

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Monday, January 22nd, 2024
@6pm

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

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Lisa Young, CEO Matthew Deane

Public Present: William Smith, Clarence Flanders, Brian Soiett

1.Call to Order: 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: Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve 2024 Warrants 3 & 4

Discussion: none

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the Jan 8th ,2024 selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to approve the minutes of the Jan 8th, 2024, meetings as written.

Discussion: Daniel Staples was absent

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Danny Staples to write a letter to William Aboud for his resignation from the Planning Board.

Discussion: Danny wanted to make clarification, that the Towns people did not set the fees for the new fee schedules approved on 4/11/23, the towns people gave the permission to set the fees, but the board set the fees. Danny took a moment to bring up that there are several violations made by a citizen of the town that just happens to be a planning board member as well. He feels that as a board, how can a planning board member that sets regulations on other people and property for the town, not be reprimanded or even suspended from the town. Matt Deane, CEO, broke down the several violations, explaining to the board a detailed picture of these shoreland zoning violations. A packet was given to each member with highlighted details. The total amount due for fines is \$5250.00. He has not paid the amount due in full, a payment plan was not discussed nor approved.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

6.Unfinished Business

6a. Review and approve warrants article for the election on March 5th, 2024, and ordinance wording for town meeting warrant.

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion to put the proceeds, if approved, for Article #3, sales of the Old Food Pantry, into the Town Building and Maintenance Account.

Discussion: If the building goes for big numbers, the money in that account carries over, and they would not have to put in for years to come.

7. New Business:

7a. Open ambulance/Fire Station furnace replacement Bids

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to accept the bid from Maritime Energy for the propane contract for \$8,450.00

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0 Danny against

7b. Salt/Sand shed repair.

ACTION:

Discussion: table to the Spring

7c. Approve 2024 wage increase.

ACTION:

Discussion: passed over. Will be on the town warrant.

7d. Review for approval to allow Cushing Public Library to use the Community room for a 7-week workshop for 3rd-5th graders.

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Michael James to approve the Cushing Public Library use of the community room for a 7-week workshop for school students.

Discussion: Thursdays after school 3:15pm-5pm

8. Comments from Citizens-

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 6:44p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary