

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Monday, February 12th, 2024
@6pm

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

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Lisa Young

Public Present: William Smith, Austin Donaghy, 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 5 & 6

Discussion: none

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the Jan 22nd ,2024 selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion, seconded by Mike James, to approve the minutes of the Jan22nd, 2024, meetings as written.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

ACTION:

Discussion: Craig and Cheryl met with Kara and Jared Porter from Thomaston about the Rec Field to see about joining with them in a partnership department. Unfortunately, it is only Jared doing all the work up there, and do not have the manpower to do our field as well. They did give them a gentleman that they have reached out to as well. Cheryl has reached out to him as well.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

6.Unfinished Business

6a. Animal Control Officer

ACTION:

Discussion: The board received one application. They will discuss a time to do interviews. Cheryl will reach out to the applicant to set up a time and date.

7. New Business:

7a. Planning Board Resignation

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to accept the resignation letter from Bob Ellis from the Planning Board

ACTION: Daniel Staples made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to appoint Thomas Nichols member of the Planning Board

Discussion: Danny would like to thank Bob for all his years off service on the Planning Board.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7b. Austin to address the board

ACTION:

Discussion: Austin let the Board know that Bill resigned at the Planning Board meeting. The selectboard needs to receive an official letter of resignation. Austin let them know that there will not be a March Meeting. This will give them time to bring the others up to speed and take a workshop. Austin has updated the harbor master part of the town website, as well as other parts of the website. Lots of positive changes to be made by the end of the year.

7c. Application for Planning Board position

ACTION:

Discussion: tabled

7d. Town Meeting Warrant Time

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to change the time for the meeting portion of the Town Meeting to 6pm. On March 12, 2024

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7e. Steps coming out of gym door

ACTION:

Discussion: Terry Melanson fixed the issue. He did mention that the railing has started to rot and we would need a new one.

7f. Davis Point dangerous building

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion seconded by Mike James to send a letter to the owner of 3 Davis Point Road

Discussion: Matt Deane, CEO will write letter.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7g. Discuss interest rate for delinquent and abated taxes

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to set the percentage paid for abated taxes to 2% and 6% for delinquent taxes.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7h. Review for approval the Town Warrant

ACTION:

Discussion: Lisa spoke about the discussion on where they have the new law on foreclosure property, there is a sample warrant article, and she feels we need to add this to ours. This is coming right from MMA. Lisa said that the law states that it needs to be put in the paper for 3 consecutive weeks, but the new article does not even mention that. Cheryl also made clear that if the owner of the property does not choose to use a realtor it will then go to a sealed bid. Lisa and the select board will work on the wording of the article. This will replace article 45 completely.

8. Comments from Citizens-

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to adjourn at 6:35p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary