

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
November 9, 2015
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Acting Recording Secretary Deborah Sealey

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 approve Warrants #44 and #45.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 10/26/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve the minutes of the 10/26/15 meeting.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

A. MRC: Selectman Marchut distributed a handout for the selectmen's information. Her group has been working on a contract that MRC will eventually be putting together for post-PERC in 2018. The committee had some items they wanted qualified before they finalize the document at their annual meeting in December. She asked selectmen to voice any concerns ASAP (prior to the 11/19 committee meeting).

B. Appeals Board: Selectman Daniel Staples said he had called Dan Remian to see when the next Board of Appeals meeting would be held. He was told that was up to Ray Meservey. Dan said he would not be commenting when the meeting was held because only appellant Sue Fisher could add anything at that time. Selectman Staples felt the Board of Appeals should have counsel.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to see attorney Patrick Mellor about legal representation for the Board of Appeals for the Fisher appeal.
Carried 5-0-0

C. Fire Dept. Invoice: Selectman Grover said Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila had ordered repair for an exhaust system connection that repeatedly broke off without first discussing it with Ambulance Director Helen Darmara. The invoice for \$485 had been received and the Fire Chief expected Ms. Darmara to pay it. Selectman Grover felt Mr. Kiskila should have discussed this with Ms. Darmara before going ahead with the work. Selectman Haynes also thought it should have been cleared first, even though the repair needed to be made.

Selectman Staples said the Fire Chief ordered the work, so the cost should come out of his budget; after he paid it he could talk with the Ambulance Director and Andy Blanchard to see if it could be worked out. Andy Blanchard said the system still did not work as it should and the company that installed it had come from Massachusetts to fix it. Mr. Blanchard asked if in future it could be covered by building maintenance. Selectman Staples said it would have to be budgeted in.

Selectman Alley asked if the system had been guaranteed and Chair Grover said it had been for one year. Selectman Alley asked if the selectmen could check with the company, rather than just take the Fire Chief's word on it. Mr. Blanchard said the departments had been having problems with it for a few months. Selectman Marchut asked if the Board should work on communication because this should have been addressed before the warranty ran out. Mr. Blanchard said that in the future they would call Chair Grover directly. Selectman Marchut said a clear chain of command was needed. Chair Grover said Mr. Kiskila must be alerted that he needed to come to him before money was promised.

The selectmen all agreed the Fire Dept. should pay the invoice and the chief should be told to discuss such items with the Ambulance Director first in the future.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, that this bill comes out of the Fire Dept. budget due to a lack of prior authorization.
Carried 5-0-0

5. Unfinished Business:

A.Hathorne Point Turnaround: Selectman Grover had talked with the School Dept., which had said they could turn around at Hathorne Point (the Olson House) now because they had proof of insurance. The Farnsworth had still given the driver a hard time even though the school had put the museum on as an additional insured. The school said it was not settled yet and asked what the Select Board was going to do. Chair Grover had suggested they should turn at the garage if it was such a big issue. Selectman Staples asked if a private person or tour bus had to show proof of insurance. He commented that different people at the museum said they were in charge. There was further discussion of the details of the issue.

Selectman Grover said the school would send the bus to the Olson House tomorrow to see what happened. Selectman Staples asked if he could go talk with Joanne Billington at the Allen Agency. Selectman Alley suggested calling another town to see what problems it was having. Chair Grover asked if the Fire Dept. would need proof of insurance if it responded to a call from the Olson House. He said the bus had not gone down for three weeks.

Selectman Staples said he would talk with the Allen Agency, which insures the Farnsworth, and then he and Chair Grover would talk with the museum.

B. Veterans' Memorial: Selectman Alley asked if the new memorial was ready for Veterans' Day on Wednesday. Selectman Haynes said she would talk with them

C. Clam Meeting: Selectman Staples had attended an 11-town clam coordination meeting. He reported that all 5 towns in this area had attended, along with clam diggers and other people. The newly-formed larger committee would be called the Tidelands Coalition and would try to solve some common problems in the estuaries from Yarmouth to the St. George River. The 11 towns would be meeting in Brunswick tomorrow.

6. New Business:

Food Pantry Roof Bids: Chair Grover opened the three bids to replace the Food Pantry roof. The bids were as follows: 1) Gary Grant, \$4,675 with 25-year architectural shingles, 2) CPH Builders, \$3,899 with 30-year architectural shingles 3) Advanced Roof Systems, \$4,550 with 30-year architectural shingles.

Selectman Haynes said Gary Grant's work was good, but she knew someone who had been unhappy with CPH's work. She noted that Advanced would be cheaper than Gary unless all the boards needed to be replaced. Someone from Advanced was in the audience: he said he could start this week and would give a 5-year written guarantee. Selectman Marchut said otherwise the roof might have to wait until spring if Gary were busy.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to eliminate CPH's bid because it was not complete.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the bid from Advanced Roof Systems for \$4,550 and \$3/board foot if boards needed to be replaced.
Carried 5-0-0

Chair Grover asked the roofing gentleman to fax proof of insurance to the town office before beginning the work.

7. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:52 P.M.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Sealey