

TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECT BOARD  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, Aug 8th, 2022  
Cushing Community Center

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

**Select Board Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young

**Public Present:** Alton Grover, Nancy Grover, William Smith, Corey Jones, Clarence Flanders, Andrew Blanchard, Matthew Deane, Bethany Hutchinson, T.R. Jackson, Ed Amoroso

**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 31 and 32.

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2022, meeting**

**ACTION:** Selectperson Cheryl Stackpole made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve the minutes of the July 25th, 2022, meeting as written

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**

**5a. ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to hold a workshop to go over the personnel policy on August 22, 2022 at 5:00pm

**Discussion:** Cheryl Stackpole noted that the board previously stated that they would schedule a workshop to go over the personnel policy, and since the board is scheduling interviews, it would be a good time to do this.

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

## **6.Unfinished Business**

**6a. Office Assistant-** The board has received two resumes and will start interviews on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The first one at 5pm and the second at 5:30pm. Danny will call the applicants to set up the interview.

**6b. Bid for loam/reseeding Cemetery-** Craig informed the board that the bid has gone out, and if anyone know of any landscaping company that may be interested in bidding feel free to forward the bid to them.

**6c. ARPA Funds/ (Fire Station Repairs) combined-** The board will put the Fire Station Repairs out to bid. The Town will use ARPA funds to pay for the repairs. Craig noted that the Town will have to let the Government know what they are intending to use the funds for by the end of this year. Craig will write up the bid for repairs.

**6d. Shelter at Rec field discussion-** Craig reported that he has been asked if the Town would consider putting up a structure that could be used for picnics, grilling etc at the Recreation Field. Pending until a later meeting.

### **6e. Food Pantry**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie allow the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad to use the Food Pantry Building for storage.

**Discussion-** none

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

### **6f. Accept Resignation from Selectboard Member Alton Grover**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to accept resignation from Alton Grover as selectboard member.

**Discussion-** none

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**6g. Putting sand in shed –** Alton agreed to put the sand in.

**6h. Update Salt/Sand shed doo-** Danny updated the board that the best-case scenario is that the door will be in the end of the first week of September, but probably it will not arrive until the third week.

## **7. New Business:**

### **7a. Appoint Alternate CEO/LPI**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to Appoint Scott E. Bickford as Alternate Local Plumbing Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer.

**Discussion-**

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

## 7b. Open Ambulance and Fire Truck Bids

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to accept the bid of \$17,000.00 from Paul Mendes.

**Discussion:** The Town received the following bids:

R Enterprises, LLC- \$15,501.00

Paul Mendes- \$17,000.00

Kevin Gay- \$7,757.00

Ben LaPointe- \$12,500.00

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

**ACTION:** Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to accept the Fire Truck bid of \$27,500.00 from Shane Curtis.

**Discussion:** The Town received the following bids:

New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus Corporation- \$4,101.00

Ben Lapointe- \$12,500.00

Kevin Gay- \$4,779.00

Shawn Vigue- \$5,179.00

Asian Auto Service- \$ 5,678.90

Shane Curtis- \$27,500.00

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

## 7c. Set election for Select Board Position

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to fill selectboard seat #4 by secret ballot at the Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, election.

**Discussion:** Dan Staples stated that papers will be available on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the deadline to return will be Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30pm.

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

## 8. Comments from Citizens:

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Bethany Hutchinson began to speak kindly of Alton Grover. She said she has known him to go above and beyond for many years, and Thanks him greatly for his service. Alton let the board know that he will continue to put the sand/salt in. He said there is no loader to put it in with. You need a loader to mix the salt in with the sand. Alton thought that Jimmy Kalloch would let him use his loader. Alton informed the board on the process of moving the salt and sand into the building. Corey Jones asked the board how come they cannot put the shelter, discussed earlier on, down at the Good Neighbor Park. Dan stated they would have to look into it because it was given to the Town with many restrictions. He also asked if the gentlemen mowing the path has insurance because he is on Town property. The gentlemen doing it is doing it as a volunteer. Corey also asked how long he would have to wait once he calls the office to get an inspection done on a septic, because he said the way it looks is if he can't get one in 24hours he thinks he can just cover it up. Dan said he was not going to answer that because he does not

know the laws. Matt Deane spoke up and let Corey know that the rule is that a CEO has 24hours to reply and 48hours to make contact to the site, that's the State Law. Corey felt the board had plenty of time to post the job once Scott gave his resignation letter as well as when Samantha Jones gave her notice as tax collector. Tracey let him know that they did post her job and had an applicant immediately, but she pulled her resume the day before interviews and s... happens. Corey went on stating that he felt shady s... went on with the Fire Department Pig Roast, shouldn't of been talked about in the parking lot, he felt it should of all been on record.

## **9. Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Chairperson Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Danika Poland  
Recording Secretary