

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, Feb 27th, 2023
Cushing Community Center

Select Board Present: Select people Tracey Bally, Cheryl Stackpole, Mike James, Dan Staples, Craig Currie

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Lisa Young

Public Present: Clarence Flanders

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Danny 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 Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve 2023 Warrants 8 & 9

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the Feb 13th ,2023 meeting.

ACTION: Selectperson Cheryl Stackpole made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2023, meeting as written

Discussion:

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

ACTION:

Discussion- Danny mentioned that on March28th, at 6:30pm at the Hahn Center, Phil Bramhall will be doing a program on the warming center. Dan also spoke with Jim Kalloch on getting another batch of salt and sand. Jim thought another couple yards of sand and a batch of salt. Craig Currie spoke with Meg Rasmussen about the grant, she is supposed to get back to him on Wednesday. He thinks they will have to form some kind of committee. Cheryl asked about Austin Donaghy taking over the town website. Richard Provonchee is going to reach out to him as well. Lisa let them know it is just the website, not the post. The post has nothing to do with us.

6.Unfinished Business

6a. Town Lawyer

Action:

Discussion: Letter was drafted and sent to the planning board members regarding the Town Lawyer.

6b. Old Food Pantry

Action:

Discussion: Craig said there was no update.

7. New Business:

7a. Friendship/Cushing Municipal Landfill

ACTION:

Discussion- There was an email from the Friendship Town clerk with the selectboard reaction sent to all Cushing Selectboard members. The letter stated that they would like Town of Cushing to pay for half of the bill for the mowing of the Landfill. Danny felt that unless they wanted to send over a representative to one of our meetings to discuss this matter, that as of right now they are not obligated to do this.

7b. PFAS

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Mike James to approve the purchase of three water coolers. Two for the Cushing Community Center to placed in the Town office and by the library, and the third one places at the Fire Station.

Discussion- Danny let the board know that Haskell's came in and gave a plan of what would need to happen and the amount of money. He stated that it would cost a pretty penny to put a carbon filter on and then to have it serviced as well. Cheryl was going to investigate who the school goes through for there water delivery.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7c. Community Center/Fire Station Bids

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to put the ambulance/fire station repair renovations out to bid with all bids due by 4:30pm on May 8th, 2023.

Discussion- These repairs are going to go through the ARPA funds. Craig will respond to ARPA letting them know how the funds will be dispersed.

Motion 5-0-0

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Dan Staples to put out to bid the Town Office and Community Center repair bid with all bids due by 4:30pm on May 8th, 2023

Discussion- Craig is going to post the bids on our Town Website, MMA, and Town Facebook page.

Motion 5-0-0

7d. MRC Update

ACTION:

Discussion- Tracey said that the Revere is not totally for it, part of them do and the investors don't, which the investors are the one with the moneys. They put some more feelers out and had some proposals come in last week. She feels that they are not going to except them no matter what they are because these entities have their own plan on what to do with there own plant that do not align with what MRC wants done, so even though it's a great deal, they are going to find a way not to except it. She said that was why they liked Revere; they were going to let them run It, give them the capital, do everything the MRC board wanted with the different trash. They are going to send out a bulletin to all the MRC towns to try to sell an agreement that basically we are going to be on board if something happens, like we are there co-signers if something fails we will be there to back them up. Danny stated that will never happen.

7e. Sign 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Dan Staples to approve the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant.

Discussion- The board signed the approved warrant. Danny said there was an article in the 2014 warrant to give the selectboard authority to set policy fees every year. Dan stated that if we wanted to continue to do it this way, we need to put it in an ordinance. Craig said that all towns around us are charging for building permits except ours. He gave an example from Matt Deane, stating that everybody in town is paying for him to go out to all these people building when it should be the builder or owner. Dan said we will table this issue to come up with language. There is a lot more information needed, and the board would like to get Matt Deane's input. (CEO)

Motion 5-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens- Clarence had some complaints about the town lawn care. Danny said that when we put that out to bid this year, they will be much more specific on the duty. Cheryl will write up the bid request for the lawn mowing by April 10TH. Dan also mentioned that he spoke with he State about the ditching but will reach out to them again.

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Selectperson Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary