

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
February 10, 2014
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Warrant #6 & #7.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 01/27/14:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept the minutes of the 01/27/14 meeting as written.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Arthur and Marie Pease in regard to Map 6 Lot 4- As requested by the Board of Selectmen, Mr. & Mrs. Pease were in attendance as was, Daniel Remian, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. The Pease's reiterated that they did what the Assessors' Agent told them to do in regard to map 6 lot 4. The maps showed they owned more acreage than they actually owned so they contacted the mapping company and had it corrected. They are asking for money back for the overpayment of their 2012 taxes.

Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Daniel Remian, noted that due to poorly written deeds these issues occur. He noted that he would contact the mapping company and do some research, but at this point the Assessors could not make an adjustment due to no abatement was ever filed.

Selectman Daniel Staples reported that he contacted Maine Municipal Association's Legal Department and was informed that this issue is not a Selectmen issue; it is an Assessing issue. Legally they can not do anything. Selectman Robert Worthing stated that if the town made an error it should be corrected and read a part of State Statute Title 36 § 841 which he felt supported this.

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to refund the Pease's the overpayment of their 2012 taxes.
No vote was taken. Discussion followed.

After a discussion, Daniel Remian recommended that they all meet at the Assessors Meeting on Thursday at 2:00PM; which the Board agreed would be a good idea. The meeting will be posted noting that the Selectmen will be in attendance too.

Selectman Laurie Haynes addressed the Pease's stating that the Board feels that if the Pease's were overcharged that they deserve a refund, but the Board would be remiss if they didn't follow the rules; they appreciate their patience.

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing amended the previous motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, that the Board of Selectmen will make a decision in regard to the Pease's 2012 tax issue pending the results of the Assessors Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 2:00PM.
Carried 5-0-0

B. Windows at Fire Station: Chairman Alton Grover reported that he checked the windows and found the sills to be dry but that the inside windows were put on incorrectly; which would cause the condensation. He thought that by putting them on correctly would fix the issue.

5. New Business:

A. Set rate to be charges on delinquent and abated taxes to put on the warrant-

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to set the delinquent tax rate at 6% and the abated tax rate at 2% to be voted on at the annual town meeting.
Carried 5-0-0

6. Comments from Citizens:

Former member of the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee, Willard Payson, informed the Board that there is an issue that the Board needs to be aware of. He presented the Board an invoice from one of the haulers and his concern that the transfer station manager is adding a new disposal method on his own. The manager is charging haulers if they do not bring in enough recycled product. The percentage is 3 bags of trash to 1 bag recycling. According to Mr. Payson this is not part of the ordinance and that it is up to the legislative branch to make that decision. Selectman Martha Marchut suggested that she contact Bob Butler, who is the Chairman of the Transfer Station Committee, to see if he could come to the next Selectmen's Meeting to talk to the Board. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover motioned, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) Personnel Matters.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:16PM.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to direct Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila to write a letter concerning the personnel matter discussed.
Carried 5-0-0

7. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 7:20 P.M.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk