

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
September 14, 2015
Cushing Community Center**

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover, Laurie Haynes, Daniel Staples, 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 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3 Approve and Sign the Warrant: Chairman Alton Grover said all members present had signed the warrant.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve Warrant # 34 & # 35.
Carried 5-0-0

4.Approve Minutes of 08/24/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to accept the minutes of the 08/24/15.
Carried 5-0-0

5.Other Business:

The Board will hold another public hearing on September 28, 2015 at 6:00pm preceding the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to hear public comment on the changes that were talked about at tonight's public hearing on the Coastal Waters Management Ordinance.

6. Unfinished Business:

Selectman Martha Marchut informed the Board that PERC (where we send our solid waste) has sent out contracts to Waldoboro Transfer Station towns', and others, stating the new contract is basically the same as before but according to the Municipal Review Committee it is not. The Waldoboro Transfer Station is asking towns' to ask PERC to communicate directly with MRC. The service agreement with PERC expires in 2018. The Municipal Review Committee does not believe that the proposed agreement is in the best interest of its members; they are not ready to commit to PERC. Selectman Marchut wanted to know if everyone is ok with that decision; which the Board agreed that it is.

Selectman Marchut reported that the Transfer Station Committee is reviewing and updating the Municipal Services Agreement between the three towns. She asked if anyone is interested in getting involved; she noted the more involved the better. She would like to see Cushing have more of a voice than they do at this time.

Schedule GA Public Hearing-

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Heidi Alley seconded, to schedule the General Assistance public hearing for September 28, 2015 at 6:00pm preceding the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
Carried 5-0-0

Fire Truck- The Board decided to table any discussion about the fire truck due to they have never received any information from the Assistant Fire Chief who was going to print off information on a fire truck he found online.

There also was a concern that two times the Fire Chief has made an offer on a truck without the Board of Selectmen's authorization.

7. New Business:

Clam Ad Hoc Committee to address the Board- Selectman Daniel Staples and Butch Taylor explained that they have formed the Ad Hoc Committee to address the problem that has been going on for 2-3 years since worm diggers have come to this area to harvest worms. They have turned the flats so much that it is ruining them. A worm digger can obtain a wormers license for \$47.00, they have no restrictions on where they can dig, and they can dig two tides per day for six days a week. Clammers are restricted where they can dig and they have other regulations they must follow such as conservation areas.

Selectman Staples explained that they will be holding a meeting for towns' from St George to Harpswell on September 25, 2015 at 5:00pm at the Brunswick Town Office. He is asking as many Selectmen that can to attend. He noted that they do not want to pit one fishery against another that is why they are focusing on conservation areas. Wormers can harvest worms in that area and it is defeating the purpose of the conservation area. They are trying to get all the towns to agree that no one can go in a conservation area.

Food Pantry window problem- Chairman Alton Grover reported that Kathy McLeod from the Cushing/Friendship Food Pantry contacted the town stating there is a problem with what they think is carpenter ants around the front windows. Chairman Grover looked at the windows and found both to be rotten. Kathy told Chair Grover that the Food Pantry Board does have some money that they could put toward the repair. After the Board reviewed the Town Building Account it was decided that any money the Food Pantry has should go toward food. A decision was made to get prices from three local carpenters and discuss it at the next meeting.

8. Comments from Citizens: A resident on Killeran Lane asked about the recent trimming of the sides of the road with the rotary mower. He noted that several trees were mangled. Chairman Alton Grover explained that the Town has the right to remove limbs and bushes that are in the right of way and by doing this every year it has kept the trees and alders back.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a personnel matter.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:40pm.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to not allow any employee of the Town with a questionable driving record to drive any town vehicle on the recommendation of Maine Municipal Association Risk Management.
Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to adjourn at 7:45pm.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk