

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
November 24, 2014
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1.Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3 Approve and Sign the Warrant: Chairman Grover said all members had signed the warrant.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve Warrants #48, #49 and #50.
Carried 5-0-0

4.Approve Minutes of 11/10/14:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the minutes of the 11/10/14 meeting as written.
Carried 4-0-1 Robert Worthing abstained

5.Other Business:

Chairman Alton Grover read a letter from Chelsea Glidden asking for support from the board on her participation in Southern New Hampshire University's Alternative Break program. Selectman Martha Marchut volunteered to write a letter of support.

The Town Clerk reported that the Town of Rockport, thanks to Scott Bickford, has given the town their old colored copier and that Chair Grover and Selectman Daniel Staples went to Rockport to pick it up. A thank you letter will be sent to the Town of Rockport

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, wanted to thank Alton and Nancy Grover for making voting dividers for the election. She noted that Nancy Grover put a lot of work into decorating them; they are beautiful and the voters thought they were great.

6. Unfinished Business:

Selectman Daniel Staples noted that he would like to send another letter to the Waldoboro Select Board in regard to the removal of the present hauler representative on the Transfer Station Committee. He feels that the Board should support the Transfer Station Committee and to remind the Select Board of the reasons for the removal. Selectman Martha Marchut explained that the Waldoboro Select Board stated that it is not their policy to remove people from committees, so if there was to be a change it would happen in the spring when the haulers term expires. She went on to explain that the reason for sending another letter is to ask them to consider before reappointment that the Town of Friendship sent them a letter asking them not to reinstate the hauler representative, all of the haulers have signed a letter that they do not want the present hauler to be their representative, and e-mails showing the hauler representatives misuse of power. Selectman Robert Worthing felt that sending a letter about the reappointment is fine but not to rehash what the Waldoboro Select Board already knows.

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to draft a letter to the

Waldoboro Select Board explaining the Cushing Board of Selectmen's decision to have them act on denial of reappointment of the hauler representative.

Selectman Daniel Staples stated he will not vote on this because he feels it is important to include the details. He realizes that the board is aware of the issues but this letter would reiterate that there have been four recommendations requesting the removal.

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to amend the original motion to include a general referral of the past issues that have been raised.
Carried 4-1-0 Daniel Staples against

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve the original motion as amended.
Carried 4-1-0 Daniel Staples against

Selectman Daniel Staples reminded the Board that they have followed the proper procedure in regard to the Assessment Review Board and noted that a special town meeting will need to be scheduled to see if the town will repeal the Assessment Review Board Ordinance.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday September 8th at 6:00PM to see if the town will repeal the Assessment Review Board Ordinance.
Carried 5-0-0

7. New Business:

A. Chairman of Cemetery Board to address the Board: Chairman Robert Weisert reported that he has received several calls, letters, and e-mails from a family in regard to the shape of the Norton Cemetery. He noted that there are stones that are leaning, broken and need to be cleaned. He contacted Thomas A. Stevens who restores cemeteries and he has received a proposal to do the work. The proposal is broken down by sections of the cemetery and includes cleaning, repairing and restorative work. The fees range from \$2,075.00-\$10, 2770.00. It was noted that at this time there are not any funds to repair the entire cemetery, but some of the work may be accomplished with the help of prisoners from the prison farm. Mr. Weisert reported that he has taken a course on cleaning stones so he feels he, along with help from the prisoners, can clean the stones in the top part of the cemetery. Mr. Weisert said he and the committee looked into the cost of fixing the stones etc. because the family had contacted them; they wanted the Selectmen to be aware of it. It was noted that the town just took the cemetery over a few years ago and that the town is also responsible for many others. It was suggested that the Cemetery Committee may want to go to the budget meeting in January.

Mr. Weisert announced that they have made a new path, repaired the gate, and put up a new sign at the Davis Point Cemetery from the money they received from the Historical Society.

Mr. Weisert announced that a property owner on Davis Point has volunteered to donate funds to purchase a new sign for the Pleasant View Cemetery if the Selectmen approve of the donation.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Daniel Staples, to accept the donation for a new Pleasant View Cemetery sign.
Carried 5-0-0

B. Approve date of 12/15/14 for Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA to start preliminary work for the 2014 audit.:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Daniel Staples, to approve the date of 12/15/14 to start the 2014 audit.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve closing the town office on December 24, 2014.

Carried 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover reported that Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila is seeking permission to paint the training room at the fire station. The Board unanimously approved the painting of the training room.

8. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to adjourn at 7:20PM.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk