

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

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

Selectmen Absent: Martha Marchut

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve Warrants #46 and #47.
Carried 4-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 11/09/15:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to approve the minutes of the 11/09/15 meeting.
Carried 4-0-0

4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Hathorne Point turnaround: Selectman Daniel Staples reported that he contacted the Allen Agency and that the town can get a certificate of liability insurance naming the Farnsworth as additionally insured so the snowplow drivers can turn around at the Olson House. Chairman Alton Grover said he is aware of the certificate of liability insurance, but he said it is the principal of the situation that bothers him. He said the plow drivers have been turning around there for years and he is certain that the Farnsworth does not ask each visitor to the Olson House for a certificate of liability insurance.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to send a certificate of liability insurance, naming the Farnsworth as additionally insured, to the Farnsworth so the plow drivers can turn around at the Olson House.
Carried 4-0-0

6. New Business:

A. Scheduling annual audit: Town Clerk Lisa Young sought approval to schedule the annual audit with Accountant Mindy Cyr, CPA.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve scheduling the annual audit starting in December and finalizing it in January.
Carried 4-0-0

B. Accept Assessor resignation:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept Kate Hoyt's resignation with regret.
Carried 4-0-0

C. Approval of transfer of funds:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to approve transferring funds from the Norton Cemetery Account to the Ancient Cemetery account in the amount of \$319.48.
Carried 4-0-0

D. Appeal: Selectman Laurie Haynes questioned what had taken place when Selectman Daniel Staples along with Chairman of the Planning Board Daniel Remian met with Attorney Kristen Collins; she is worried about the appearance of a conflict. Selectman Daniel Staples said Attorney Collins stated it was not a conflict, and at today's meeting she told them that she doesn't feel that the appeal that was received is an Appeals Board issue; it is a zoning change issue, which should go to the Selectmen according to the Town of Cushing's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford is concerned that if the Appeals Board does not meet, since the appeal came to them, that the Town could be in violation of due process. He noted that the Town has 30 days from the date the appeal was received to hold a meeting and time is running out. After a brief discussion Selectman Staples offered to call Attorney Collins to tell her their concerns. CEO Scott Bickford warned the Board to be very careful; Chairman Alton Grover feels the Board should listen to Scott. Selectman Staples recommended scheduling a meeting that Scott, the Attorney, and the Board can attend. The Board all agreed that would be the best thing to do.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to direct Selectman Daniel Staples to contact Attorney Kristen Collins to have her and CEO Scott Bickford attend a Special Selectmen's Meeting on November 30, 2015 at 5:00PM.
Carried 4-0-0

7. Adjournment:

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young