

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
March 23, 2015
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Heidi Alley, Laurie Haynes, and Martha Marchut,

Selectmen Absent: Daniel Staples

Staff Present: Acting Recording Secretary Deborah Sealey

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Elect Chairman:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to appoint Alton Grover as Chairman.
Carried 3-0-1 (Mr. Grover abstained)

3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve Warrants #11 and #12.
Carried 4-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of 3/9/15:

ACTION: Selectman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the 3/9/15 meeting.
Carried 4-0-0

5. New Business:

A. Rescue Squad

Director Helen Darmara, Andrew Blanchard, and Austin Donaghy from the Rescue Squad displayed their heart monitor, which would run out of warranty at the end of the year. They said this was vital equipment that must be replaced before then. Other local rescue services were now purchasing a different unit and Mr. Donaghy said Cushing should have equipment compatible with the rest of the county.

Friends of Cushing Rescue did not have the money to replace the unit and the rescue members asked to withdraw \$13,500 from the Ambulance Replacement Fund to pay half of the \$27,000 heart monitor cost. A \$700 trade-in allowance would be given for the old unit.

Mr. Donaghy said one of the benefits of the new unit was that it weighed less. Selectman Laurie Haynes, who had been on the Rescue Squad, said there was almost no time when the monitor was not used; the hospital received information from it.

Since the unit was needed before the end of the year, Mr. Donaghy said there was not time to vote on it at a town meeting. Mr. Blanchard said the price was good until the end of the month, so an order should be placed before then. Chair Alton Grover said he knew a couple of places where the town could look for the money. Mr. Donaghy said they would also try to get a grant, but needed to know the money would be available if they committed to the purchase.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to guarantee funding from the Ambulance Replacement Account in the amount of \$13,500, with the understanding

that any contributions would go back into that fund.
Carried 4-0-0

B. Window Inserts

Mike Mayo, representing The Window Dressers, explained that it was an all-volunteer community energy project that produced customized insulating window inserts. He displayed samples of the product and said a representative would come to your home to take exact measurements of each window. Each insert would be labeled, since they were specific to each window.

He explained how the inserts were made by volunteers in the basement of the old Rockland High School. The cost of an insert for an average window was \$20 and the energy savings was 10-25% each season. 23% of the inserts were provided free to low-income people. Measurements were taken in the summer and production started in September.

Mr. Mayo asked that the town get this information out to the citizens. Selectman Laurie Haynes said it could be sent by email. Selectman Martha Marchut asked that information sheets and an insert sample be left at the Town Clerk's office for people to see.

C. Pest Control

Selectman Alton Grover said there had been complaints that there were ants in the Town Office bathroom. He had obtained an estimate of \$198 to eradicate crawling insects and rodents, but was not sure of the timeframe for that cost. He said he would ask the Town Clerk for clearer information. Selectman Laurie Haynes said the town should try to address the problem itself.

D. Mowing Town Roads

Chair Grover had received a call from Howard Fairfield asking if the town wanted to continue to rent his tractor. The cost would be \$2,600 for a week. Mr. Grover said it would now be a simple job because it had been done before.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to get the mower from 8/31/15 to 9/4/15 for the price of \$2,600.
Carried 4-0-0

E. Plow Truck

Selectman Alton Grover said the town needed a new plow truck since the current one would not pass inspection. He had gotten a reduction from \$90,000 to \$81,700 for a Western Star chassis only. He would try to sell the old truck, but would receive a \$5,000 trade-in if he could not.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve ordering the new Freightliner plow truck at \$81,700.
Carried 4-0-0

6. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Alton Grover, to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Sealey