

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
October 12, 2015
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Heidi Alley, Laurie Haynes, and Daniel Staples

Selectmen Absent: Martha Marchut

Staff Present: Acting Recording Secretary Deborah Sealey

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Laurie Haynes, to accept Warrants #40 and #41.
Carried 4-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 9/28/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve the minutes of the 9/28/15 meeting.
Carried 3-0-1 (Selectman Staples abstained)

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Clam Diggers Legislation: Selectman Staples said he would be attending a meeting in Brunswick tomorrow night to work with ten other towns on drafting legislation for clam diggers.

B. Purchase of Used Fire Truck: Selectman Alton Grover said he and Fire Chief Arthur Kiskilla would be going to Vermont to look at a firetruck proposed for purchase. Selectman Haynes said she thought a contingency of the purchase was that the truck be assessed by a mechanic. Selectman Staples said the Fire Chief had earlier made arrangements for a mechanic to look at it, but then the Select Board had decided they had moved too quickly and the visit was postponed. In the meantime, the mechanic had made extensive changes to his schedule in order to go and was unhappy when it was cancelled; Selectman Staples suggested that might be why he did not want to go now. Selectman Grover said a second mechanic was not sure he could go. Selectman Haynes said the Board could not approve the purchase if a mechanic did not examine the truck.

Selectman Staples said he was confident that Selectman Grover was competent to look at the truck and pinpoint any problems. Selectman Grover said he did not know anything about the motor and transmission and Selectman Staples said the current owners of the truck must have a maintenance log to look at. Selectman Grover said he would look for rust on the truck body. Selectman Staples said the town would only be gaining 3 years in truck age, so it was not a matter of life and death. Selectman Grover then said it had been discovered that the truck was a 1994 instead of a 1995, so only 2 years would be gained.

Selectman Alley said she did not think the town needed the truck and Selectman Grover said he was still not sold on it. He felt the town needed to pay special attention to its snowplow trucks, since rust had been taking a toll on the 2007 GMC driven by Mike. Selectman Grover said it would be 6 or 7 years before it could be replaced. Selectman Haynes said the Board had trusted that Chief Kiskilla knew he needed a new truck. Selectman Grover responded that it might have been good to ask the firemen themselves if they needed this truck or wanted to wait and buy a new one.

The Board agreed to let the Fire Chief and Select Board Chairman go on October 24 to look over the truck in question.

C. Veterans Memorial: Selectman Haynes said it was possible to have the stone etching on the memorial covered with a bronze plaque, since Selectman Staples had mentioned bronze in a previous discussion. Selectman Staples responded that it was a done deal and should not be changed now.

5. New Business:

A. Food Pantry Roof

Selectman Grover reported that the Food Pantry roof had leaked, leaving a large puddle on the floor, in the recent heavy rain. Gary Grant had estimated it would cost \$3,000 to replace the roof. Selectman Staples said it would have to go out to bid.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to put replacing the Food Pantry roof out to bid.
Carried 4-0-0

Asked by the Chair if they wanted regular or architectural shingles, the Board agreed on regular.

B. Hathorne Point Turnaround

Chair Alton Grover reported that there had been some trouble at the Olson House because the Farnsworth no longer wanted the town school bus and snowplow to turn around there. The museum had offered the alternative of allowing the town to use another location on the property for turning, but the town would have to pay for graveling the spot. Selectman Grover then heard from the museum that they would move the sawhorses so the school bus could turn around for the time being.

Selectman Staples said he had told the Farnsworth that town vehicles had been turning around there since the 1950's and asked what the problem was. Selectman Staples thought perhaps the new curator has made the decision and Mr. Staples hoped it would work out. He said the town would not spend money to build a turnaround on private property.

Selectman Grover said the Farnsworth had told him the Olson House was now an historic building and they did not want people turning around there. However, they had said they would sign an easement for the town to have a turnaround in another spot. Selectman Grover had spoken with MMA to see if it was legal for the town to buy gravel and put it on the museum's land with an agreement: MMA said that it would be legal.

Selectman Staples said he would follow up on the issue.

6. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Sealey