

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting
August 22, 2016
Cushing Community Center

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Young

1. Call to Order: Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 approve Warrants #31 and #32.
Carried 5-0-0

3. Approve Minutes of 8/08/16:

ACTION: Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve the minutes of the 8/08/16 meeting.
Carried 5-0-0

Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Monika Magee, Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee Representative, handed out a shortened version of the presentation that was made to the Waldoboro Select Board regarding the three town committee's recommendation to adopt Pay-As-You-Throw. The presentation showed that there will be significant savings with the program. She also noted that since the new scales were put in there has been a reduction of about 1000 tons of trash and a corresponding reduction of transport and tipping fees to PERC.

Selectman Daniel Staples inquired why it is showing a decrease of costs in FY17 but for Cushing there is an increase. He noted that if the scales are saving so much money there should be a savings for Cushing. Monika and Martha were not sure but they will check into it for him. Selectman Staples said he is planning on attending a meeting to ask this question.

Selectman Martha Marchut added that the savings in taxes would be from a combination of two things. One would be there would be a shift on how we are paying for the transportation station by having people buy bags. The individual would be responsible for paying for their trash like they do their electric bill etc. Secondly, there would be a true reduction in taxes if people start recycling more.

Selectman Daniel Staples said he contacted the Sheriffs' office to monitor the Cross Road and Pleasant Point Road intersection and they agreed they would. Chairman Alton Grover mentioned the possibility of putting another yield sign on the other side of the road so there are two yield signs to get drivers attention. The Board agreed to have Chairman Grover contact DOT to put another yield sign up.

Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that it is time to schedule the annual public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the General Assistant Ordinance Appendices A-D. She noted that it will be either the 12th of September or the 26th depending on getting it in the paper.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Letter to direct CEO:

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to draft a letter to the CEO directing him to follow the recommendations of the Planning Board and to use the Cushing Site Plan Review Ordinance as it relates to the property.
Carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Laurie Haynes abstained)

The Board discussed that there may be other Commercial Businesses in Town that should be checked out ;they felt that it is important to treat everyone the same.

6. New Business:

A. Review letter from resident about boundary issue: Donald Saastamoinen sent a letter to Daniel Remian, Chairman of the Assessors, explaining that in attempting to resolve a long term boundary issue on the western side of the brook on Map 15. Through the title search and surveying they have discovered that John Young apparently owns several acres of land on that western side of the brook. Through out the years he and the Orff's have paid taxes on it. He noted that the Cushing Assessors were not aware of Young's lot.

He went on to explain that he contacted Mr. Young and offered to purchase the land, which he has agreed to, but due to there are liens on Mr. Young's property, and the liens mention the book and page that lists the newly discovered lot, he is not sure that he should proceed. His attorney, Jim Strong, mentioned that the town may give a quit claim deed stating that there are no liens or back taxes on that piece.

Chairman of the Assessors, Daniel Remian, said that if we make that lot a separate parcel, which they can do because they now have a survey showing the piece; they may be able to work it out, but he would like to discuss it with Assessors' Agent Garnett Robinson again and wait until after the commitment. He said to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Board thought that it made sense to get legal advice to find out if a piece can be exempt from a lien. Dan Remian suggested that Don contact his lawyer to find out if legally the town can exempt a portion of property from a lien and the town will verify it with theirs.

B. Review Agreement Letter for Services for Attorney Kristin Collins who now is with Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, LLP:

ACTION: Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to accept the agreement letter for Attorney Kristin Collins.
Carried 5-0-0

8. Comments from Citizens: No Comments

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk