

**TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
November 26, 2007  
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant # 43& #44

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. Kim Young motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the November 12, 2007 and November 19, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

**Board Approved 5-0-0 November 12, 2007 Meeting  
Board Approved 4-1-0 November 19, 2007 Meeting  
Kim Young abstained from approving the November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Special Town Meeting she was not in attendance.**

**Changes to the Agenda** .

Selectman Kim Young reported that she received a notice that the application deadline for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program has been extended to January 31, 2008. She stated that if approved this grant money could be used to fix the drainage problem on Salt Pond Road. In order to be eligible for the program the town needs to make sure they are participating in the FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectman Peter Haviland reported that he has read the Maine Floodplain Management Handbook and that the only item left for the town to complete is pinpointing any significant changes that have been made in the Special Flood Hazard Area since the town was suspended from the program on 11/2/1990. Peter will contact Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford and Assessors' Agent Garnett Robinson to find out this information.

Mr. Tower inquired to the status of the court case of the alleged tree cutting issue. Chairman Alton Grover reported that the case has been postponed due to a crowded docket. He has not heard when it will be rescheduled.

Mr. Tower inquired to what was happening in regard to property taxes. He asked if it was something they could sit down and talk about and asked where the starting point is. He stated that he has had not much cooperation with the town and he would like to sit down and discuss some options. Selectman Robert Worthing stated that the Assessors are satisfied with the numbers received from Assessors' Agent Garnett Robinson and that they are sticking by those numbers. He noted that The Board of Selectmen has no authority to act on an abatement situation. After a brief discussion it was decided that Chairman Alton Grover will contact the Assessors to try and meet with them at the next selectmen meeting on December 10, 2007.

**Unfinished Business**

**Social Agencies-**Selectman Kim Young presented a copy of guidelines for consideration of donations to non-profit groups on the annual town meeting warrant. After a brief discussion, Kim will add that a one time petition requires at least 10% of the number of people voting in the last gubernatorial election, and requires a person from that organization to be present at the annual town meeting to answer questions.

**New Business**

The Board approved rescheduling the December 24<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Meeting to December 26, 2007 at 6:00PM.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that the Buildings and Properties Committee has prepared a list of items that they would recommend be completed for 2008. Some of the items are renovating the small bathroom by the library, redo the exterior of the gym, demo and replace fuel tank, and replace the flat roof on the Community Center. Alton Grover will be getting prices for the new roof on the Cushing Community Center excluding the gym area. He will also try to add the fuel tank area to the price.

Chairman Alton Grover reported and thanked Daniel Remian for volunteering his time and backhoe to dig the trench for the underground power.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has received a bill from the Department of Transportation for, according to the DOT, the towns' portion of the site plan for the grange hall hill project. Alton stated that the State had informed the town that the original contract had expired and that the town voted done the most recent contract, so he is puzzled why we received a bill. He will look back to see if there is anything the town has in writing stating that we would be charged for this.

Treasurer Fred Berg presented a letter to the selectmen making a request to change banks from Camden National Bank to Damariscotta Bank & Trust Co. The selectmen had just received the letter that night so decided to table any discussion until next meeting.

The Board made a decision to invite Treasurer Fred Berg to the next selectmen meeting to discuss the bank issue and tax liens.

Selectman Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to adjourn at 7:30PM. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young  
Recording Secretary  
Town Clerk

