

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022
Cushing Community Center

Select Board Present: Chairperson Alton Grover; Selectpeople Cheryl Stackpole, Craig Currie, Tracey Bally, and Daniel Staples joined remotely via the new Owl system (to test it out)

Select Board Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Edward Amoroso

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 Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to approve 2022 Warrants 11 and 12

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-1, Dan abstained

4. Review and approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting as written

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-1, Cheryl abstained

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Sand Shed

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said he got some quotes from PDQ Door, but he said he needs to go back because he thinks something is misunderstood. He said he got prices, but it says on the quote that they were going to reattach to existing chain hoist; he said he told them the chain hoist is the problem. He said he's going to talk to them again because they must not have understood. He said he'll have it redone by the next meeting.

6b. Covid-19 policy

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Lisa said last meeting when Martha was still here, she had said to put it on, so she did. Tracey said there has been no changes to anything so there's nothing to currently change. Alton agreed and said keep it the way it is for now. Craig suggested putting it on again for not the next meeting, but the one after that (second meeting every month).

7. New Business:

7a. Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve the annual Septic Waste Disposal Facility agreement

Discussion: Lisa said it was approved at Town Meeting and needs to be signed annually for Interstate Septic.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Request to use the Cushing Community Center Facility

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve the use of the gym per the Cushing Library request

Discussion: Alton read a request from Debbie Kraft from the Cushing Library for use during an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, May 21st for a plant and bake sale for the Cushing Community School, June 25th for a Chewonki program on raptors, and July 9th for the annual community yard sale. The request stated all but the Chewonki visit are back up inside use in case of rain.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7c. Mileage reimbursement

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve increasing the mileage reimbursement per I.R.S. ruling of \$0.585 per mile for 2022

Discussion: Lisa said with the way gas has been increasing she has been online and contacted other towns to see what current mileage reimbursement is. She stated most follow the IRS guidelines, which is currently \$0.585 for people who own their own automobile and feels it should probably be looked at yearly. She said it's not only for bank runs, but trainings and stuff as well. Craig said he has always gone with the IRS when he has done mileage reimbursements when he's done business. Dan said he called MMA about it; he said most of our benefits, paid holidays and stuff go by the state guidelines. He said the State is at \$0.45 and we're at \$0.50 so we're already \$0.05 above the state reimbursement. He said most every policy we have, we go by state guidelines, but he isn't sure how this one was done in the past. Lisa said she's pretty sure this one has always gone by the IRS which is why it was \$0.50. Alton agreed. Lisa said she didn't care, but gas is expensive, and it's not that much.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. Oldest male resident

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to approve honoring George Hoyt as the oldest male in Cushing

Discussion: Lisa said George Hoyt is the oldest registered voter, but the tricky part is she doesn't know if there's anyone older who may not be registered to vote. Alton asked if anyone knew of anyone older than George. Lisa said he will be 94 in May.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7e. Killeran Lane

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton said someone had come into the office who lives on Killeran Lane and wants her culvert put back in. Dan said he called MMA about it and suggests tabling it because he needs to send some pictures and get what their ruling would be. Dan said he explained the whole situation to him, but he [MMA contact] would rather have pictures so Dan said it was no problem, they can get some. Dan said the lawyer he talked to was named Garrett. Alton said Linda Maloney, about 20-25 years ago, filled the ditches in, and the lawn went down to the road. He said she wants the culvert put back in so it stops flooding her lawn and basement. Alton said the flooding isn't from the ditch, it comes from the water coming off the embankment. He said he doesn't think the ditch is going to have anything to do with the water problem she is having, but he would like the rest of the Board to go and take a look and see what they think. Alton said back when they took the culvert out, it was sticking up out of the driveway from gravel washing away and she was afraid it would pop her tire, so she wanted it removed. He said now it's out and ditches are filled, and she wants it back again. He said in order to put the culvert back in you're going to have to re-ditch it too, because if you don't re-ditch it the culvert isn't going to do anything. Alton said another incident just like this recently happened over on 97 with DOT and DOT made the owner pay to have it dug back out again. He said that is what DOT did and he summarizes that could be the same situation, but hopefully they can find out something from MMA. Alton said it would be tabled for now and put on the next agenda.

7f. Credit Card Policy

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve the Town of Cushing Credit Card Policy

Discussion: Lisa asked if anyone looked it over. Dan said he had a couple spots where there should just be a space added in. No one else saw the problems, and the spacing was correct.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jones
Recording Secretary