

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
July 13, 2015
Cushing Community Center**

Selectmen Present: Chairman Alton Grover, Laurie Haynes, Daniel Staples, 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 6:01 P.M.

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

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

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve Warrant # 26 & # 27.
Carried 5-0-0

4.Approve Minutes of 06/22/15:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to accept the minutes of the 06/22/15 meeting as written.
Carried 5-0-0

5.Other Business:

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has two pieces of granite in his truck for the Selectmen to look at to decide which piece they would like for the Veteran's Memorial. At the close of the meeting the Board will look at the granite.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila sent an e-mail to K&T Fire Equipment asking them to send to the Board of Selectmen the cost of repairing the pump on Engine #3. Chairman Grover noted that K&T sent him a preventive maintenance report stating that the water pump would not hold prime but there is no information on the cost to repair it. Chairman Grover will contract Chief Kiskila to get more information.

Selectman Martha Marchut reported that at the next Waldoboro Select Board Meeting they are appointing members to the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee. She would like to recommend Liam as Hauler Representative and Bob Butler as Waldoboro Resident Representative if the Board feels comfortable with having her recommend them. The Board all agreed with Selectman Marchut. She also wanted to ask if any Cushing resident has made a request to be on the Transfer Station Committee. Town Clerk Lisa Yong said that she is not aware of anyone. Selectman Marchut noted that due to the attempt of the current hauler representative to shut down the Transfer Station Committee Meeting, stating it was illegal because the Waldoboro Representatives had not been sworn in, it was suggested that Cushing check to make sure all members are sworn in.

Selectman Marchut informed the Board that it looks like pay per bag will be looked at closely to reduce costs and that if it does come to a vote Cushing and Friendship does not get to vote. Representatives from both Cushing and Friendship would like to see an ordinance change that would allow the two towns' to vote. She also stressed that the transfer station issues are complicated and that she encourages anyone with concerns to please come to the meetings to share those concerns.

6. Unfinished Business:

Cemetery question- Bob Weisert, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, reported that at the Pleasant View Cemetery there is a fairly large patch of grass that has been dug-up by something. He is not sure if it is skunks looking for grubs or something else. It was suggested that it could be turkeys. He noted that he and Guy Barter are looking into it. Selectman Daniel Staples said he can get information from the Cooperate Extension in regard to lawn pests and how to handle the situation.

Bob reported that the new sign that an anonymous donor donated to the Town for Davis Cemetery is almost finished. He also wanted the Selectmen to know that he has started issuing opening permits for Norton Cemetery, as is done for the Pleasant View Cemetery, so the Town will have a record of who is buried at what spot. He suggested that a sign be placed at the entrance stating that an opening permit is required with the town office phone number on it. The Selectmen agreed. Bob will contact Lisa for the correct wording.

The Cemetery Committee needed to be re-appointed.

ACTION: Chariman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Heidi Alley seconded, to re-appoint, to the Cemetery Committee, Karin Weisert for a two year term, and Bob Weisert for a three year term.
Carried 5-0-0

Bob noted that David Glidden showed him how to mark the burial plots out and he thought it would be a good idea to have someone else learn how just in case he was not available. Chairman Alton Grover recommends Guy Barter. The Board agreed and Alton will contact him.

Privacy and Network Security Policy-

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Lauire Haynes seconded, to approve the Town of Cushing Computer Use Policy.
Carried 5-0-0

7. New Business:

Open "White" Septic Bids- The following bids were opened:

David Dean-\$13,900

Doug Fales-\$11,485

Santana Excavation-\$12,000

Tom's Plumbing and Elec.-\$12,001

Don Meklin and Sons Excavation-\$9,800

The Board refused the bids from Tom's Plumbing and Elec., and Don Meklin and Sons Excavation due to they did not attend the required pre-bid inspection.

ACTION; Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to accept the bid from Doug Fales, pending DEP approval, for \$11,485.
Carried 5-0-0

Scott Bickford to Address the Board- CEO, Scott Bickford, noted that he is making a request for financial support to help alleviate the ongoing discussion about Sue Fisher's studio in the Shoreland Zoning Resource Protection District. He reported that Attorney Robert Stoltz, representing Sue Fishers interest in the matter, has currently had the land surveyed with hopes that he can prove to the Planning Board, and to the CEO, that the studio is not in the steep slopes that define Resource Protection.

Scott noted that at the time the Towns' original mapping was done the newer surveying technology was not available. CEO Bickford is asking the Selectmen to approve engaging the services of Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying Inc. to do LIDAR, on the ground verification that the lidar points and coverage of two or more continuous acres is accurate, and have James Dorsky come and explain the results. Scott stressed that it is important for the Town to be accurate and verify facts. Both Selectmen Marchut and Staples said that the Planning Board will have the LIDAR report on Wednesday night and feel that any decision for feet on the ground should wait until after the Planning Board Meeting. Scott noted that the Town will not be charged twice for the LIDAR and that the Town will have final proof by doing both LIDAR and feet on the ground. A lengthy discussion ensued on the issue.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve CEO Scott Bickford's recommendation to engage the services of Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying, Inc. Carried 3-2-0 Selectmen Daniel Staples and Martha Marchut opposed.

Building use request- Chairman Alton Grover read a request from the Cushing Library to use the gym area on August 15, 2015 for a family dance from 7:00pm-9:00pm with music provided by Meg Carroll. Clean-up will begin directly after the dance at 9:00PM.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, Selectman Heidi Alley seconded, to accept the building use request from the Cushing Library pending proof of insurance naming the Town of Cushing as additional insured.
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Laurie Haynes will contact the Cushing Library to let them know they can hold the dance in the gym as long as they have insurance.

Abatement- The Board of Assessors are recommending that the Selectmen abate Dennis Young Sr. property taxes for Map 25 Lot 8 for the tax year of 2012 and tax year 2013. The property was assessed twice in error once on account #321 and once on account #356 for a total of \$523.85. The Board of Assessors issued an abatement to the tax collector on May 7, 2015 for tax year 2014. Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 841 states that the municipal officers, either by application or on their own accord may correct any illegality, error or omission after one year but within three years by abatement as long as it is not to adjust or modify the valuation of a property

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve the abatement of the property of Dennis Young Sr. for tax year 2012 and 2013 for a total of \$523.85.
Carried 4-0-1 Daniel Staples abstained

8. Comments from Citizens: No comments from citizens.

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded, to adjourn at 7:50pm.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk