extend so the 21 days begins from that to pay upfront. Martha said she wants to make sure everybody understands, if the lawyer approves this contract, we are going to pay the full price immediately to receive the discount and not wait until time of delivery. Craig said yes. Martha made sure everybody understands that. Alton said we will wait to see what the lawyer says. Martha said the motion says if the lawyer approves, we are paying the money upfront to save the money, it's all one motion. Craig said if you'd like, we can split the motions. Dan said it doesn't make any sense to separate them. Martha said she is questioning, someone was saying they didn't want to pay the money upfront, now we're saying as long as the lawyer likes the contract, we are ready to pay the money upfront. Dan said the only one not sure was Alton because no one had looked at the contract. Dan said once the lawyer looks at the contract and is comfortable with it, it should make everybody happy. Craig said being very legalistic about it, as our lawyer, she is liable if she finds something in the contract and doesn't say something to stop it. Lisa said she can email it to the lawyer and asked when they want it back. Dan said by this weekend would be good.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

## **7b. Covid-19 Protocol**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to send the Covid-19 policy to the Towns' lawyer for review

**Discussion:** Martha said this is something put together combining a policy that came from Brunswick that the lawyer had sent, with a smaller policy from Lincoln along with our own additions. She said there was a lot from the Brunswick one that they did not include. She said the one part she wants to make sure people look at in particular is on page 2, which has been added. She said that says they will pay their employees if they have to miss work because of quarantine, or test, or because they are sick with Covid-19, if they contracted the illness in the course of doing their jobs. She said it feels like the right thing to her but does commit them to something financially above and beyond something that was in the policies they looked at when they put it together. Dan thought we were doing that anyway. Martha said that's why we did it, but this obligates them unless they change the policy. She said the next step would be to send to Kristen and she might have opinions on any and all of this.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

## **7c. Inquiry into using the Good Neighbor Park for a wedding**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, that due to Deed restrictions we can not accept the request to allow a wedding at the GNP

**Discussion:** Dan asked if everybody got the deed on that; he said the way he reads it he didn't think they could do that. He read the part of the deed saying it was for low-activity things such as walking, hiking, etc. Dan said someone asked since they did the art show out there, but he said they were on the edge and never out through the middle of the field trampling it down. Craig said that was also a public event. Dan said it didn't impact the whole field. He said it comes back for us to interpret but he thinks according to that they can't do it. Alton agreed. Martha said her problem doing it is it could potentially open the flood gates to an assortment of other things. Dan asked when the wedding was. Lisa said sometime in July. Dan said the field might not even be mowed by then, so there are all sorts of reasons why this probably wasn't a good idea, but mostly because of what the deed says. Craig said there has been some interest by the South Baptist Church that they may be open to those sorts of events.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

## **7d. Town Meeting and Selectmen Meetings**

**ACTION:** Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, that the Board will wait until the next meeting to decide the Town Meeting date

**Discussion:** Dan said for the Town Meeting, there is an executive order showing guidance that between March 26 and May 23 you can have up to 5 persons per 1000 sq. ft. which would put almost 90 something people in the gym. Dan said it mentions requiring 6 ft of social distancing but added that since receiving this, kids are now only required 3 ft, so he feels things change so much. He said maybe he should check with MMA to make sure. Audience member Bob Ellis asked how Friendship did it. Dan said they just went and did it. Craig said Owls Head or South Thomaston is doing theirs June 15<sup>th</sup>. Lisa said Washington is having one. Dan asked how much notice is needed. Lisa said it needs to be posted at least 7 days ahead but would be nice to give people more notice than that. Dan said the next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>, so maybe we could do it April 27 if we have the okay from the State. Lisa said that should work, she just has to check with Mike Mayo about moderating and being available that night too. Dan said he is hoping to begin in person meetings again soon with social distancing but will check with MMA about that, too.

## Motion Carried 5-0-0

### 7e. Outside steps coming out of the gym

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Alton said Larry was supposed to stop and look and advise if we can jack them up or if we need a new set of steps. He said he has not heard back yet but will check into it to find out. Alton then said the Food Pantry sill still needs to be taken care of. He said Larry said they would do it in December, but it was never done so he asked if others had any ideas. Dan said he spoke with the couple that runs the Food Pantry, and they noted the entrance side is pretty hard underneath that too. He said as old as that building is and the work it needs, is it worth putting \$15,000 into or would it be smarter to have it replaced, have a fundraiser and have prisoners build something. Alton said right now you can get prisoners. Dan said even a fundraiser to see how much you could raise to put towards it, he said you don't know how much rot is in there and it's not even insulated. Alton asked if you could even tear it down because it's a historic building. Dan said there are good questions, he's just thinking of ideas. Alton said it needs to be looked into. Dan said he will go to the next Board meeting for the Food Pantry. Back to the steps, Alton said he will look into it. Craig said at least get the cost.

### 7f. Review winter maintenance agreement and costs

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to schedule a workshop Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss winter maintenance

**Discussion:** Craig said he re-read the contract and we are only contracted until June 1, 2021. Craig said he originally thought it was a three-year contract, but he couldn't find that in the contract he was sent. Alton thought it was year to year. Dan said the contract he gave is the same price for the three years but needs to be renewed every year. Craig felt that was a three-year bid then, not a three-year contract. The contract we signed was through June of this year. Dan asked what Craig is getting at. Craig replied we either need to get a new contract with him for this coming year or start researching other options. Craig said he is thinking they should start the discussion along both paths. He asked if anyone has heard any issues from towns folk about his plowing this year. Dan said there was a lot in the beginning, people weren't very happy, but not so much once they got rolling. Craig said he hasn't heard anything. Alton said he heard some, but some of the complaints are the normal complaints you are going to get anyway. He said one complaint was they weren't keeping up with it adding it's the type of storm, sometimes you cant help it; when you get to one end of town on your route, but the time you get back it looks like you hadn't been there, but you had. He said it's just the usual complaints, you are going to get them no matter who is doing it. He said he's talked to them and told them some of the little complaints and they said they would take care of it. Alton added they are real good to work with, there isn't any question about that. Craig added it was also a very light snow year. Alton said Jimmy actually called him this morning and asked if anyone was upset over anything, and if there is anything let him know so he can try to correct it. Craig said his only point is that we need to get Kalloch to resubmit a bid, or from Dan's point he already did that for three years so we would need a contract, or we need to discuss other options and he thinks it should be done with enough time to make a good decision because last year we ran out of time. Alton suggested a Saturday workshop to discuss things. Martha said she hasn't heard any complaints other than the discussion of the cost.

## Motion Carried 5-0-0

### 7g. Update on broadband regional utility

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Craig said there was a zoom meeting with the towns involved; adding they are trying to form a utility to bring fiber optic to all the subscribing towns. He said with no cost to taxpayers because it would be a utility, but it would require a town to have a licensing agreement to participate. He said it would be one similar to what we have with Spectrum or Consolidated now which basically obligates the Town to agree that they can lay the wires. He said he just wants to keep everybody informed.

## **7h. Update on ARP funds coming to Cushing**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Craig said the above ties into this, which is to do with the 1.9 billion bill that was just passed. He said Cushing is supposed to receive \$150,000 from that. He said nobody knows what the strings are that are attached to this money or when it's coming. He said it will most likely come through the State at some point. Craig said the broadband folks seem that would be okay to use the money for but added they also have invested interest in saying that.

## **7i. Outside basketball court and hoops**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Lisa said several people have expressed the need for new hoops next to the Town Office. She said kids have been out there playing, and it's good for the youth. She asked if the Town has funds to purchase them, or could it be a fundraiser. She said a while ago it was brought up as someone in town was going to donate them, but nothing came of it. Alton said if the hoops could be gotten, Corey had said he would put them up. Lisa said that person never came through with purchasing the new hoops, so they are now wondering if that would be something through the Rec or the Town. Alton asked for a rough cost idea. Dan said he doesn't know how anybody could be upset over people wanting to fundraise for the kids. He added he wishes something came up about it back in December when we were doing the budget so we could have set some money out for it. He said it's hard after the warrants are done, where would you take it from if the money isn't in place for it. Alton agreed. Dan said if someone fundraises, he would contribute; Alton said he would too and thinks a lot of people would. He said it is definitely being used, he sees kids out there many times. Craig asked who brought it up. Lisa said Jen Benner because her son as been playing, she said the girls in the office have also mentioned it. Lisa said Gretchen did in the beginning when it first came up, too. Alton asked what needs to be done. Lisa wasn't sure. Alton suggested checking with Gretchen. Audience member Cheryl Stackpole said she purchased an industrial type hoops for the CCS from the Friends and Family Group and it was around \$2,000. She said it has held up very well and is designed for outside use. She said the installation was relatively simple, as well. The Board said that is helpful and they will look into it a little further and bring it up at the next meeting.

## **8. New Business**

### **8a. Town Facebook Page**

**ACTION:** Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to investigate the possibility of a Town Facebook page and its implications and discuss at the next meeting

**Discussion:** Dan said this was to get information out there to people who don't get it, but there is a town website and all of the meetings are open to the public so he doesn't know if they need another source or not. He said he thinks sometimes Facebook can be a real pain if you want to know the truth. He said the

town website seems to be policed a little better and has a little more restraint. Martha asked if this was his agenda item. He said he was told it was, but he didn't realize it. Lisa said she talked with Danny about it and thought that meant they could put it on the agenda. Martha said it might be helpful if we can put a note on the agenda of whose item each one is. Craig said he recommends the Town of Cushing never has a Town Facebook page. Audience member Sami Jones asked to make a comment as someone in and office and who hears things in town from younger citizens. A lot of younger people are on Facebook and don't check the website, a website doesn't just pop up when you're scrolling through your phone, which Facebook does. She added it would be a good place to note when dog tags are due or when tax bills have been mailed because many people say they don't receive those. She said no one owns the page, it is a Town organization page, so people follow the page for town updates, it's not like having a personal page. She said you can also make posts, the roads are slippery, drive careful, there's a tree down so this road is currently closed. She said it would be an office thing so everybody in the office would be responsible for it, but you can also put friendly reminders out to your town, as well, as a lot of information for people to easily see. Martha asked would this in addition to or in place of something. Sami replied in addition to because a lot of younger people don't check the website, they don't get the e-mails, they don't read newspapers, it's a quick source for the younger generation. Sami added that there is currently a Town of Cushing message board where if somebody loses a dog, they post it, and normally within a half hour the dog is found; it's the new way that a lot of people get information quickly and she feels it could be very helpful and beneficial to people in town. Dan asked who would control it and what would go on it because a lot of things he sees on Facebook, it needs to be controlled or censored adding some people put some awful stuff out there and he is leaning towards agreeing with Craig that we may be getting into something that we don't want to. Sami said on a personal page you can share a lot of what you want, this one wouldn't be any opinions or bias, it would be straight up facts and information. She said comments can get shut off so citizens can't even post rude replies. Sami said it would be run in the office by all of us, it wouldn't be done at home or on cell phones. Tracey said she agrees with Sami, adding there were a lot of people who had no idea the vote was happening last week because they don't go on the website. Cheryl Stackpole said speaking on behalf of the Friends and Family group at the school, she is set up as an administrator along with one other administrator, and anytime someone posts a comment it has to be approved by an administrator before it can be seen so it doesn't automatically go on there. She said for parents and people that support the school they rely on that Facebook page to get timely information and there are controls to a page such as that. Martha said good to know, but probably something we want to come back to. Craig said his experience with Facebook is it's like the wild west which he doesn't think the Town needs, but if that's the case and there's a way to control it, he would like to learn more about it. Dan said if it happens whatever goes out needs to be approved by either the Select Board or the Office Manager which would be Lisa. He said he sees things on this agenda coming up that he doesn't think the Selectman put on there and it shouldn't be on there. He said this meeting is our meeting and it is our agenda and people from the public seem to be putting it on. He said he has no problem with them asking us to put something on, but he does have a problem with them putting it on when it's our meeting. He said it says that right here in the book, "the public generally has a right to attend the municipal officers meeting but no right to participate unless the officers allow it or the meeting is a scheduled public hearing." Audience member Corey Jones spoke again, saying he thinks Danny forgets, you are five selectmen, but you work for this Town and if the townsperson wants to put something on the agenda, they should be able to. Dan said it has to go through the selectman. Corey said you work for everyone in this town, all of you. Dan said anything on the agenda comes through the selectman; he said you could end up having 75 things on an agenda if you don't follow how to do it. Corey said we don't have 75 things, we are townspeople, you can listen. He said do I get a little hot sometimes, yeah, because you guys don't take the time to listen to us, that's all I'm saying is people should have the right. He said what are there a dozen things on there, take the time and listen to them. Dan said that is the place on the agenda where it says comments from citizens, and anyone can do that at any meeting. Corey said maybe every time after you guys make a motion and second on something you should hear from the citizens, before you decide. He said at the end of the meeting you listen, after you've already voted on everything, so what are we there for. Dan said he is sorry, but that's at the State level he could go call MMA and tell them it should be set up a different way but that's the way its been set up for years and years under municipal government. Audience member Jen Benner asked to speak.

She said she went to a selectman meeting years ago, she added she has lived in Cushing since she was 7 years old and has always thought it would be good to get involved. She said when she went to the selectman meeting, she felt unwelcome and did not go back and left thinking you could through your agenda; she said she didn't learn anything because nothing was explained. She said she has always thought you could through your agenda and then people speak at the end, but what if I have a question or a comment that might influence your decision or vote. She said she also thought if you have something you could bring it to you, but now you are telling me if I want something now or in the future to be on the agenda, what you are saying is I have to come to one of you five people individually and say hey there's a meeting coming up, can we discuss this. She said how do I put something on your agenda. Dan said the way you just said. Jen said there is no book to tell me how to approach the Selectmen or the Town that I live in and pay taxes in for 30-40 years what you are supposed to do. She said there are a lot of younger people who want to be involved but they don't know how so can you explain how to go about approaching the selectmen. Dan said you can always call the share, or we could always call comments from citizens to the beginning of the meeting. Dan said he thinks he understands what Corey is saying so you could move those to the beginning and take any comments you want on what's coming up rather than have them at the end.

### **Motion Carried 5-0-0**

#### **8b. Establishing Term Limits for Selectmen seats**

**ACTION:** Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to discuss term limits at the next Selectboard meeting

**Discussion:** Cheryl Stackpole said she didn't understand she needed to speak to a selectman prior to putting something on the agenda so she is asking for permission to speak about this topic before going forward. Alton said I believe it's okay. Cheryl said as a townsperson I'm requesting that the Select Board support a ballot question at the next election that we impose term limits on Select Board seats. She said we feel that term limits would promote fresh ideas while creating a healthy balance of leadership. She said we are looking for your support in this. Craig asked Lisa if a group of towns folk want to put a measure on a ballot what are the requirements for doing so. Lisa answered the Selectman can agree to put it on or they can get a petition with 75 people [10% of the last gubernatorial election]. Craig repeated that back to Cheryl. Cheryl said she was aware of that and added that out of respect to the Selectman she is asking for them to support that and if you choose not to then we will go the petition route. Alton asked if there were anymore questions. Alton said it will be discussed in the future then and asked if everyone was okay with that. Lisa asked does he mean that will be on the next agenda or what does he mean. Alton said the Selectmen need to discuss it. Craig asked Cheryl the desire of the town's folk are looking for in terms of the term limit. Cheryl said no more than two consecutive 3-year terms, after three years the former selectman can run for office again, and this policy would begin immediately meaning those who have served two terms would not be able to seek re-election. Martha asked if they don't run consecutively can they keep running every other time indefinitely. Cheryl said after a three year break you can run again. Martha said and so on indefinitely. Cheryl agreed. Audience member Bob Ellis gave a reminder that the Board passed a resolution a few years ago that any new business that came up, that there would never be a decision made that night and would be tabled until the following meeting, which you've just done. He said this would be the perfect example of why this resolution was passed because something of this magnitude would need to be posted so everyone could know so it doesn't get shoehorned in on short notice. Martha said that was a result of some things being pushed through rather quickly without being thought-out. Dan said an ordinance change like that would also be put on the fall election where there is more participation. Bob agreed something like this should be on a statewide election ballot that way you can draw enough people to represent the Town better. Dan said that is an ordinance in place for that due to past issues with groups of people overwhelming Town Meetings for certain things.



**Motion Carried 4-0-1, Dan abstained**

**8c. Volunteer work for Cushing high school students**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Lisa said a parent came in and has a student of theirs that needs to do so many hours of volunteer work for high school and they wondered if the Town had anything for them to do. Alton asked if there as more than one. Lisa said she knows of one but is sure there will be more as it is a requirement for all high school students now. Lisa said Samantha told her it is different for each year, but she forgot what it is. Alton asked if anyone had ideas about what they could do. Craig suggested cleaning up the roadsides. Martha asked about the age range. Lisa said maybe 15 and up. Alton asked about insurance, he said prisoners are covered. Craig said you'd have to look and see if the RSU covers that. Tracey asked about the food pantry. Craig said they may need help. Audience member Bill About suggested talking to someone who's in charge of the kids' credit for it to see what things are approved, adding they may not approve the kids walking around the streets. Craig said we could contact the high school and ask. Martha asked if someone would attend a meeting. Craig said they could provide Lisa with the information. Bill felt kids on the street, you'd want an adult supervisor. Dan said he and Alton always did it with the prisoners. Lisa noted in the past sweeping in the parking lot also needs to be done. Alton said we do need to find out about the insurance. The Board decided to look into a little more.

**8d. Approve annual Appointments**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to re-appoint the following: Appeals Board members Robert Patterson and Micki Day, Planning Board member Austin Donaghy, Shellfish Committee Members Sherrie Taylor and Mike Benner, Registrar Lisa Young, Town Clerk Lisa Young, Municipal Treasurer Lisa Young, Tax Collector Samantha Jones, Fire Chief Clarence Flanders, Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Winchenbach, Rescue Squad Director Andrew Blanchard, Rescue Squad Assistant Director Charlene Benner, Addressing Officer Thomas LeBlond, Harbor Master Austin Donaghy, Animal Control Officer Kendra Hubbard, Director of Emergency Management Clarence Flanders, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford, Licensed Plumbing Inspector Scott Bickford, Shellfish Warden Ian Clark, Health Officer Mariann Ahola, and Ballot Clerks

**Discussion:** Dan said there are also three positions open; he said they do have people that will fill them but did advertise in case anyone else is interested. He said those can be done at the next meeting.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**9. Comments from Citizens:** none

**10. Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones  
Recording Secretary