

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
May 23, 2016
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approve and Sign the Warrants:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve Warrants #19 and #20.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 5/09/16:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to approve the minutes of the 5/09/16 meeting as written.
Carried 4-0-1 Selectman Martha Marchut abstained due to not being at the meeting.

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

John Spear of South Thomaston addressed the Board to introduce himself and to inform them that he is running for District 92 Representative to the Legislature; Chuck Kruger previously held this seat. John was the former Town Manager of Vinalhaven, Business Manager of SAD #50, and Selectman of South Thomaston. Due to his background in Municipal Government, if elected, he hopes to get on the State and Local Government Committee and the Marine Resources Committee. One of his focuses, if elected, would be to improve the State and local partnership which he feels has been lost since he was Town Manager of Vinalhaven 26 years ago. He thanked the Board, and noted that if elected he plans on attending meetings so he can hear what issues the town may have.

5. Unfinished Business:

Chief Arthur Kiskila was present at the request of the Board of Selectmen to address the missing items from the fire truck that was put out to bid. Selectman Daniel Staples said that if another fire truck comes up for sale to let the Board know if they are going to take anything off it. This is the second time this has happened, and because of it, the interested buyer changed their mind. Selectman Laurie Haynes reiterated that the board needs to know what they are putting out to bid.

Chief Kiskila said that the light bar, radio and siren, which are now on their other fire trucks, were taken off prior to the truck being put out to bid, so he doesn't feel it is an issue.

Selectman Daniel Staples stated that he was misinformed or misunderstood, he thought the sale didn't go through due to the missing items as did Selectman Alley. Chairman Grover said that was not the case, the person that looked at it wasn't planning on using it as a fire truck, and actually the Fire Department said it could not be used as a fire truck because it does not pump water.

Selectman Marchut noted that the truck is town property, so it would seem reasonable that making changes before it had been sold is something the Board needs to know about, because in theory, it could affect the sale of the truck. She noted she is sure they probably weighed the pros and cons of keeping the items on the truck versus taking off the items, but the Board of Selectmen didn't have any part in it, and they are the governing body, even though in this case it didn't matter.

Chief Kiskila asked what the Board is planning to do with the truck. Chairman Grover said the plan is to put it on Craig's List as well as the plow truck.

Chairman of the Planning Board, Daniel Remian, asked what was happening with the violation on the Fisher property. Selectman Laurie Haynes said that she had read that the appeal was thrown out. Dan Remian said that the violations are still in existence. Selectman Daniel Staples recommended inviting the CEO to the next meeting to find out, and to address three other possible violations that are going on in town.

Dan Remian stated that it was put on the Board of Selectmen's table to deal with, but that was not the correct way to do it. He said that the Board of Selectmen voted to negotiate with Mr. Stultz and approved spending \$500.00 for the LIDAR study which Mr. Stultz and his client should have paid for. Selectman Laurie Haynes did not remember voting to negotiate. Selectman Daniel Staples noted that he doesn't remember negotiating, but agreed that the Board voted to pay for the study; although not everyone voted for it. He said that it is in the towns' ordinance that it is not the responsibility of the Town to pay for it.

Dan Remian noted that he just wants to know where it stands; people have been asking what is going on.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to invite CEO Scott Bickford to the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the violations.
Carried 5-0-0

6. New Business:

A. Sign the Regional School Unit 13 Validation Referendum Warrant- The Board signed the warrant.

7. Comments from Citizens: No Comments

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.
Carried 3-0-0 Selectmen Daniel Staples and Heidi Alley had left the meeting

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk