

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
April 14, 2008
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Peter Haviland, Robert Worthing, Randolph Robbins, and Robert Stackpole Jr.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young & Treasurer Janet Plona

Board approved Warrant #17 & #18

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the March 24, 2008 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Changes to the Agenda

The Board made a decision to interview the two interested candidates for the Ordinance Committee in executive session at the next Selectmen's Meeting scheduled April 28, 2008.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance Approval Discussion- Selectman Robert Worthing proposed a policy that all ordinances should be presented to the voters at the November General Election, where historically the greatest number of residents come out to vote, or as the Selectmen deemed appropriate. He noted that in the past selectmen have been chastised for presenting ordinances to the voters during special elections where turnout is low. Robert Worthing motioned to adopt the Ordinance Policy. Selectman Peter Haviland suggested amending the policy to include any revisions to any existing ordinances as well. Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to amend the Ordinance Policy to include any revisions to any existing ordinances. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to adopt the proposed Ordinance Policy as amended. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Cell Tower Ordinance/Coastal Water Ordinance- Eric Anderson, new Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, addressed the Board in regard to the Cell Tower Ordinance. He sent the Board that day a revised version of the Cell Tower Ordinance. He apologized for the previous hasty submission. David Cobey presented the Town Clerk a petition in regard to location of towers including cell towers. The Board will have to wait

until the signatures are verified on the petition before the Selectmen can act upon the petition.

Tara Lynde and her son addressed the Board with their concern that the proposed cell tower location will be next to their property. They inquired to what laws there are in regard to cell towers. The Board noted that the Town of Cushing has no laws governing cell towers. They did note that FAA rules that any tower 200 ft. or higher requires lights but the proposed tower will be no higher than 190 ft. Chairman Alton Grover read a letter from resident Phyllis Fales supporting the cell tower due to the importance of people having cell service in Cushing, especially since there are no pay phones for people to use in case of an emergency. A brief discussion ensued on the possibility of having an emergency 911 phone placed outside of the fire station. Deputy Fire Chief Peter McBean will bring it up at the next Fire Department Meeting.

Eric noted that at the next Selectmen's Meeting he would like to go over a list of ordinances for the Ordinance Committee to work on and also changes they would like to make to their By-Laws. Town Clerk Lisa Young will put both items on the agenda for the April 28, 2008 meeting.

Randy Robbins stated that the Ordinance Committee at the last Selectmen's Meeting had presented the Coastal Waters Management Ordinance to the Board. They would like to present it to the voters at the June 10, 2008 primary. Selectman Robert Stackpole noted that the Board had just voted in a policy that all ordinances will be voted on in November. Selectman Randy Robbins stated that the Coastal Waters Management Ordinance had already been given to the Board of Selectmen before the policy was approved. He felt that ordinances from now on would be subject to the policy. Chairman Alton Grover questioned why the rush? Peter McBean, member of the Harbor Committee, stated that there is no rush that it doesn't have to be voted on now, but that Chairman Cabot Lyman hoped it would be in place by the summer. After a brief discussion, Randy Robbins motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to schedule a public hearing on Monday May 12, 2008 at 6:00pm to hear public comment on the Town of Cushing Coastal Waters Management Ordinance. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

New Business-

Speed Limits- Chairman Alton Grover contacted Dave Allen from the Department of Transportation confirming that the State sets the speed limits on town roads. Randy Robbins questioned if the Town could petition the State to make a change on roads such as Stones Point which has a limit of 45MPH which is an excessive speed. Chairman Grover confirmed that the Town could petition the State. The Board made a decision to write a letter to the State. Selectman Randy Robbins will help write the letter.

Salt- Robert Worthing motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to approve ordering two loads of salt at the 2007 price for next season. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover inquired if the Board would like to put the new roof project for the Cushing Community Center out to bid. Selectman Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to put the roof project for the Cushing Community Center out to bid. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Robert Stackpole motioned, Alton Grover seconded, adjourning at 7:30 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk