

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
May 11, 2015
Cushing Community Center**

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover, Daniel Staples, Laurie Haynes, Martha Marchut, and Heidi Alley

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Martha Marchut seconded, to approve Warrant # 17 & # 18.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of 04/27/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to accept the minutes of the 04/27/15 meeting as amended.
Carried 5-0-0

5. Other Business:

Selectman Martha Marchut reported that she has been informed that the workshop for the Transfer Station Committee Members is not on the Waldoboro Select Board Agenda for Tuesday May 12, 2015. She wanted people to know in case they planned on attending.

6. Unfinished Business:

Road Paving Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has received three estimates for paving Flintwood Lane, Salt Pond Road, and to finish Hathorne Point Road. Lane Construction-\$159,000.00, All State Asphalt-\$183,322.00, and Pike Industries-\$182,520.00.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to accept Lane Construction's estimate for \$159,000.00.
Carried 5-0-0

Chairman Grover will contact Lane to find out when they can start the work and request that it be no later than June 30, 2015.

Copier Passed over.

Cost of living adjustment – Tabled.

Vacation time- Tabled.

7. New Business:

Jake Miller from The First Bank: Jake Miller, Vice President of The First in Rockland, presented the Board a proposal for banking services. The First is proposing that the Town of Cushing open a NOW account for its checking account. The benefit of using the NOW account is there is no minimum or target balance, the full balance in the account earns interest, the account is fully collateralized, and the rate of interest would be .55%. The town now receives .10%. The First is offering the following CD options for longer term funds: 12 month at 0.85APY, and a 29 month at 1.05%. The First would offer the town free of charge remote check deposits. This product allows checks to be scanned at the town office. It automatically creates an electronic deposit file to send to the bank and upon sending to the bank, is credited to the appropriate account. The Board will review the proposal and get back to Mr. Miller.

RSU Director and RSU Business Manager to discuss RSU#13 budget: Loren Andrews Cushing Director of RSU#13 introduced the new RSU Business Manager Peter Orne. Mr. Orne reported that The Town of Cushing is looking at a \$430,862.50 increase from last year's budget. He noted that this is a hard year due to St. George leaving the RSU and less State funding. The RSU will be losing 2.5 million with the loss of Saint George. He strongly believes that over time money can be saved. He noted that the RSU has been operating as two SAD's with different contracts, he would like that to change; he also would like to focus on revenue. Director Loren Andrews reported that the tone at the top has changed; leadership is amazing. It is such a change from the past where there was no trust. Both Loren and Peter stressed that transparency is important and that they want to make sure all information is available to the towns'.

8. Comments from Citizens: No comments.

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter at 8:10pm.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:40pm.
Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to contact Maine Municipal Association's lawyer regarding if it is possible to give raises mid-year versus in the budget.
Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, Selectman Danny Staples seconded, to adjourn at 8:45pm.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk