

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
March 09, 2015
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 6:02 P.M.

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

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

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve Warrant # 9 & # 10.
Carried 5-0-0

4.Approve Minutes of 02/23/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to accept the minutes of the 02/23/15 meeting.
Carried 5-0-0

5.Other Business:

Selectman Daniel Staples reported that he has contacted Maine Municipal Association Legal Department in regard to a bill that the Fire Department sent to a business for traffic control at an accident in Cushing in October of 2014. The business made an inquiry to Selectman Staples questioning if they should have received the bill and asked him to investigate the situation. They paid the \$640.00 that was charged. According to MMA the authority to charge a fee and send a bill must be granted to the fire chief or the select board by an act of the town's legislative body before a bill may be sent legally. MMA Attorney Rebecca Seel recommends sending the check back. Selectman Daniel Staples asked if the Board agrees to send the check back. Chairman Alton Grover reported that Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila does not have the check. After a brief discussion on where the check is, and if it has been cashed, it was decided that Chairman Alton Grover will contact Chief Kiskila for more information. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting and invite Chief Kiskila to the meeting.

6. Unfinished Business:

Planning Board Chairman, Daniel Remian, reported that someone in town has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection in regard to the Fisher property. Colin Clark from DEP noted that estoppel means nothing to DEP, there is no mediation, and there is no time limit to move on a notice of violation. DEP thinks moving the building is the only way to correct the situation.

7. New Business:

Use of website: A question has come up in regard to having information on the Cushing website about each candidate running for town positions. The consensus of the Board was to leave that to the local papers etc. not for the town website. Webmaster Richard Provonchee reported that a resident has asked him to put phone numbers of those people who hold town positions on the website. The Board directed him to put the chairman of each committee and key official's phone numbers and e-mail address on. Richard also informed the Board that he could set up e-mail accounts so that all town related e-mails would end in maine.gov. For now, Richard will set up an account for the town clerk so that she can receive e-mails from the town clerk and tax collector/treasurer list serve.

Chairman Alton Grover informed the Board that snowplow truck 5-01 will need to be replaced; the truck is 14 years old and the equipment is 27 years old. He has received four prices with Freight Line coming in with the lowest price of \$81,000 for the chassis. Alton was asked what would happen to the old truck and he said that they would trade it in or put it out to bid. The plow, wing, and sander would all go with the old truck.

Town Clerk/Treasurer, Lisa Young, asked the Board to consider amending the Personnel Policy to add vacation time for longevity. The Board agreed to consider this.

8. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) a personnel matter at 6:46pm.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:58pm.
Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Robert Worthing made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to adjourn at 6:59pm.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk