

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
October 22, 2007
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Peter Haviland, Randolph Robbins, Kim Young, and Robert Worthing.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #40 & #41

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Robert Worthing motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the October 8, 2007 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Tower requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the pending tax abatement. The Board set a date of Wednesday, October 24th at 6:00pm. The meeting will be closed to the public.

Unfinished Business

Flood Plan- Peter Haviland agreed to get the paper work together to send to the State.

New Business

At the public hearing preceding the Selectmen Meeting Randy Robbins motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adopt the proposed changes to the General Assistance Ordinance appendices A-C and F. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Recreation Department- Vice President, Amy Robinson, and Sonja Bates made a request to purchase new basketball uniforms for a cost of \$1,260. Robert Worthing motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the purchase of new basketball uniforms. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Sonja Bates informed the board that there has been interest from parents to form a Cushing Little League. She informed the board that the field would need major improvements. Selectman Kim Young stated that she is not against forming a Little League but stated that there needs to be enough children that are at that skill level to play;

at this time children from Cushing play in Thomaston. The Board informed the committee to come back with a proposal.

Chairman Alton Grover will collect more information on the best way to connect power and telephone lines to the Community Center from the new pole that will be placed.

Chairman of Ordinance Committee Marilyn Barnum- Marilyn voiced her concern that James Tower, member of the Ordinance Committee, is using his position on the Board to influence what happens in his personal business. She read from three letters that she had received from Mr. Tower. She feels that there is a conflict of interest and that he should recuse himself from any discussion and voting on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued on when members should recuse themselves, conflict of interest, concerns with E-Mail between board members, and making sure that no decisions are made during committee/board workshops. Finally, it was determined that the Planning Board will be addressing items from two of the letters that Mr. Tower sent to Marilyn.

Open septic system bids for Map 1 Lot 78-B- Chairman Alton Grover opened the bids from the bidders and the results are as follows: Doug Fales-\$10,200, Danny Martin-\$7,500, Wayne's Landscaping-\$15,865, and Russell Fish-\$26,816. Selectman Kim Young motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to award the bid to Danny Martin contingent upon DEP approval, the applicant pays for the permit, a complete system, and the owners contract signature. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Dividend Check- Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Town of Cushing received a dividend check in the amount of \$666.00 from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its good loss experience.

Transfer Station- Chairman Alton Grover announced that effective November 1, 2007 the transfer station will be closed Sunday and Monday.

The Board approved scheduling a Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2007 to consider amendments to the Official Shoreland Zoning Maps, and the Town of Cushing Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and to see if the Town will approve transferring additional money into the Professional Service Account. The Planning Board will hold a public meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting regarding the amendments to the Shoreland Zone Ordinance and proposed changes to the Cushing Subdivision Regulations. Following the Special Town Meeting there will be a Special Planning Board Meeting for the purpose of adopting amended Subdivision Regulations.

Selectman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adjourn at 8:00 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young

Recording Secretary
Town Clerk