

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, December 27, 2021
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: Craig Currie

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Bryan Marshall

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: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2021 Warrants 54 and 55

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded Dan Staples, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting as written

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Annual MRC meeting report

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Martha reported back on the annual meeting of MRC. She said the bottom line is that they are really not pursuing Delta Thermal Energy anymore although it is possible that could change. She said they have someone else under consideration and thought they might have some sort of final decision by the annual meeting but that didn't end up happening. She said a large part of what was talked about at the meeting was the various things they have done over the 30 years they have been in existence. She said in terms of where they are going with this thing, they really didn't have much to

report. She said there certainly is some unrest out there from how long this has been dragging on. She said she didn't find it to be a particularly encouraging meeting, but we'll see where it goes. Dan asked if the two people they recommended to get voted in were voted in. Martha thought there was only one person voted in but said she could be mistaking. Martha said she had thought there might be something more substantial to report, but they did say that in their minds the facility is a good operation, state of the art and all that. They just need to find someone to take it over, acquire it, and run it profitably.

5b. Salt

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said he had a call that we're out of salt. He said he called and ordered another load that'll be here Wednesday. He asked the Board if it's still okay for him to do that. Dan asked why it wouldn't be. Alton said I don't know, things change. Dan said it's okay. Alton added we're lucky we got a contract; the price of salt just took a wicked jump.

5b. Food Pantry

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said he would talk with Rich Moody [in regard to the Food Pantry]. He said he has tried several times to make contact with Rich Moody, calls and stopping by, but thinks he must have been away for the holidays and hasn't been able to reach him.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Town report printing

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa asked if Dan got a Town Report from Thomaston. Dan said he forgot it. Lisa said she did get an email from Adventure Advertising, the people who purchased Good Impressions. She said they gave her a quote for 375 copies it's \$3995. She said the other place, Schooner Bay, who Thomaston uses, 375 was \$2500. She said it is quite a difference which is why she would really like to see a copy of what Thomaston's looks like. Alton asked what size books they were. Lisa said they both were the bigger ones we have been doing. Dan said he will take a ride up and get one from Thomaston. Lisa said she also was going to ask Adventure Advertising if they have the technology to do anything electronically, too.

7. New Business:

7a. Clam Warden position

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said there were three applications; one was out of state, and they were wondering why he was applying with so many qualifications with his resume he could do anything. They said they hadn't heard from him since. He said there was another guy from New Harbor who wanted to do the administrative part of it, but he informed them that is what the joint board does. He said the third guy who

interviewed very well, and they are waiting to hear back from him and see if he will accept the position to begin the first of the year. Dan said Reggie Walker is willing to take him around and train him. Dan said he also talked to the joint board about purchasing the boat the town [Cushing] has. He said part of it would be yours, the \$3,000, they [clam board] would take all responsibility for it, the engine and all that. He said the engine hasn't been run in probably seven years and is going to have to be completely gone through. He said the other part of it, any town that might need it, since all towns would own it, for any circumstance they might need it, they could use it. He said their budget is really, really tight, so that's what they come up with is just about \$1,000 for each town. Alton asked if you can sell it that way or does it need to go out to bid. Lisa said she has had a couple people ask about it and why it wouldn't go to bid. Dan said but this way the town still owns part of it and can use it if needed. Dan said he knows he had the same situation over in Warren and they just did it. Alton said so it will be owned by three towns. Dan corrected it would be five towns. Alton thought that could turn into a cluster. Dan said no, the truck is owned by five towns. Alton thought it could be, the way that things happen today. Dan said he didn't see any problem with it. He said we've had a truck for twenty something years and never had a problem. He added if something ever happened and the program closed down, it would all just be broken up and divided equally amongst the towns. Alton asked if the Clam Board would buy the boat. Dan said yes, he'd fit it in the budget. Alton asked if it is okay to do that. Dan said he thinks it is, they could really use it. Alton said well I don't know, you always want to cross your t's and dot your l's, he just doesn't know if it's okay to do. Martha said she doesn't know a lot about these things, but she would be more comfortable if we didn't do it that way. She said sorry, but. Alton said yeah, I know what you're saying. He then asked Lisa if the couple people she mentioned were interested in buying the boat. Lisa said she wasn't sure, she had just been asked as people had seen it mentioned in the minutes and have asked about it. She said it's the transparency, it's just better to put it out to bid, then if no one wants it then that's that. She said she feels it just covers and doesn't make trouble. Martha agreed with Lisa. Dan said he feels he's been very transparent about it, he said for eight years it's been sitting at his house and he could have charged rent for the thing. He said he has an idea about who's been inquiring about it, he's pretty sure. He said it's just something they could really use, they don't have a lot of money, and they could really help the clam board out; otherwise, we come back to the town to ask for money so we can purchase a boat. He said we paid \$4,000 for it years ago, you could get 75% of your money back. Alton asked why don't we put it out to bid then if no one buys it, we go with this deal, then that way we're covered. Alton asked Tracey what she thinks. Tracey said she didn't understand what the problem was if it is still being partially owned by the town. She said she gets if it is being given over to someone else without going out to bid, but if we still own part of it. Martha added it's not totally owned by the town, so the ownership is changed, that's where she has a problem with it. Alton agreed and said right now it's completely owned by the town so the ownership will change. Tracey said she got that, but she's kind of with Danny on this one, but she doesn't know. Alton said that's two vs two, it's a tie. Martha suggested getting legal advice on it, just to be sure. Dan said you could call and ask MMA. Alton said okay, why don't you call and ask MMA, then you can come back and tell us anything you want. Dan said he would shoot himself in the foot before he would do that. Alton said we'll check with MMA, and if they feel it's the right thing to do, then no problem. Alton asked if that was okay; Dan agreed.

7b. Review to renew, annual Junkyard permit for A&J Enterprises, Inc. and Bryan's Body and Fender located at 9 Old Lion Lane

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to approve the annual automobile graveyard or junkyard permit

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary