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**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
March 27, 2006
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Peter Haviland, David Glidden, and Randy Robbins.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #108 & #109

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the March 13, 2006 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0 Selectmen Peter Haviland had not arrived yet

Changes to the Agenda

Resident Robert Ellis addressed the Board voicing his concern that some would like to re-write the Ordinances that had been voted down at Town Meeting and bring them back to be voted on. In his opinion the people at the Town Meeting made it clear that they did not want to keep voting on these articles. He also stated that there are State Statutes already in place in regard to junkyards, and to get tax information from residents. The Shoreline Zone Ordinance states that there can not be any building within the floodplain. After much discussion, David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, that the Board does not take any action, other than a citizen petition, on the Building Ordinance and the Junkyard Ordinance for one year. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Resident Stan Elliot asked that if the Floodplain Ordinance is presented to the voters again; that the Board send information to residents explaining what Federal Government controls will be over Town affairs if the ordinance is enacted. Selectman David Glidden stated that the Board will be handing the ordinance over to the Ordinance Committee to research this.

Selectperson Kim Young asked if there was a date set for when the Tax Collector will be moved to the Cushing Town Office. Selectman Glidden informed the Board that no date has been set.

David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to increase the ballot clerks wage fifty cents per hour. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Old Business

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Town Garage- Chairman Alton Grover inquired how the Board would like to proceed in regard to building a new Town Garage for which the Town approved funds for at the March Town Meeting.

Selectman Glidden stated he feels that a garage should not be built until the Town decides where the garage should go. He stated he feels the garage should be put on the land the Town received from Elizabeth Ogilvie which would be behind the fire station. He thought placing the garage on Cross Road would be an eye sore. Chairman Alton Grover stated that the reason he feels the garage should be built on Cross Road is because the cost would be considerably less and because of the southern exposure the garage would get. Other factors brought up were that the Recreation Department could get electricity to the ball field for less money if the garage was placed where the old fire station is, the possibility of the school system needing more land (behind the fire station) in the future, and deed restriction on the land (behind the fire station) that limits the amount of land that can be developed. It was also noted that the Rescue Squad will be able to use the garage too. After much discussion, Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Kim Young seconded, to build a new Town Garage at the location of the Old Fire Station. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-1 David Glidden opposed

Town Snowplowing- There was discussion on whether the Town should contract out snowplowing. It was brought up that by having the Town snowplow that there is better control, and if there is not much snow, like this past year, the savings goes to the Town. A resident asked if there had been a lot of complaints about the snowplowing. No one was aware of any complaints only positive feedback. The Board will still look into the cost of contracting out snowplowing due to the question being asked at Town Meeting and the Board stating they would look into it.

Peter Haviland motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to order a new plow truck which was approved at the March Town Meeting. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

New Business

Elect Chairman of the Board and discuss Selectmen duties-Peter Haviland motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to elect Alton Grover as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0 Alton Grover abstained

The Board approved the following Selectmen assignments:

Alton Grover(Chairman): Selectmen Meetings, incoming mail, keep Board informed before the next meeting, agenda, MMA representative, news groups, overseer of the poor, oversees local and state roads, insurances.

Peter Haviland: Board representative for the Shellfish Committee, Knox County departments and committees, Recycling Committee, and transfer station.

Kim Young: Internal audits of Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Mid Coast Regional Planning Representative, Board representative for Comprehensive Planning Committee, Recreation Department, and Cemetery Committee, and grant coordinator.

Randolph Robbins: Insurances, Board representative to Harbor Committee, and Ordinance Committee.

David Glidden: Legal, oversees office operations, responsible to the Board for employees for all departments, and members of all committees.

A Question came up on what the Conservation Committee does. No one could fully answer that question. Town Clerk Lisa Young had talked with Ann Guild whose term ended in March. She said the committee has never met since she has been a member and that she didn't know what the committees' job is. The Board will research to find out what the responsibilities of the Conservation Committee are.

Discussion came up on whether the Harbor Committee is still an active group. Randy Robbins will contact members of the Harbor Committee to get committee back on track.

Update Office Holiday Schedule- Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to accept the States holiday schedule. (The schedule is attached to these minutes and are a part of the official minutes)

Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement- The Board approved and signed the waste disposal facility agreement with Interstate Septic.

Buildings and Properties Chairman Joe Smith informed the Board that there is a problem with the toilets plugging up at the fire station. He was wondering when the last time the septic tank had been pumped out. Chairman Alton Grover thought it was around two years ago but he will contact Interstate Septic to find out. Discussion also came up of the problem with the urinal in the men's room at the Community Center. Alton Grover will contact plumber Arnold Hill to have him remove and cap it.

Selectperson Kim Young inquired about what improvements will be done to the Community Center this year and when to get prices. The Board agreed to discuss building improvements at the bylaws workshop scheduled on Saturday April 8. The Building discussion will start at 8:30 AM.

Discuss and sign appointments- Kim Young motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to accept the appointments on the appointment sheet. The motion passed. (The appointment list is attached to these minutes and are a part of the official minutes)

Board Approved 5-0

Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to post the Town Roads as is done every spring. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Ordinance Committee member David Cobey informed the Board that Cyrus Holmes would like to resign from the Ordinance Committee, which due to Ann Aaron's resignation, would bring membership from nine to seven. He thought this was a good time to bring up for discussion of what size committee would be best. After some discussion it was decided that Liaison to the Ordinance Committee Randy Robbins will ask the Committee to discuss committee size and provide a recommendation.

Chairman Alton Grover will attend the presentation on Worker Compensation Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters March 30, 2006 in Union.

Salt- Chairman Alton Grover inquired if the Board would like to have him order salt for next year now to get this year's price. Randy Robbins motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to instruct Alton Grover to

order two loads of salt at this year's price. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectmen David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to ratify the decision of the joint Budget Committee /Selectmen redistribution of revaluation account. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

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