

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
April 11, 2016
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Daniel Staples, Heidi Alley, and Martha Marchut

Selectmen Absent: Laurie Haynes

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chair 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 Heidi Alley, to approve Warrants #13 and #14.
Carried 4-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 3/28/16:

ACTION: Selectman Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to approve the minutes of the 3/28/16 meeting as written.
Carried 3-0-1 (Daniel Staples abstained due to not being at that meeting)

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Selectman Daniel Staples would like to add no smoking in town vehicles to the Town of Cushing Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. He will make the changes and get a copy to everyone for the next meeting.

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, reported that she has a mandatory voter equipment training from 9:30-12:30 on Friday, April 29th at the Waldoboro Town Office. She thought it may be helpful to have Sandra Blanchard attend, but due to it would leave only the Tax Collector in the office, it was decided that only Lisa will attend and she will train Sandra as she has in the past.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Transfer Station: Selectman Martha Marchut noted assuming that the Waldoboro Select Board approve the recommendation from the Transfer Station Committee to go forward with Fiberight, which she believes they will, Cushing will need to vote on the article that was taken off the Town Meeting Warrant. She has discussed options with Lisa and found that Cushing could hold a public hearing, and then vote by secret ballot at an upcoming election, or hold a special town meeting which includes the hearing and the voting at the same meeting. Selectman Marchut wanted to know the thoughts of the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to schedule a special town meeting preceding a selectmen's meeting in May once they find out what the decision the Waldoboro Selectmen made. Selectman Marchut will let the Board know at the next meeting.

Selectman Marchut has a draft of the engineering study that was put together by the Town of Waldoboro. She will get a copy to each of the selectmen. The study looks at the four options: Fiberight, Perc, Ecomaine, and Crossroads Landfill. She said that it was not a cut and dry decision. The engineering study eliminated Perc, they did not see it as an option, and the Transfer Committee eliminated Crossroads Landfill because the landfill option is at the bottom of the states hierarchy, so that brought it to Ecomaine and Fiberight. Selectman Marchut noted that there is something to say about both of them. As the Board is aware, Fiberight is new and not up and running but it is more state of the art than Ecomaine. Selectman Daniel Staples inquired if Fiberight has met its required tonnage. Selectman Marchut said they have not yet but they are getting close.

Selectman Marchut reported that the pay per bag issue is going to be brought to the Waldoboro Select Board. The Transfer Station Committee would like to see the issue voted on by the Town of Waldoboro in November. Between now and then, Selectman Marchut would like to get Cushing's input on the matter to provide it to Waldoboro even though Cushing can not vote.

Selectman Alley voiced her concern that recycling may decline. She noted that when she would travel to Camden to work she noticed that in Warren she never saw any recycling only the purple bags. Selectman Marchut will check into how Warren is doing with recycling because one of the haulers is on the Warren Select Board and the Transfer Station Committee.

Selectman Daniel Staples has asked people in Warren if they are doing their trash differently now that they are paying per bag, and they stated that they are not doing anything different. Selectman Staples said as far as he is concerned pay per bag is just another tax. Selectman Marchut said that John Daigle feels very strongly that there is a lot of money to be saved, and he has said that he believes Cushing has the potential to save \$48,000 for the first year that they have pay per bag, but that is based on making assumptions and one of the assumptions is that people will recycle more. Selectman Staples noted that if you are paying for your trash to be removed, and then more money for the trash bags, he doesn't see how there will be a savings of \$48,000. Selectman Marchut said they are assuming that people will recycle more and they will make money on the trash bags.

6. New Business:

A. Approve Appointment: The Board approved the following Selectmen duties and Appointments:

Alton Grover(Chairman): Selectmen meetings, incoming mail, keeping the Board informed, agenda, newsgroups, General Assistant Administrator, oversees local and state roads, legal, MMA representative and insurances.

Daniel Staples: Board representative for the Shellfish Committee, Knox County Departments, Harbor Committee, and back-up General Assistance.

Laurie Haynes: Ordinance Committee, Recreation Department, and Addressing Officer.

Martha Marchut: Transfer Station Committee, Cemetery Board, Recycling Committee, and Grant Coordinator.

Heidi Alley: Rescue Squad, responsible to the Board for employees for all departments and members of all committees, oversees office operations, and internal audits of Treasurer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector.

Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer- Irene Vinal, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector- Lisa Young, Code Enforcement Officer, and Plumbing Inspector-Scott Bickford, Fire Chief, and Emergency Management Director-Arthur Kiskila, Assistant Fire Chief and Member of the Harbor Committee- Peter McBean, Rescue Squad Director-Helen Darmara, Assistant Rescue Squad Director- Andrew Blanchard, Harbor Master- Austin Donaghy, Animal Control Officer- Stephen Stimpson, Appeals Board Member- Robert Patterson, Planning Board Member- Frank Muddle.

B. Food Pantry- Chairman Alton Grover reported that the front door was not latched, the wind took it, and the window fell out. He contacted Gary Grant and he was supposed to fix it last Friday. Food Pantry volunteer Richard Moody has brought some areas of concern to Alton's attention. He said they would like to see something done to the front of the building. The wooden shingles on the front are curling up and no amount of paint will fix them, in the back near the propane tank the sill looks like it needs work, and the casing around the front door needs to be fixed. Chairman Grover feels that this may be a good time to fix these items. Selectman Daniel Staples inquired if Friendship helps with any repair work. Chairman Grover noted that they paid for half of the shingling of the roof.

The Board approved having Chairman Grover contact Kathy to find out if they would be willing to help out with this repair work and, either way, he will put the work out to bid.

C. Ball field- Selectman Daniel Staples noted that he and Chairman Grover were planning on putting some 6X6 boards under the little shed. They felt that if the building was moved out of the boggy area it should be fine. Cheryl Stackpole, member of the Recreation Department, said that they are not sure what they are going to do with that building. She did note that they have someone coming to look at the snack shack due to it is rotting underneath.

Chairman Grover reminded Cheryl that there is an electrical line that runs from the garage all the way down to the snack shack in case anyone ever needed to dig. Cheryl said they would contact Alton if they were planning on doing any digging.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that Roy Grotton from RSU #13 contacted him in regard to mowing the field. He said they did not know they were supposed to mow it. In the past, the Town has always sanded the school, and the school would mow the field. Chairman Grover noted that last year he talked with Business Manager Peter Orne and he said that they would mow it but for some reason it has not been mowed.

Cheryl said they would like to have the ball field mowed at least until the end of June, which is the end of their season, and if possible they would like to have the weeds trimmed around the fence. She said that last year it was not mowed and it looked quite shabby. Cheryl reported that last week she asked if the Fire Department would burn for them but they said it was too green. The Selectmen where quite surprised that they could not burn. Alton said if they could not get it burned right off he will contact Guy Barter to trim the weeds around the fence as soon as possible.

Cheryl noted that on April 29th they are having a clean-up day, and as a fund raiser, they are putting business banners up around the fence. She also reported that a new sign will be put up by the road at the end of the month.

D. Truck bids- Chairman Alton Grover announced that the fire truck and snow plow truck needs to be put out to bid. The Fire Department would like a \$5,000 dollar minimum bid put on the fire truck and Chair Grover would like the same for the plow truck.

Chair Grover announced that he has some people that are interested in bidding on the trucks and the land that will be going out to bid.

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to put the trucks out to bid with a minimum bid for each truck set at \$5,000.
Carried 4-0-0

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Martha Marchut, to put the tax acquired land out to bid with a required deposit of \$500.00 for each parcel.
Carried 4-0-0

7. Comments from Citizens: Resident Randolph Robbins inquired in regard to the Fiberight and MRC vote on how the board feels about getting formation out to the town. Selectman Staples asked Town Clerk what has been down in the past. She reported that information usually is posted at the Town Office, Post Office, and Broad Cove Market as well as on the website and on the e-mail through Cushing posting. Mr. Robbins noted that it would be well worth it to put the Pine Tree Engineering Study on the website rather than just in the town office which the board agreed.

Mr. Robbins mentioned that South Thomaston made the decision not to go with the their transfer station group and that Cushing may not go with MRC and Fiberight. Selectman Marchut said that Cushing in theory could go in a different direction, and she is aware that Mr. Payson has put out information that Cushing should not go with Waldoboro, but she feels that it would be quite a decision given that Cushing has a good relationship with them and is well established there using their transfer station. However, it is an option and she is sure that Mr. Payson, due to the many e-mails she gets that he sends out, is speaking for people in town when he says that maybe Cushing should not stay with Waldoboro.

Mr. Payson said he went to the Waldoboro Select Board Meeting to hear how they would proceed and they made the decision to go with MRC and Fiberight and to have the legislative body of Waldoboro vote on it June. He noted that is why he is at this meeting to see what the board is planning on doing. He feels that the people of Cushing will ask the board what they plan to do. Selectman Daniel Staples said that he can not tell anyone how to vote but he can tell them how he would vote. Mr. Payson said it involves millions of dollars and he is not sure if anyone gets it.

Selectman Marchut recommended, as she has before, that Mr. Payson come to the Transfer Station Committee Meetings on a regular basis so he can express his opinions on this, because if he is not in agreement with the

direction the Transfer Station is going in, and he doesn't express it, she is not sure how his opinion gets acted upon or listened to in a way that can make a difference.

Mr. Payson is concerned that the people of Cushing are not aware that Cushing needs to go with whatever Waldoboro does because Cushing does not have a transfer station. He does not know how the Town of South Thomaston voted against going with Thomaston because they do not have a transfer station.

Mr. Robbins said that with South Thomaston voting not to go with the Thomaston group that this may leave an opportunity for Cushing to look into joining Thomaston. He feels it is important that the people of Cushing know that there are other options not just Waldoboro. He noted that in March of 2018 Cushing's MSA ceases with Waldoboro and the Town is not obligated to them anymore which Selectman Marchut said was correct. He feels it is up to the Board of Selectmen to pursue other groups such as Thomaston and Rockland. In the past, he and Will have spoken with Peter Lammert of Thomaston who has been very open with them of the possibility of Cushing joining Thomaston. He stressed that he told Mr. Lammert that he did not want him to officially go to the Thomaston Board of Selectmen to make a request that it would be up to the Cushing Selectmen to make a request for Cushing. He said he doesn't know what the status of Rockland is.

Chairman Grover said that they looked into going with Thomaston and Rockland but were told that they could not. Mr. Robbins said he is aware of that but that it was years ago. Selectman Staples said that Mr. Lammert is only one person; not the whole board. Mr. Robbins realizes this, but he feels it is important for the Board to ask so Cushing will know what options it has.

Chairman Alton Grover asked Mr. Robbins and Mr. Payson if what they wanted was for Cushing to go to Thomaston and try again. Mr. Payson said he did not, but Selectman Marchut read an e-mail he had sent March 29, 2016 stating he did want Cushing to go with Thomaston. Mr. Payson said he has changed his mind. Mr. Robbins stressed that it is about Cushing and he wanted to make sure the Board knew that there may be other options for Cushing. The Board thanked them for the information.

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) acquisition of real property or economic development 7:05pm.
Carried 4-0-0

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Heidi Alley, to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:14pm.
Carried 4-0-0

8. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to adjourn at 7:54 P.M.
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk