

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
June 23, 2014
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: Martha Marchut

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 # 27 & # 28.
Carried 4-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 06/09/14:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept the minutes of the 06/09/14 meeting as amended.
Carried 4-0-0

4. Other Business

Chairman Alton Grover noticed that the cemetery on Killeran Lane has not been mowed. He will contact Guy Barter to find why it hasn't been mowed.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Assessment Review Board- Selectman Daniel Staples reported that it was brought to his attention that the town back in 2001 approved an Assessment Review Board Ordinance which he found to be true. Due to he had already sent a letter to Chairman, Robert Patterson, informing him that the Board of Selectmen had voted to dissolve the board he contacted Maine Municipal Association Legal Department to find out what he should do. MMA noted that he sent the letter in good faith due to not being able to fill the board, but to dissolve the board it would take a vote from the legislative body, and a special town meeting would have to be scheduled. Selectman Laurie Haynes suggested that the board schedule a special town meeting. Selectman Daniel Staples noted that he would like to wait to make sure that he has everything correct before scheduling a meeting. The Board will table any decision to schedule a special town meeting until next Selectmen's Meeting.

b. Addressing Officer- Selectman Laurie Haynes reported that she contacted Judy Carr and was informed that it would be a good idea for the town to find someone new for addressing officer. Selectman Haynes went online and found the 9-1-1 Addressing Officer Manual, later one was also found in a folder Joe kept in the town office. Selectman Daniel Staples noted that Selectman Laurie Haynes has agreed to be the Addressing Officer which she confirmed. Selectman Daniel Staples and Chairman Alton Grover will still help with putting the actual signs up.

c. Repair Hathorne Point Road and entrance to salt shed- Chairman Alton Grover read the three estimates he has received to do the road repair. For the Hathorne Point Road: Performance Pavement- \$4,200, Patterson-\$3,000, and J.A. Gilbert & Son-\$2,900. For the salt shed repair: Performance Pavement-\$3,500, Patterson-\$2,700, and J.A. Gilbert & Son-\$2,500.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Robert Worthing, to accept J.A. Gilbert & Son's bid for \$2,900 to repair the Hathorne Point Road, and \$2,500 to repair the entrance to the salt shed.

Carried 4-0-0

d. Check Disbursement Policy- Selectman Daniel Staples and Chairman Alton Grover attended a Municipal Officers workshop and found that the Check Disbursement Policy we have should be approved each year.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to accept the Check Disbursement Policy for the 2014 year.
Carried 4-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to re-new the Check Disbursement Policy annually at the first Selectmen's Meeting after the Town Meeting.
Carried 4-0-0

e. Clam Program- Selectman Daniel Staples reported that the Department of Marine Resources sent a letter to the Georges River Shellfish Management Committee outlining a new policy to close the river's centrally located conditional area-the most productive flats in the river- during and after late summer runs of higher-than-normal tides. The DMR is telling the GRSMC that this new policy is the result of a pattern of increase bacteria counts detected at those times in 2013. This has not been a problem before, and DMR is at a loss to explain why it has become a problem now, except to suggest that the increases in bacteria are the result of pollution sources on both sides of the river. The closure is not good for the clambers and that is why each of the five towns are sending a letter to support the 5-town clam board and ask that the DEP find the source of the pollution. The Board signed the letter.

Selectman Daniel Staples noted that on Tuesday Cushing will be the new administrative town for the clam management program. He explained that there are items that need to added to the personnel policy for the clam warden. He explained that in order to add dental (which the clam warden has been receiving) Maine Municipal Health requires it to be offered to all eligible employees. Article 18 would allow full-time employees to participate in the dental program and that they are required to pay the full cost. Article 19 outlines the benefits while the clam warden is employed by the Town of Cushing.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to add Articles #18 & # 19 to the Town of Cushing Personnel Policy.
Carried 4-0-0

Selectman Daniel Staples, who is the Chairman of the Georges River Regional Clam Management, informed the Board that for the next three years there will be a joint board meeting held at the Cushing Community Center on the second Thursday of every month. He wanted to welcome everyone to the next meeting. The Department of Marine Resources and possibly four legislatures will be in attendance due to the problem between the wormers and clambers.

6. New Business

a. Open Septic System Bids- Chairman Alton Grover read the following bids: Farley and Son- \$12,499, \$4,250 for additional pump station cost if needed, and \$250/hr to remove ledge if necessary, Donn Bowden- \$17,000, and \$3,000 for additional pump station if needed, and Doug Fales- \$9,000, and \$2,500 for additional pump station if needed.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept the bid from Doug Fales for \$9,000 and \$2,500 for additional pump station if needed.
Carried 4-0-0

7. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk