

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
February 24, 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 6:01 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 Warrant # 8 & # 9.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 02/10/14:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept the minutes of the 02/10/14 meeting as amended.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Transfer Station Committee update- Bob Butler, Chairman of the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee, came to clarify to the Board the issue that Willard Payson brought to their attention at the last meeting. He noted that there has been an issue with two out of the eleven haulers. When a hauler takes trash to the Transfer Station 30% of the total trash must come from recycling. It is not a 3 to 1 ratio as Mr. Payson reported. When there isn't 30% a fee is charged per cubic yard. Each month an invoice is sent to those haulers that are short the required recycling. The tricky part is because there is no scale those who work at the Transfer Station must measure, the best they can, how much the hauler has. In the ordinance it is up to the discretion of the transfer station manager to determine this. Because of the need to measure and the fees charged, one driver, on more than one occasion, has been verbally abusive to the attendants at the Transfer Station and now the union has become involved.

Mr. Butler recommends that the Selectmen come to the Waldoboro Selectmen's meeting tomorrow night where they will be addressing the verbal abuse issue. He also noted that there will be a Selectmen's meeting coming up in regard to the purchase of scales for the transfer station.

B. Langlais Artwork: Carole Leporati reported that they would like to place the wooden art pieces in the main office at the town office, so when people come to the window they will be able to see the artwork and it will be in a secure location. The two paintings they would like to hang in the gym area. The pieces would be placed high enough for protection and they will try to get the pieces up in time for the town meeting.

Carole noted that it would be nice if the town office could be open in July when the Georges River Land Trust has its opening for the Langlais artwork.

Selectman Daniel Staples noted that Cushing will be the Administrative Municipality starting in July for the Georges River Regional Shellfish Management. He would like to talk to Selectman Robert Worthing due to the Clam Warden will be under the towns' personnel policy. Selectman Martha Marchut inquired if there is a contingency plan in place if more help is needed at the office. Selectman Daniel Staples stated he will be helping.

5. New Business:

A. Review Town Warrant for approval- A brief discussion ensued in regard to approval of article 48. This article, if approved, will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and finalize a loan for the purchase of water access property. Such loan to be at a principal amount plus interest to be repaid by a maximum payment of \$10,000.00 per year. The \$10,000.00 would come from Boat Excise.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to approve the addition of article 48 to the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant.
Carried 5-0-0

6. Comments from Citizens:

Carole Leporati stated that a lot of people appreciate the great job the snowplow drivers have done keeping the roads clear this winter season.

7. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk