

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
April 28, 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 Robert Worthing, to approve Warrant # 19 & # 20.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 04/14/14:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the minutes of the 04/14/14 meeting as written.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Other Business

Chairman Alton Grover reported that the Fire Department has received complaints of smoke coming from an outside wood furnace located on Spear Mill Road and it is bothering the neighbors. Fireman Darren Hill said they talked to the owner asking him to lengthen the smoke stack, which he said he would, but as of today nothing has been done. Fireman Hill talked to a Knox County Sherriff who recommends the Town write up a nuisance ordinance. Selectman Daniel Staples thought maybe the Selectmen should talk to the homeowner, Chair Grover suggested that they have Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Bickford, look at it, Selectman Laurie Haynes suggested writing a letter to the homeowner, and Selectman Martha Marchut suggested that they have Scott look at it and follow-up with a letter.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to direct Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Bickford, to check the situation out and to follow up with a written letter to the property owner.
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Daniel Staples reported that on May 17th the Harbor Committee will be sponsoring a cook-out for Cushing Commercial Fishermen at the home of Harbormaster, Austin Donaghy, as a meet and greet and to get input.

Rescue Squad Director Austin Donaghy addressed the Board seeking approval to add to their ambulance billing policy non-transport calls. Selectman Robert Worthing stated that it should be up to the senior rescue responder to make the decision on who should be billed and who should not; which Austin agreed. The Board agreed that Austin did not need their approval but appreciated him informing them.

5. Unfinished Business There was none.

a. Town website: Chairman Alton Grover announced that they have received from three residence interest in the volunteer webmaster position. The Board was very pleased with the interest and will talk to each individual preceding the Selectmen's Meeting on May 12, 2014.

b. Public Water Access: Selectman Daniel Staples reported that Kevin Benner, who launches boats, looked at the property on Stones Point Road and found it to be too steep. The property near the Old Settlers Cemetery has several issues; the access into Old Settler Lane is dangerous, the river current could be an issue, and if the Town has to put in a road it would be extremely expensive. The Board still would like to know if the owner is still interested in selling and the cost. Chair Grover will contact Mrs. O'Hara to find out the information. Selectman Staples and Harbormaster Austin Donaghy showed the Board a piece of property on Maple Juice Cove that may work for public access; although the piece is not for sale, they may contact the owner to see if they would be interested in selling it.

c. Building use request: Selectman Robert Worthing noted that at the last meeting they approved the use of the gym for the craft fair where proceeds from table rentals would go to the Cushing Heating Fund and tonight they are to discuss the sponsorship issue. He said that although the event is a great idea, he is concerned about having the Selectmen sponsor the event. He noted that the Selectmen have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the Town and that if the Selectmen accept the sponsorship then the Board is accepting the liability and it is an unknown on who will be renting the tables. He went on to say that the Board has been very careful with this issue in the past; he strongly recommends not sponsoring the event. It was brought up that it could look like the Board is showing favoritism by sponsoring the event. Selectman Laurie Haynes noted that it was a way to raise money for the Cushing Heating Fund; she does not want it to be an issue, so she withdrew her request to use the gym.

6. New Business

Town Clerk Lisa Young noted that the second Selectmen's Meeting in May falls on Memorial Day. The Board decided that they will not have a meeting on Memorial Day and will wait to see how much business there is before making a decision to schedule the meeting on a different day.

7. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk