

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover; Selectmen Tracey Bally, Craig Currie, Daniel Staples, 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 Tracey Bally, to approve 2021 Warrants 23, 24, and 25

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting

ACTION: Selectwoman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded Craig Currie, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting with changes

Discussion: Martha noted on page 4, discussion about the Food Pantry, Martha had said she thought they should talk to the attorney and that didn't make it into the minutes. She also said the word susceptible should be receptive. Dan commented about the Food Pantry and that he had gone to talk to them as a private citizen not a town representative; he said he was just throwing out ideas.

Motion Carried 4-0-1, Dan abstained as he was not at that meeting

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Killeran Lane Speed Limit

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to order 4 yellow 25 mph speed signs for Killeran Lane and Davis Point

Discussion: Lisa mentioned numerous meetings ago there was a concern about the speed on Killeran Lane and the State had determined the road wasn't wide enough to legally have a speed limit. She said

she had someone come in today and had asked to put up an [unofficial] yellow speed sign. Alton said that is legal to do and they could put one up. Alton added yellow is not a law, yellow is suggested. Alton suggested adding the same one to Davis Point Road in addition to Killeran Lane.

5b. Craig's absence from upcoming meetings

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said he will be gone for the next three meetings and was wondering if they wanted to add zoom to the meetings and be able to get him involved or would they rather he just miss those meetings. Dan said he is the lead of anything broadband so when that comes up he definitely needs to be involved. Craig said he's not sure there will be anything else after Thursday that would happen before he gets back. Tracey said she can bring a laptop in for him to join; Craig said he will be available and if they're comfortable he will create a zoom link for it. Lisa said it may be a good idea for the Town to purchase a laptop to have for times like these.

5c. Transfer of Funds

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to transfer \$25,000 from the Sander Replacement account to the Town Road Maintenance account.

Discussion: Dan made this motion stating we don't need a sander replacement now and the other account is running low. Lisa thought that the lawyer at MMA had said if something was specific it might be the legislative body to approve that transfer of funds. Alton added once we pay the paving bill there is no money left to pay for the culverts. Lisa said you could vote on it and then double check with the lawyer before proceeding.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5d. Stone Repair from last meeting

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan mentioned from the last meeting [which he missed] and the voting to repair the broken stone. He said when the town doesn't know who did it, and if mother nature could have done it, he feels it could be setting the town up for lots of liabilities; he added many people could now come and want the town to make stone repairs and if he had been at that meeting he would have spoke up against it. Tracey said it's not everyday that people are out cutting trees right where the damage happened either; she said they accused the tree company and they said it wasn't, but it's not an everyday thing. Dan said you did it once, it will set up a precedence that could cost the town a lot of money. Alton noted it also could have been Guy mowing, he could have hit it and not even known it. Tracey said she just thought of this now, but why didn't the people who complained go in direct contact with the tree cutters, why did we become the middleman. Dan said we were involved as we went to look at it, but we don't know who did it, or if it was an act of nature. Dan said you just need to be careful with what you do. Alton added if trees fall and break stones, who is responsible for it. Dan said the town is responsible for maintenance which is mowing. The talk continued as to who owns what parts of the cemetery and its access, and whose responsibility things are. Craig said the payment was left to if the insurance company would cover some of it. Dan said if that's the case and it wasn't officially voted on already, he feels it should be revisited. The Board left it as checking in with MMA, and Craig was going to talk with Bob Weisert.

5e. Pleasant View Cemetery Field Mowing

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to hire Rick Parlin to mow the Pleasant View Cemetery Field.

Discussion: Dan said Kennedy passed away and asked about roadside mowing and if we were going to do it again this year. Alton said Arthur Kennedy's son had done it last year. Alton added on the topic of mowing; Rick Parlin had called him and asked if we wanted him to mow Pleasant View Cemetery field again. Alton asked if we want to do that and if we want him to do it again. Dan asked if we have done that before. Alton answered yes, every year. Lisa reminded she needs a copy of his insurance.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5f. Cottage Lane violations

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan asked if there has been any movement on the violations on Cottage Lane. Lisa said a packet had been sent to Kristen. Dan said he was surprised that he [Scott] had said he needed to get a packet together to give to the lawyer; he added if there is a violation why can't he just give the violation to the landowners and wait and see what they do. He added if they decided to get legal and then that's when we get legal. Dan said he felt it was putting the cart before the horse. Tracey said she thought the same thing and wondered why he pushed it off saying he would get to it when he can; she said she got the feeling he didn't really want to deal with it adding she didn't know that violations get pushed off as new things come in. Craig added his title is Code *Enforcement* Officer. Tracey asked why things get mailed, asking does he not have email capabilities; she felt that was interesting too.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Food Pantry

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton asked what else there was, adding it would have to get voted on by the people. Martha thought we were going to decide if it's something we would support. Dan said he is not in support of this at all. Tracey asked why. Dan said he doesn't think it's a good idea. Tracey said them dealing with all the problems themselves. Dan said reading it over and if it was to fail, they would turn it back over to us. Tracey said that's not how she took it; it wasn't about the building failing; it was about if the pantry was to be done it would go back to the town. Dan felt they need to talk it over more and have a little bit more research. Martha said she felt it was vague; what would it take to deed it back over to us. Martha said she is hesitant to give up control of a chunk of land surrounded by land that we own. Tracey asked how long they had been there. Dan said it was the library and then when that moved here that turned into the food pantry. Dan asked if all Pantry Board members were in agreement. Tracey said yes, they were a united front and have a love for that building. The Board decided to get some clarification from the Pantry Board and ask them to attend the next meeting. Craig said his biggest concern was the lot in the sea of Cushing land, including the trail. He said he feels there needs to be a lot more thought put into it. Martha agreed and said they would definitely want the town lawyer involved, but don't have enough information to involve yet.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

6b. Basketball Hoops

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said Danika knows the volunteers that will help and is trying to get it lined up. She said the hoops need to be dug up, the cement should come quickly so holes aren't left exposed as a liability. Alton said they could be covered over with plywood. She said they talked with someone about the cement, it was a little more than we thought, but if it could be lined up when they did a job in town it would work; only problem is we don't know when that would be. Alton said he talked to Jimmy Kalloch and he asked when the basketball stuff would be out of the garage; he said he would move them. Alton said he will tell Jimmy he can move them over there whenever he wants, and maybe if they're over there, it'll get things moving. Lisa asked if someone is volunteering is it the town liable, or is the person volunteering liable. Alton asked if they have insurance. Lisa said yes, but they still wouldn't want any liability against them. Martha asked who it is doing it. Lisa said she would let Danika answer, she has it arranged as it's the people the school used. Alton said he's sure kids would like it this summer. Alton asked how much it would be to just pay someone to come install them. Alton said he had talked to his grandson who works for JBI and they had said they could do it. Someone asked about cost. Alton said he didn't know; he didn't ask because he didn't think that was the route they were going. Martha said volunteers are nice but if it wouldn't cost that much it might be worth looking into. Lisa thought it was more of a feel that we need volunteers to help, there was only enough money transferred for the hoops. Lisa asked if we went with someone doing it, would it have to be out to bid, or could you just do it. Lisa suggested just getting a price to see what it would cost to do it, then she will talk to Danika. Craig suggested maybe asking Kalloch to do it too where he will be moving them and does a lot of business for the town.

7. New Business:

7a. Open Killeran Lane culvert bids

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to accept J.K. Kalloch's bid for \$4,800

Discussion: Alton opened and read the bids: J.K. Kalloch - \$4,800, Littlefield Paving - \$10,200

Motion Carried 5-0-0

[Dan Staples left meeting early to attend another meeting]

7b. Spirit of America Award

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to nominate Arthur Kiskila as 2021 Spirit of America recipient

Discussion: Lisa said she had got a call since we have had two recipients and he noticed the Town had not chosen anyone this year. She said he added it can be someone who has passed away recently, too. Martha asked who would write something up. Alton said Martha has experience. She said she would need to talk with Alton as he knows most of his history. Alton said there is a write up in the town report that could be used too.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

7c. Cemetery CD's

ACTION: Selectman Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to go with Rockland Savings 10-month special for both cemetery accounts at an interest rate of .15%

Discussion: Lisa said there are two coming due and asked the Board which way they wanted to go. Craig asked what the term last time was. He asked if there is any reason we would be needing the money for anything. Lisa thought last time it might have been 18-month but she couldn't remember. Craig asked the amount of the CD's. Lisa said one is \$22,004.30 and the other was \$33,912.11. Craig said he would recommend 12 months as something could happen in a year, but he didn't think anything would happen in 6 months. Craig said the 12 month to the 18 month was .15 vs .20. Martha felt the difference was so small that rolling them over might make the most sense. Alton agreed adding you won't make much no matter what you do.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

7d. Sand shed door

ACTION: none

Discussion: Alton said the bottom panel on the big door has holes rusted in it. He said they saved a couple of panels from the old door and is hoping we can find out if the panels will work and just replace the rusty panel with the old one to avoid buying one. He said he could ask Larry if he would be interested in looking at swapping them out. He said it's okay for now, but it should be repaired before winter.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary