

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
September 26, 2016
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Martha Marchut, to approve Warrants #35 and #36.
Carried 4-0-0 Heidi Alley had not yet arrived.

3. Approve Minutes of 9/12/16:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve the minutes of the 9/12/16 meeting with one change.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Selectman Martha Marchut reported that Selectman of Warren and Hauler Representative of the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee, Wayne Luce, will be able to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting on October 10th. He and Waldoboro Selectman Bob Butler will answer any questions someone may have in regard to the Pay as You Throw program.

Chairman Alton Grover read an e-mail from Dr. Ira Mandel asking if the Knox County Recovery Coalition could use the gym area again for a follow up meeting. Knox County Recovery Coalition helps the people of Knox County avoid drug addiction by improving the health of the communities. The Board gave their approval for the building use.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Revisit newly discovered lot on Map 15: Chairman Alton Grover reported that Maine Municipal Association Legal Services was called and the only time the Selectmen have the authority to issue a quitclaim deed is through the lien process, so there is nothing the town can do; it is an issue between the two property owners.

6. New Business:

A. Building Maintenance-window: Chairman Alton Grover reported that a turkey flew into the library window and shattered it. The cost to fix it is \$225.

B. Chairman Alton Grover read an e-mail from Thomaston Town Manager, Val Blastow inviting the Town of Cushing to participate in the Wadsworth Street Bridge opening ceremony scheduled for October 5, 2016 at 1:00pm. They would like to have speakers from both the Town of Thomaston and Cushing. Their thought is to have one

from the towns' historical societies and town official. They also would like to have the two fire departments there and maybe several antique cars if possible. He asked if anyone has any ideas to please contact him.

7. Comments from Citizens: Judy Olson stated that the Animal Control Officer is not doing his job. She presented the Board a report that she gave to the Knox County Sherriff's Department. The Sherriff's Department has been to her house two times due to the Animal Control Officer did not show up.

She said that two dogs came onto her property and killed her grandsons rooster. They are running loose without any tags, they are not licensed, and they have been to the animal shelter several times. The Animal Control Officer told her he would write the owners a summons and he would tell her the court date, but she has never heard from him. These same dogs have killed 22 chickens in town. She said that the dogs have been at her house several times, and they are not in good shape physically.

Judy told the Selectmen that she came to the town office and looked at the Animal Control Officers reports and found that he had numerous reports about these dogs but he never issued a summons. She couldn't see where he has ever issued a summons to anyone for not licensing their dogs.

Selectman Daniel Staples told Judy that the Sheriffs Department is proposing to provide a county wide animal control officer. The Sheriffs Department feel they can offer this service at what the towns' have been paying their animal control officers.

The Board made a decision to have the Animal Control Officer come to the next meeting. Selectman Staples will contact the Sheriffs Department to get a report of where they went, and the number of times they have had to come to Cushing, due to the unavailability of the towns' ACO.

8. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a personnel matter:

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a personnel matter at 7:20PM
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to enter back to the regular meeting at 7:31 PM
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Heidi Alley, to offer Katherine Hoyt the position of Office Assistant at a rate of pay of \$13.00 per hour with the potential of a dollar increase after 90 days.
Carried 5-0-0.

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 7:40 PM.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk