

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
September 22, 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 # 39, #40,).
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 09/08/14:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the minutes of the 09/08/14 meeting as written.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Other Business

Selectman Martha Marchut informed the board that a reporter, under the Freedom of Access Law, has requested information pertaining to the Transfer Station Committee. She also noted that there has been a request to have one of the members removed from the Transfer Station Committee due to concerns about their activity on the board.

Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that a reimbursement check was sent out for a boat excise but the person lost the check. She asked if the fee for the stop payment should be deducted from the reimbursed amount before reissuing the check.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to put a stop payment on the check, deduct the fee from the reimbursed amount, and send the remainder to the person.
Carried 5-0-0

5. Unfinished Business

a. Roadwork (Sand Shed Parking Lot and Hathorne Point Road)- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he contacted Patterson and they said they would fix the Hathorne Point Road and Sand Shed parking lot in a couple of weeks. He noted that he heard from several people that Patterson could be slow so he will contact them again.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that the salt has finally arrived.

Selectman Laurie Haynes inquired about the status of the Food Pantry and the shed at the ball field. Chairman Grover reported that Gary Grant has not looked at the Food Pantry yet, and he and Danny have not had a chance to check the building at the ball field.

6. New Business

a. Richard Provonchee website update- Richard wanted to touch base with the Selectmen after meeting with Kate Hoyt, who handles Cushing.Posting, and community member Terry Lewis. At their meeting they talked about the possibility of having a bulletin board section on the website for local announcements. Richard inquired if that would be something the Selectmen would want on the website. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Board was to keep it strictly for town business.

The Town uses EES Consulting Inc. for their domain hosting/maintenance for a fee of \$180.00 per year. Richard thought for now that he would recommend staying with them. He will also look into a governmental e-mail. Harbormaster, Austin Donaghy, said it would be good idea to have the harbormaster website part of Cushing.Maine.Gov which Richard said he could do.

b. Bruce Bickford to present amended Coastal Waters Management Ordinance for possible vote on November 4, 2014. Chairman of the Harbor Committee, Bruce Bickford, reminded the Selectmen that last November there was a tie vote for the amended Coastal Waters Management Ordinance; so it did not pass. The Committee would like to have the amended ordinance on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 Election; there are no new changes. The Board of Selectmen agreed that due to the requirement that they must file with the clerk at least 45 days before the day of the secret ballot election, and that date has gone by, that they can not approve the request to place it on the ballot for the November Election.

Bruce noted that the Committee needs a member since Richard Palm resigned. Town Clerk, Lisa Young, will send a list of committee openings to Kate to put on Cushing Posting.

Rescue Squad Director, Austin Donaghy, explained to the Selectmen that the Rescue Squad has written a write-off policy to allow ambulance transport fees to be waived, based on financial hardship as defined by the Department of Health and Human Service Poverty Guidelines, and to specify when an ambulance transport fee becomes uncollectable. Austin explained that the current billing agency does not have a policy from Cushing Rescue. Selectman Daniel Staples would like time to read the policy over before approval.

Selectman Daniel Staples asked if the ambulance transport fees are decreasing it may get to a point that the town needs to appropriate funds. Austin said at this time it is fine but it may be an issue at some point. He will get a financial trend report to the Selectmen for the next meeting.

7. Comments from Citizens: No Comments.

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