

**TOWN OF CUSHING**  
**SELECTMEN**  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 11, 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 # 33 & # 34.  
Carried 5-0-0

**3. Approve Minutes of 07/28/14:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to accept the minutes of the 07/28/14 meeting as written.  
Carried 4-0-1 Martha Marchut abstained due to not being at the meeting

**4. Other Business**

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, reported that Bryan Marshall, owner of Bryan's Body & Fender, would like to apply for a junkyard permit at 90 Lion's Lane. He is interested in leasing the property owned by Leroy Firth of A&J Enterprises Inc. which holds the junkyard permit at this time. The Board will hold a public hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup> preceding the Selectmen's Meeting

Selectman Laurie Haynes inquired on the status of the Assessment Review Board and the Knox County Assessing Board. Selectman Daniel Staples noted that it is tabled until the fall due to a pending case.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that River Road will be closed on August 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> for a culvert replacement near 629 River Road (Irene Vinal's property).

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has had several people ask about the harbormaster boat that is behind the fire station. He stressed that if the boat is not going to be used it should be sold before it is not worth anything. Selectman Daniel Staples volunteered to move the boat to his home and cover it with a tarp, but reminded the Board that Maine Municipal Association advised them to have the harbormaster use the boat that the town owns. He noted that the Board is going against Maine Municipal Associations recommendations. Selectman Robert Worthing stated he feels MMA doesn't give an objective point of view. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of keeping or selling the boat.

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Robert Worthing, to sell the Harbormaster boat, motor, and trailer.  
Failed 2-3-0 Grover and Worthing for and Haynes, Marchut and Staples against.

Selectman Daniel Staples will move the harbormaster boat to his home and cover it with a tarp.

**5. Unfinished Business**

## **6. New Business**

**a. Sign Georges River Shellfish Warden's Vehicle/Equipment Policy-** The Board signed the policy.

**b. Boat Registrations-** Selectman Daniel Staples reported that there are two boat owners who have not paid their Documented Boat Excise for over two years; the boats have been liened. An idea to tie Mooring fees to payment of excise was not recommended by MMA due to they are two different fees. Selectman Staples read part of M.R.S.A 36§ 1504 which explains that the lien constitutes a lien upon all property of the taxpayer. He recommends when certified letters are sent to boat owners, who have not paid their boat excise, to also send a copy of the Statute. The Board agreed.

**7. Comments from Citizens:** Resident Randolph Robbins recommended that when storing the trailer that the Selectmen make sure to put the trailer up on blocks so the tires will not rot.

## **8. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 6:35 P.M.  
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young  
Town Clerk