

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022
Cushing Community Center

Select Board Present: Chairperson Danny Staples; Select people Cheryl Stackpole, Craig Currie, Tracey Bally, and Alton Grover

Select Board Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Debra Hall from Midcoast Internet Development Corporation

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Dan Staples 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: Chairperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2022 Warrants 21 thru 24.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the May 23, 2022, meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Cheryl Stackpole made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve the minutes of the May 23rd, 2022, meeting as written

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Clarence Flanders would like help with desserts for the Pig Roast on June 25th, 2022.

5b. Complaint of how the mowing and weed whacking is being done by Guy Barter. Dan Staples said he would speak with him.

5c. Dan Staples would like to get a card out for Ray Sisk to congratulate him on retirement from Knox County Emergency Management. Dan will pick up a card.

5e. Dan Staples mentioned about the Fire and Rescue Building needing repairs and being put out to bid but Andrew Blanchard and Clarence Flanders had an idea that where the Town Garage is a new building that they could put an extra bay or two on and make that the new Fire and Rescue building and turn the

old one into the Town Garage. Wasn't sure if the Arpa money could be used for that were the Ambulance would be over there. The board stated that they would like to know what the cost difference would be, due to the need for plumbing and other expenses. They didn't feel they had thought it through. They felt it needed more discussion.

5f. Discussion was made of the board going to get the seed and a spreader to treat the grubs in the cemetery.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Local Health Officer status

Discussion: There are two applications as of the deadline. They will hold interviews on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at 6pm and 6:30pm for applicants.

ACTION: none taken

6b. Officer Assistant Status

Discussion: One applicant has applied, and one applicant pulled their resume. Lisa said that she will need to take some personal time off and she has spoken with Samantha Jones to fill in for her on these days because she knows the ropes of Lisa's duties. The Board made an agreement to hold an interview for the applicant on June 21ST, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to hire Samantha Jones to fill in from time to time and for Lisa so she can take personal time off.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6c. Flail Mower

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton has called some other places. He was going to look into a bigger company in Waterville. Dan said as of now they are still scheduled to use a rotary mower first week of October if still available.

6d. Open Cemetery Bids

ACTION:

Discussion: Lisa made a comment that the mail had not come as of 4:30 and she was able to go check and there were there still no bids. Dan said we will put it out to bid again. Rebid it in August.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6e. Open sand shed door bids

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to accept the bid from the Overhead Door Company to replace the sand shed door for the amount \$11,210.00

Discussion:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6f. Loader to put salt in and discuss who and how the sand will be put in the Sand Shed

ACTION: none

Discussion: Alton will put the salt in and the town will rent the dozer from Meklins.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7. New Business:

7a. Library yard sale

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to allow the Library to hold a yard sale in the Town Office Parking lot on July 9th, 2022.

Discussion:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Story Boards on Town Loop Trail

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to allow the Story Boards to go on the Town Loop Trail.

Discussion: Craig gave description of what the story boards were and what they were made of.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

7c. Broadband discussion with Debra Hall

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Dan Staples to sign the agreement with the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation.

Discussion: Debra updated the board on where they stand with the agreement and changes. Craig let the board know that under any circumstances that they would be able to rebuild the fiber route, GWI would do that, and this would basically be another option for the town to get their internet. Craig let the board know that there would be no financial obligation for the Town of Cushing and taxpayers in this agreement, for example if worse comes to worse and the utility goes bankrupt, Cushing taxpayers are not on the ropes for a piece of that. GWI has a lot of experience in the state as well as great customer service.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7d. Discuss putting the old fire truck and ambulance out to bid

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to put the fire truck and ambulance out to bid at the recommended minimums, and to ask Clarence and Andrew to write up the specs.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Dan spoke with both Andy and Clarence about putting these out to bid. Clarence gave a minimum bid of \$4,000.00 and Andy gave a minimum bid of \$11,000.00. Dan will specs with both Andy and Clarence to have them give specks on vehicles for the description on the bids.

7e. Personnel Policy Review

ACTION: Cheryl feels that the personal policy should be reviewed and if changes need to be made before a new employee is hired it would be a great idea.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion:

7f. Scott Bickford, CEO/LPI letter of resignation

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to accept Scott Bickfords resignations with reservations and regret.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to have a letter written to Scott Bickford asking him to extend his resignation to the end of July but possibly till end of August.

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to search for a new CEO/LPI.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Dan went in and spoke with Scott after his letter was given and asked if he would give the Town more time to hire somebody in his place. He agreed to the end of July. Craig asked if we could see if he would stay longer.

8. Comments from Citizens:

ACTION:

Discussion:

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 7.25 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Danika Poland
Recording Secretary