

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
February 08, 2016
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 6:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approve and Sign the Warrants:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept Warrants #5 & #6
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 01/25/16:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to accept the minutes as amended.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, reported that she talked with Animal Control Officer Stephen Stimpson in regard to the \$25 dollar late fee charge for those who have not registered their dogs. The late fee started February 1st. Steve was wondering if the Board wanted him to contact people and give them one more chance. The Board felt that due to each owner getting a reminder in the mail, the sign out front states that dog licenses are due, and notices are posted that late fees should be applied.

The Rescue Squad has looked into hiring a shredding service to shred confidential documents and has inquired if the town office would like to be included. Town Clerk Lisa Young stated she has a lot of election items that need to be shredded. She was told that the fee is \$30.00. The company will bring a bin to place the items in, once it is full, they will come and shred the documents on site. The Board approved hiring the service.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Personnel Policy- Under Article XI of the Town of Cushing Personnel Policy the Board approved adding that sick leave may be used to care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve adding that sick leave may be used to care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.
Carried 5-0-0

Selectman Martha Marchut reminded and asked if anyone could attend the Transfer Station Committee Meeting at 6:00PM this Thursday to hear PERC's presentation.

6. New Business:

A. Floodplain Ordinance: Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that CEO/LPI Scott Bickford mentioned that the Board may want to look at page 4 Article IV the first paragraph in regard to fees. He wondered if Sue Baker from the Department of Environmental Protection thought Cushing had no fees. He thought the Board may want to consider writing what Sue Baker wrote for Owls Head, by not stating fees the Board then could change them if they wanted to, by having the fees in the ordinance the Town is locked into those fees, and the only way to change them would be to go through the adoption of a new ordinance. Selectman Daniel Staples agreed and also recommended adding a reference to the Towns' Land Use and Development Fee Schedule where the fees are listed. The Board agreed. Town Clerk Lisa Young will add this to the Ordinance. The Board signed the certification that the ordinance, with the addition of the fee reference, will be presented to voters at the March 22, 2016 Town Meeting.

B. Set interest for unpaid and abated taxes for 2016:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to set the interest for unpaid taxes at 6% and for abated taxes at 2%.
Carried 5-0-0

C. Sign and approve 2016 Town Warrant: The Board signed and approved the 2016 Town Warrant for the Town Meeting.

D. Town Report Question: The Town Clerk inquired if the Board wanted to put something in the town report to honor Joseph Carr and Chester Knowles who both did a lot for the town. The Board in the past felt that there are a lot of people that have done a lot for the town and they are afraid if they start naming people someone may get left out. It was noted that the Rescue Squad has put a piece in their 2015 report honoring Joe Carr. The Board felt that was the perfect way to honor someone, having the committee or board that they were involved with put a piece in their report for the town report. Selectman Martha Marchut will contact chairman of the Cemetery Committee Bob Weisert to have him put something in their report in honor of Chester Knowles who put so much time and effort into the Cemeteries and the Cemetery Board.

E. Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Town has received notification from Knox County that the buy in price this year for heating fuel will be \$1.50 per gallon from Maritime Energy.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to approve entering into a contract with Maritime Energy for heating fuel at a price of \$1.50 per gallon.

7. Comments from Citizens

Selectman Heidi Alley said she had a couple ask her some questions that she didn't know the answer. The first question was about the old plow truck, she thought the Board had talked about putting it out to bid, or trading it and she was wondering if that had happened. Chairman Alton Grover said that it has not gone out to bid yet, but thought they would this Spring along with the old fire truck. He also noted that the old plow truck is in his parking lot because there is no room in the garage, and in the past they have had trouble with someone stealing things off the trucks when they were parked by the fire station. The second question was in regard to maintenance of the plow trucks. She asked if the plow trucks were getting rinsed off after each use. Chairman Grover stressed that they do. The third question was in regard to the paving that was done on Spear Mill Road. Heidi thought Alton talked with the company that hot topped this summer to access the hump; she was wondering if it ever got addressed. She noted that she was on Spear Mill Road and almost bottomed out. Chairman Grover was surprised because it has been ground down two times. He said he did talk to the paving company but he is really not sure who did the work because the town has never received a bill

Selectman Daniel Staples noted that the pavement was separating on Town House Road. He thought they were supposed to fix it. Chairman Grover said they did fix the road so the hot top does not slide down anymore and that the edges are breaking up now due to the water running down the sides.

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Alton Grover, to adjourn at

6:36 PM
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk