

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: One person (name unknown)

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

---Executive Session---

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) for consultation with legal counsel at 5:03 p.m. A motion was made by Chairperson Alton Grover and seconded by Dan Staples, to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Selectperson Dan Staples motioned, seconded by Tracey Bally, to enter back into the main meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples motioned, seconded by Tracey Bally, to continue the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve 2021 Warrants 42, 43, and 44.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded Tracey Bally, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 with three changes

Discussion: Alton noted on the Vinalhaven Fisherman's Co-Op it says, "so it can leach through the bottom", it should be so it can not leach through the bottom. Tracey said under the shades, it says purchase shares, it should be shades. Martha added under the staff scheduling plan, she also said a copy of the motion will be attached to the scheduling document plan in the office, and it was not in there at all and should be added.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Food Pantry Sale

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said he spoke with MMA and asked his opinion on selling the Food Pantry and the land for \$1 at which time if it got turned back over it would be the same considerations. He said he told them he had a lot of concerns as the building is in pretty hard shape now, and if it gets in worse shape. He said MMA said if they decide to sell, they really should consult their town attorney. Alton added the Pantry said they could get grants and had carpenters to help them repair the building. Alton asked why we can't get grants. Tracey said because we are not a nonprofit. Dan said that brings up another discussion he and Craig had about the ARPA money the town received and how they're not even sure how they can spend that. He said we have a couple buildings that really could use some work, one being the Food Pantry, another is the Fire Station. He said that will also need some TLC. He said once we find out what we can do with the ARPA money, that might be one way to spend it, so we don't have to raise and appropriate the funds and raise the taxes. Craig said the first thing would be get a ballpark of costs to fix the issues. He added we at one point are supposed to get \$157,000. He said we should also get an opinion from MMA if they feel this is something within ARPA. He said he can write MMA and propose the repairs and ask if that's appropriate way to spend the ARPA money; Craig said he's guessing it may not be as the three things they said were water, sewer, and broadband. He added he had heard paving and town road repairs are out, so he feels capital improvements will fall under those types of things but feels it's worth getting MMA's opinion. Craig said he would want Kristen to someone to sign off on it, too. Dan added we've been having a hard time trying to find people to do work. He mentioned the Amish people and wondered how to contact them about if they may be interested in doing some work. Craig said you contact a neighbor in Whitefield, who then tells them about it. They then come down and check it out. Alton asked what you would have them do. Dan said ask them to bid on it; he said it's just a thought as they haven't had much luck in the last year and a half trying to get the Food Pantry done.

5b. Cemetery Clean Up

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said there is a person interested in community service and is interested in cleaning up the Burton Cemetery. Craig asked if it is owned by the Town. Lisa said it is one of the ancient cemeteries. Lisa said she isn't sure what needs to be done there. Dan said he had spoke with Steve Stimpson's grandson about community service work, too. He said he and Alton have talked about how many old chairs there are in the gym that really aren't any good. He thought he could have the boy come up someday and go through them and get rid of the bad ones for service hours. Dan said Ben will make arrangements to get rid of them. Alton said there is a guy that goes around and takes away junk and iron and he wondered if he would take the old hoops. Dan thought maybe he would take the chairs, too. Tracey said Lisa is waiting for an answer to her question, if this kid is able to clean the cemetery up for community service hours. Dan asked if he needs to be supervised. Lisa said she doesn't know; she just got a message that he needs hours and wanted to clean that cemetery up. Martha suggested contacting

Bob Weisert, head of the Cemetery Board, to contact him about cleaning, and may be able to supervise. Dan and Craig agreed to have Bob line it up.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Broadband

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig still had nothing to report on the feasibility study.

6b. Town Truck

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to sell the Town truck to Mr. Boynton from Appleton for \$13,000.

Discussion: Alton said they have a buyer from Appleton and has agreed to buy the truck for \$13,000. Dan said they went from \$15,000 to \$14,000 and now \$13,000. Alton asked where Dan got \$14,000 from it, it was \$13,000. He said he has agreed to buy it and Alton talked to him Saturday and is just waiting for his check to come and he should have it this week from town contracts he does, and he will come down to pay and do the paperwork. Craig asked how the titling works. Alton said we just sign it over to him. Craig confirmed just one person has to sign and that doesn't happen until the check clears. Alton confirmed.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6c. Vinalhaven Fisherman's Co-op intentions to file a permit with the DEP to place dredge materials on Sandy Lane in Cushing

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan asked if there is going to be a public hearing and feels there should be. Craig said there wasn't going to be one scheduled until we find out if the application is even approved. Lisa said she reached out to someone today but hadn't heard back yet. Dan said what we have now is just the plan that was sent to the DEP. Craig said yes, and from what he understands it hasn't been approved yet. Dan said a lot of the stuff in the plan, with the metals and such, is over his head. He said he feels a public hearing would be good to explain. Martha said someone from DEP would probably come down. Craig agreed but said it should be approved first. Martha read you have twenty days to request a public hearing after the application is accepted. Lisa said she will get more information.

7. New Business:

7a. Fire Station

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said he has been after Larry Miller for a year or so to get a price on what he thinks it might cost so they can get a number together for what they will need in the budget. Dan said he met with the Fire Chief last weekend. Alton joked that might be dangerous. Lisa asked if it is something that can be done in stages. Alton said the plan is to do the front first. Then the side needs to be done where the

ice fell and dented the side that time. He said the other side and back will also have to be done sometime. Lisa said there has been an issue with water running into the Chief's office at one time. Alton said he thinks Larry found that and fixed it.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary