

TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 13, 2014  
Cushing Community Center

**Selectmen Present:** Chair Alton Grover, Daniel Staples, Robert Worthing, Laurie Haynes, and Martha Marchut

**Selectmen Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:04P.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 Warrant #1,#2#,3,#51,#52, & #53.  
Carried 5-0-0

**3. Approve Minutes of 12/09/13:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the minutes of the 12/09/13 meeting as written.  
Carried 4-0-1 Selectmen Robert Worthing abstained due to not being at the meeting.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**Water Access-** Selectman Daniel Staples recommends that the Board proceed with Selectman Robert Worthing's recommendation to set up an arrangement with a bank so that when a piece of property becomes available for water access the Town would be able to make an offer.

Selectman Robert Worthing said that Selectman Daniel Staples had called him offering to help write the warrant article, but it is premature. He noted that there are several decisions that need to be made. A decision needs to be made on how much money the Town is willing to expend for a piece of property, and how the Town would like to finance it, either a long-term bond, or do it with a single article. There is a lot of ground work that needs to be done before it is put on paper. He did report that he has talked to several banks and received positive feedback. He noted that the Town would have to negotiate with a bank which requires some legwork and forward planning.

**Langlais Artwork-** Carole Leporati reported that a small group met to decide where to put the artwork in the Cushing Community Center and how it is to be mounted. It is very important that it is secure. She apologized for not giving the Board a diagram of their recommendations but she will. The library also received some of the artwork so she would like to talk to them and get back to the Board.

**5. New Business:**

The Board of Selectmen approved an annual request from Leroy Firth for an Automobile Graveyard Permit as discussed at the public hearing January 13, 2014 at 6:00PM.

Chairman Alton Grover read an e-mail from Maine Municipal Association stressing the need for municipalities to attend a public hearing scheduled for January 22, 2014 at 9:00AM, at the State House, to hear public comment on a bill that is designed to protect the budgeted FY 2015 municipal revenue sharing distribution from a further reduction of \$40 million. All of the Selectmen thought they would be able to attend.

Selectman Martha Marchut informed the Board of a Resolution that the Municipal Review Committee is asking the Charter Municipalities to sign to voice support for the next steps required in the process toward securing an affordable, environmentally-sound disposal solution beyond 2018. At this time, the Waste Disposal Agreements expire March 31, 2018, by signing the resolution this will allow MRC to have time to make a plan. The Municipal Review Committee represents the Charter Municipalities to matters that arise under the Waste Disposal Agreements and as to other matters related to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company which provides for their solid waste disposal needs.

**ACTION:** Selectman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, that the Board of Selectmen adopt the resolution the Municipal Review Committee has provided.  
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Martha Marchut will bring in the resolution for Chairman Alton Grover to sign and send to Greg Louder of the Municipal Review Committee.

**Review Request to use the Cushing Community Center Meeting Room-** Chairman Alton Grover read a request from the Cushing Democratic Committee to use the meeting room at the Cushing Community Center for their Caucus scheduled for March 2, 2014 at 1:00PM. The Board made a decision that they did not want to set a precedent to allow political groups to meet at the Cushing Community Center.

**Review letter from Assessors-** This is the letter Assessor Daniel Remian at the last meeting informed the Board they would be receiving. This property was deleted from the 2013 tax maps due to a John Black Survey and should not have been assessed to Mr. Moreland. By law the Selectmen can abate the previous two years (2011 & 2012).

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to abate former lot Map 3 Lot 32 assessed to Glenn Moreland for the 2011 & 2012 tax years.  
Carried 5-0-0

Rescue Squad Director, Austin Donaghy, presented a budget to the Selectmen for the Cushing Rescue Squad. They are seeking approval to add compensation for executive positions and an increase to the rate paid to responders. He explained that they are having a more difficult time getting people to commit to the executive positions and that on calls that require Advanced Life Support; they could save the Town money by increasing the pay for the two paramedics that live in town. At this time, if ALS support is required to come from Rockland, the fee is \$350.00, and \$300.00 from Thomaston. They are looking into increasing the paramedic fee to \$150.00 per call. The money for these increases would come from the income they receive from ambulance runs.

Selectman Robert Worthing noted that there are several things to consider. If we can increase incentive by paying a little bit more it will not impact the Town. If we do not do something to increase volunteers the Town will be looking into hiring a full time paramedic; it would be best to delay this as long as possible.

Austin also asked the Board to consider taking some of the surplus from their income to increase the money for the Ambulance Replacement Fund. At this time the Town has been putting \$15,000.00 a year into the fund.

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to accept the Rescue Squads proposal as written.  
Carried 5-0-0

**6. Comments from Citizens:** No comments.

**Enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a personnel matter-**

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

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:10PM.  
Carried 5-0-0

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to write a letter outlining the discussion in executive session, and to send it to the employee for their signature acknowledging receipt of the letter.  
Carried 5-0-0

**7. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:18PM.  
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young  
Town Clerk