

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
April 14, 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 # 16, #17& # 18.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 03/24/14:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to accept the minutes of the 03/24/14 meeting as written.
Carried 4-0-1 Daniel Staples abstained.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve the minutes of the 04/02/14 joint meeting with the Town of Waldoboro and Town of Friendship.
Carried 4-0-1 Laurie Haynes abstained.

4. Other Business

Cameron Young from Boy Scout Troop 215 introduced himself to the Board of Selectmen. He was in attendance as part of a communication badge he is working on.

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, reported that she is going to need a new computer for the Clerks office. At budget time money was allocated for this. The problem with the replacement is that the computer that she uses is the one issued to the Town from the State for the Central Voter System. Don Fowles who services all of the computers in the Town Office just finished setting up a new computer with Rockland, so he is aware of the issues with the voter system. After talking with Don he recommends that we order the computer, in case the old computer fails, but to wait until after the June Primary to set it up.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Clerks office.
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Laurie Haynes made a request to use the gym on the 1st Saturday in September to hold a craft fair with the proceeds received from the table rentals going to the Cushing Heating Fund. She would charge \$25.00 per table. The Board discussed the need for insurance if it wasn't a town sponsored event. Selectmen Daniel Staples stated he would be in favor of having the selectmen sponsor the event; although he would not be available that day. After a brief discussion it was decided that Laurie needs to fill out the necessary paper work, and a decision will be made in regard to sponsoring the event at the next meeting.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to approve the use of the gym on September 6, 2014 for a craft fair with the proceeds from the table rentals going to the Cushing Heating Fund.

Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Martha Marchut reminded the Board of the joint board meeting with Waldoboro and Friendship on April 22, 2014 at 6:00PM in Waldoboro to go over the Attachments to the Transfer Station Ordinance.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Department of Transportation contacted him informing him that at the end of June or July River Road will be closed to traffic, by Irene Vinal's, so they can replace the culvert. This will be a 2-3 day closure.

4. Unfinished Business There was none.

5. New Business

a. Appointments: Selectman Daniel Staples stated his concern that the Assessment Review Board is not a full board and feels that the Select Board should do something about the situation. The Board needs one member and one alternate member. He would like to try one more month to fill the positions, but if a member can not be found, he would lean toward dissolving the Board and have any appeal go to the Knox County Board. Selectmen Laurie Haynes and Martha Marchut both felt that due to Knox County's expertise they would lean toward sending appeals to Knox County but they would support trying one more month to fill the vacancies. Selectman Robert Worthing stated it would be wise to inform the Assessment Review Board in writing of the Boards decision to see if they may be able to find someone to fill the vacancies. The Board all agreed.

Selectman Daniel Staples informed the Board that he has talked to Robert Patterson, Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review, asking for a letter to recant his March 13, 2014 letter in which he requested Tax Collector Irene Vinal to grant Karl Stein an abatement on his property. According to the attorney his name was omitted on the appeal in error. After consultation with Assessors Agent, Garnett Robinson, Mr. Patterson found out that Mr. Stein is not entitled to any abatement. Mr. Patterson has brought in the letter of recant to the Town.

b. vacuum cleaner: Chairman Alton Grover informed the Board that the Towns' vacuum is no longer working, and it will cost more to fix than a new one would cost. The salesman said a new one will cost \$499.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to purchase a new vacuum.

The Board directed Chairman Alton Grover to purchase a vacuum.

c. Town website: The Board has received an e-mail from Brooke Harrington stating his interest in being the new webmaster for the Town of Cushing Website. The Board unanimously agreed that they should put the request out to all residence before making any decision. Chester Knowles said he would put the request on the e-mail.

d. Public Water Access: Selectman Daniel Staples announced that he, Chair Grover, and Harbormaster Austin Donaghy, looked at property on Stones Point for possible public water access. He noted that the price for the land is \$150,000. The property is fairly steep and it is tidal. He said that he will contact Kevin Benner of Friendship, who launches boats, to see what he thinks. Another property that he and Chair Grover looked at is land owned by Priscilla O'Hara and borders the Old Settlers Cemetery. This is deep water but to put in a road would be costly. It would be great if they could get a right of way over the Old Settlers Cove Road. Mrs. O'Hara contacted Chair Grover informing him that she may be interested in selling a portion of her property.

Danny recommended that the other Selectmen look at the properties; which they all agreed to do.

6. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) Personnel Matters at 7:00PM.
Carried 5-0-0

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

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for the hourly wage employees.
Carried 4-0-1 Alton Grover abstained

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to amend the Town of Cushing Personnel Policy under Article IV. Employee Classification to delete 'the time' in the last sentence and insert 1 ½ hours to each hour.
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