

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 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 6:04 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 #7 & #8
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 02/08/16:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to accept the February 08, 2016 meeting minutes.
Carried 5-0-0

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Selectman Martha Marchut wanted to update the Board in regard to the item on the Town Meeting Warrant which is asking the Town for approval to go with MRC and Fiberight. She found out at the Transfer Station Committee meeting that Friendship and Waldoboro are not planning on voting on it until June. It was suggested that Cushing may want to wait until June too. She did check with Selectman Staples and put in a message to Chair Grover that we may want to take it off the warrant before it was placed in the town report, but it was decided to keep it on the warrant for now. In the meantime, Town Clerk Lisa Young did find out that even though it is in the town report it can legally be taken off. The warrant can be changed up until it is posted, which is at least 7 days before the meeting, which would be on March 14th. If the Board keeps the article on the warrant and then at town meeting recommend that it not be voted on, Moderator Michael Mayo would recommend asking the people to vote it down rather than pass it over. Selectman Marchut wanted to make sure everyone is clear with the situation and asked if the Board would like to entertain waiting until June to vote on the article.

Selectman Daniel Staples noted that if the Board decided to wait until June that they could have a special town meeting. He also wanted to say that he felt that Fiberight gave a great presentation. He didn't feel that Perc had as much to offer, but when it came to the point where they might lose jobs and positions, they have become reactive rather than proactive which scares him. Selectman Staples said that his personal opinion, even though he didn't see Perc's presentation, is to go with Fiberight unless Perc comes up with something really good. Selectman Marchut reported that there already have been questions raised about the information that Perc provided.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to take article #44 off the Cushing Town Warrant.
Carried 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has more bad news in regard to the fire truck that was just purchased. He reminded the Board that a lot of money has been spent getting a sticker on the newly purchased fire truck, and now there is a leak on the back of the fire truck. Chief Arthur Kiskila contacted K&T from Island Falls to come and inspect the leak. They have found numerous issues with the fire truck and due to needing parts they would need to take the truck to their shop to fix it. K & T offered to come and get the truck, take it back to their shop, and then

return it to the Town. The fee for any work is \$80.00/hour and Island Falls is over 4 hours away. They were unable to give an estimate due to the many problems. Selectman Haynes stated that the company we purchased the truck from misrepresented the truck when we purchased it. They said it had a sticker, but come to find out it was put on illegally, and the receipt said it was in drivable condition which it really wasn't. She thought what Selectman Daniel Staples said was marvelous. Contact the seller of the fire truck and tell them that they can either take the truck back and give us our money back along with the \$7,000 for the repairs and it will wipe the slate clean, or the Town of Cushing will be calling our attorney and DOT. Chairman Alton Grover told the Board that the Department of Transportation rules are the same in all states.

Selectman Staples stated that Chair Grover informed him today that the pump on the old fire truck could have been fixed at the highest point for \$20,000, and the old fire truck was the only fire truck that passed inspection. Selectman Heidi Alley inquired if Copeland's handles pump parts. Chair Grover said that is what Selectman Staples recommended to have Copeland's look at it and give us an estimate. Selectman Alley noted why are we contacting someone from Island Falls. Chair Grover said he felt the same way, but Chief Kiskila contacted them to have them look at the dump valve. Selectman Alley stated Chief Kiskila is again overstepping; he needs to be reigned in. Selectman Marchut asked if the plan was to have Copeland's look at the fire truck. Selectman Alley felt the seller should be contacted and let them know that it was fraudulently sold and they need to take it back and reimburse the town or the Towns' attorney along with DOT will be called. It was decided that Selectman Daniel Staples and Chairman Grover will contact Shakerly Fire Truck Sales.

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to direct Alton Grover and Daniel Staples to contact Shakerly Fire Truck Sales to offer them an opportunity to make things right, by taking back the truck, giving the town back the check they paid for the truck, and the \$7,000 that was paid for the repairs. If that does not work, then the towns' attorney will be contacted as well as the Department of Transportation.
Carried 5-0-0

5. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

6. New Business: No Unfinished Business.

7. Comments from Citizens No Comments from Citizens.

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:28 PM
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk