

TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
December 28, 2015  
Cushing Community Center

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

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** none

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Laurie Haynes, to approve Warrants #51 & #52.  
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Laurie Haynes left a note for Lisa about the two questions she had in regard to payroll.

**3. Approve Minutes of 12/14/2015:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the 12/14/15 meeting.  
Carried 5-0-0

**4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:**

Selectman Martha Marchut handed out three documents in regard to the transfer station. One is a description of the process of identifying Fiberight as the entity that the Municipal Review Committee is planning on going with, a timeline on what is going to be happening between 2015-2018, and a template for a town meeting warrant that indicates that the town will continue to be a member of the Municipal Review Committee. At some point Selectman Marchut could use some edification as to what exactly needs to happen and when to put this on the town warrant. The other thing she wanted to remind everyone is that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at 6:00pm there will be a meeting at the Waldoboro town hall which will include selectmen from all three towns and the transfer station committee to hear what Greg Louder has to say about the upcoming plans.

Selectman Daniel Staples heard on the news that Perc is planning a meeting in Orland to decide what they are going to do with their plant. He asked if it has to do with what the other towns are planning on doing in the future. Selectman Marchut said yes, and that she received from Lisa information from USA Energy, which is the parent company of Perc, and that she will review it and then get copies back to everyone. Perc is trying to get the towns business but MRC is not receptive to Perc at this point, so she is not sure how this will work out. The word is that Perc could be losing the subsidies that it has had and that it is not going to be financially viable. Perc has been bypassing MRC at this point. A month or so ago Selectman Marchut reported that the MRC asked Perc to bring information directly to them rather than going to the member towns directly so that MRC could be the point person but it appears they are not doing that. If the town is planning on staying with a large entity we will probably go with what MRC is proposing; we will be on our own if we go with Perc at this point. Chairman Alton Grover inquired who will be on their own Waldoboro or all of us. Selectman Marchut said that if we by ourselves do it we will be all by ourselves and if we along with Waldoboro and Friendship stay with Perc than we as a group will be by ourselves as a group of three. She doesn't have the impression that Waldoboro or Friendship is interested in going with Perc at this point. Selectman Staples asked if she was just talking about the three towns. He asked if there will be other towns that will stay with Perc if they are viable. The Waldoboro group had decided to go with MRC. Selectman

Marchut explained that MRC is made up of 187 towns that is assuming they stay with MRC. That's part of what is happening now towns' are making a decision on what they want to do.

Selectman Laurie Haynes asked Selectman Marchut if she could give the Selectmen a list of the big differences between Perc and Fiberight; a list of the pros and cons so she will have some knowledge before the meeting in Waldoboro. She inquired what made the transfer station committee and MRC decide not to go with Perc. Selectman Marchut said that the major reason the Transfer Committee and MRC decided not to go with Perc is that they heard that staying with Perc is going to be very expensive and that tipping fees are going to go way up. Perc now is stating that an increase may not be the case but even with their modified view of what it is going to cost the figures they have gotten from Fiberight is that they will be less expensive. Selectman Daniel Staples said if Perc loses its subsidies they have to make the money up some how and that is through tipping fees. Selectman Marchut noted that there is a lot to all this and that is why it is so important to attend the meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. At this time Fiberight does not have their facility built and they just recently got a new financial backer, so a lot can happen between now and 2018.

#### **5. Unfinished Business:**

#### **6. New Business:**

**A.** Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Rescue Squad

**7. Comments from Citizens:** No comments.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:18 P.M.  
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young