

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: Dan Staples

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: none

1. Call to Order: Chairperson 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: Selectperson Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve 2021 Warrants 45 and 46

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded Tracey Bally, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 as amended

Discussion: Alton thought underneath the town truck discussion and Craig asking how titling worked, Alton asked if titling was spelled correct. Craig said it was okay. Martha said on page 3, 3rd row up, she didn't say someone would definitely be there she had said she had said probably or could or something. She also noted on page 4 above the comments from citizens, the word foot was there, and needs to be removed as she isn't sure where that came from.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Letter to Knox County in regard to ARPA Funds

ACTION: Select person Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, that on October 14, 2021 the Board approved sending a letter to Knox County

Discussion: Craig said he wanted it to be on the record about sending a letter to the County about the ARPA funds.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5b. Spear Mill Driveway

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said at least three of them went up and looked at it. Craig said it was definitely below grade, adding the whole lot is. Alton said DOT said it was a homeowner issue, but he isn't sure why DOT said anything to them as it isn't a state road. He added it was good information though

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. ARPA Funds

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said he gave a packet of info he had gotten from MMA. HE said the guy he talked to at MMA definitely thought they could be able to use the funds to do repairs to the Fire Station and Food Pantry. The guy did say they are interim rules; Craig said we should start getting quotes as it'll be a big enough job, we will have to bid it out. Craig said the guy expects final rules will probably expand things you can spend ARPA funds for. He said the way it stands right now they can be used for it though. He said if it was just the Fire Department, we wouldn't, but because the Ambulance is housed there too, it allows us to do that. He said the Food Pantry is covered because it serves low-income people. Alton said it would be good to get the prices and know how much it will be and go from there.

6b. Sandy Lane (from last meeting)

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said it's not as easy as, "oh we want a public hearing." She said the guy she spoke to was very nice though and said with any questions let him know and he will get the answers quickly. Lisa thought it didn't sound like you can have a hearing because you think you can. She said you need more specific concerns. She said if you do have any specific concerns, you would still first contact him. Lisa said he hasn't heard from anyone in the Town of Cushing, except us. Craig asked how well known it is that they are doing this. Lisa said they contact abutters, and it is in the paper, too. Craig asked if he had a comment on his thoughts, Lisa said no he didn't get into that. Martha questioned that you could request a hearing, but the hearing could be denied. Lisa said that is what she gathered, but again added if you have any questions, you should call him. She said he was very easy to talk to. Martha asked if the application was accepted. Lisa said yes, the deadline to request a hearing is November 8th. Tracey clarified the application was accepted but that doesn't mean approved. Martha questioned what is in the dredge material and what are the chances of it leaking into the ground water. Alton said that is why they put the clay down, to prevent it from leaking into the sandy ground. Martha said nothing lasts forever. Lisa said that she told him that was the concern, could it get into the water. Martha asked if it could be justified, that we want the meeting, or no. Alton said he thought it would be a good idea just to people know what's going on. Martha said it certainly isn't an area of expertise of hers, but she will call them and let them know their concerns, and the worry of long-term likelihood of it leaking into any ground water.

6c. Mowing Recreational Field

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said Guy Barter had told Lisa he will mow the rec field next year for \$150 and do all of the weed whacking. Alton asked if we want to accept that. Craig said Gretchen's question was should that be in the rec budget. Craig said it wouldn't start until next summer, so he said he would let her know that it will be \$150 per time, and she can add that to her budget.

7. New Business:

7a. Garage Lease

ACTION: *The Board signed the garage lease*

Discussion: Alton said there was a new lease to sign for the upcoming year for use of the Town Garage. Lisa said it was the exact same lease as last year.

7b. GNP bench

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said it is his understanding that Danny saw Kristi somewhere and she thought the bench was supposed to have names on it. He said he wanted Fales and Whales engraved on it, where it was a Fales field and Whales gave it to the Town. Alton said no one remembered of that having supposed to have been on it. Martha thought it would be a nice thing to do if not too much of an expense. Alton said the field is quite soft right now. Martha thought we could do it later on, as she felt it was a nice donation. Alton said he wasn't sure if they could go right out in the field and do it or not. Lisa said they do that for cemetery stones. Martha thought they should look into the cost. Craig said they'll need to know the size to request a quote. Martha asked who will get the price; Alton said he will.

7c. Printer for town report

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said Dana is retiring and they will need to find another place to print the town reports. Lisa said she asked Thomaston and they use Schooner Bay Printing. She said she contacted them today and they're supposed to get a price. He said the only thing they don't do is the electronic version. Martha asked other towns don't do that. Lisa said Thomaston must not put that on their website. Tracey said she doesn't get why, all you do it scan it as a pdf. Craig asked how many pages there are. Lisa said about 107 pages, and did roughly 350-375 books, but added we should probably do a few more this year; she said we ran out. Lisa said she can also research some other places.

7d. Trees on Killeran Lane

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said on Killeran Lane there are some willow trees that are hanging out in the road in two places. He said Hoppe tree service is supposed to come down and help fix the flagpole, so he

thought about asking him to trim those the same time. He said he didn't think trimming those couple limbs would be over \$1,000 so as long as it's under we can do it. He said he would tell Hoppe if it's over he would have to put it out to bid. Martha thought that might motivate him to keep it under a thousand.

7e. Fuel Bid

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to accept the \$2.81 per gallon fuel cost bid from Maritime Energy for the 2021-2022 season.

Discussion: Alton said they got a price on fuel for \$2.81 and they had to send it back to the County, so he said to go ahead with that price. He said he thinks everyone should be okay with that; it had to go back the other day. Craig asked if this was oil. Alton said yes. He said he thought it might be up over \$3 now. He made sure everyone was okay with that price; the Board agreed.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary