

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
October 26, 2015
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover, Heidi Alley, Laurie Haynes, Martha Marchut and Daniel Staples

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to accept Warrants #42 and #43.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 10/12/15:

ACTION: Selectman Danny Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the 10/12/2015 meeting as amended.
Carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Martha Marchut abstained)

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Tidewater Coalition: Selectman Staples informed the Board that there will be a Tidewater Coalition Meeting on November 5, 2015 at 5:00pm at the Watts Hall in Thomaston. He is hoping to have at least 3 selectmen to attend in order to have a quorum. Gail Mackinson a lawyer and lobbyist will be present to talk about what is best for the area estuaries; she has worked on marine resource issues for over thirty years and has worked closely with the Department of Marine Resources. He said that they are holding one meeting in Thomaston so Ms. Mackinson will not have to go to each of the five towns in the Georges River Clam Management Program.

B. Olson House turnaround

Michael Komanecky Chief Curator of the Farnsworth Art Museum said he has spoken with the school district and they are willing to give the Farnsworth a certificate of liability insurance naming the Farnsworth as additionally insured. He said that the Farnsworth is willing to set the northwest corner plot to be used as a turnaround. Selectman Daniel Staples inquired why the sudden problem; the bus has turned around there since the 50's. He also asked if the Farnsworth asks everyone that uses the driveway if they have insurance. Mr. Komanecky said that where the bus has been turning around is creating a driveway that was not there before; he noted some may not feel it is important but it is very important to the Farnsworth, the Olson House is a National Historic Landmark, it has received the nation's highest designation of the many important historic structures and sites, and the Farnsworth has a special obligation to preserve the house and the surrounding site.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Komanecky said that they would let the school and snowplow drivers use the driveway to turnaround which would alleviate the town having to pay to put in a turnaround. He still would like a certificate of liability insurance naming the Farnsworth as additionally insured from the town.

B. Purchase of Used Fire Truck: Selectman Alton Grover said he and Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila went to Vermont to look at the fire truck proposed for purchase. He said that the cab, tires, and body seemed fine but what he doesn't like is the rust on the frame; it has been in an area where liquid calcium is used. Selectman Haynes asked about the pump test which Chairman Grover said was fine. She also inquired about the rust. Chairman Grover said it did pass inspection in Vermont; although, he is not sure if buying it is the right thing to do, and he is concerned about the age of the truck.

Selectman Martha Marchut noted that she attended a grant writing class last week and there are grants available for fire trucks. Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila said they are hard to get and it can take time. He said he feels they should purchase the truck and hopefully they will get seven years out of it. Selectman Heidi Alley saw a for sale sign on a Gorham fire truck that may be worth looking into; she also likes the idea of writing a grant. Selectman Daniel Staples has reservations with the truck and stressed that it is the Selectmen's responsibility to be prudent and to make sure that we are getting the best without wasting tax payers' money.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Alton Grover recommended offering them a price for the truck. The rest of the Board agreed but would still like the Fire Department to write a grant. Chairman Grover said to offer them \$25,000. He stressed to Chief Kiskila that he should not do any negotiations and for him not to call or send any e-mails to VRS Sales.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to direct Chairman Alton Grover to negotiate a price for the fire truck starting at \$25,000.
Selectman Laurie Haynes amended the motion to include directing Chairman Grover to take proper action after negotiating to purchase the vehicle.
Carried 3-0-0 (Selectman Daniel Staples had to leave to attend a Clam Meeting and Chairman Grover Abstained).

5. New Business:

A. Consent Agreement for a tree cutting violation

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Alton Grover, to accept the Consent Agreement for the tree cutting violation at Map 005, Lot 049.
Carried 5-0-0

B. Sign Town Meeting Warrant for Secret Ballot Referendum- The Board signed the Warrant for the November 3, 2015 Secret Ballot Referendum Election.

C. Telephone/CMP Pole location approval for Spear Mill Road- The Board approved the pole locations for Spear Mill Road.

6. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 7:06 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young