

TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 14, 2016  
Cushing Community Center

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

**Selectmen Absent:** Martha Marchut

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Warrant #41 & #42  
Carried 4-0-0

**3. Approve Minutes of 10/24/16:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to approve the minutes of the 10/24/16 meeting.  
Carried 3-0-1 Heidi Alley abstained due to not being at that meeting.

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

**5. Unfinished Business:**

Carole Leporati and Frank Muddle came to follow-up on what is happening with the Fales property. She inquired if the Board has heard back from Maine Municipal Association Legal Department. Selectman Daniel Staples read the letter from MMA which stated that any vote to accept the donation will need to consider the buyer's exact terms and conditions for the donation of the property, and that there are various tax implications and public purpose considerations that would need to be worked through.

Carole informed the Board that the closing date on the property is November 16th. When this happens, the family would like to donate the field by the water to the town. They also would like to start fundraising to off set the cost of the gift.

Selectman Daniel Staples stated he feels very uncomfortable with the town handling the donations, reimbursing the buyer etc. He would like to take MMA's advice to obtain legal counsel to get some guidance on this issue. The Board agreed.

Selectman Daniel Staples will contact the Towns' attorney to receive legal input on this situation. Selectman Laurie Haynes asked Carole and Frank to make sure to have the exact terms in writing. She noted the Board needs to make sure that everything is done correctly. Kristin Collins will be at the next meeting and they can discuss this at that time. Carole will plan to come to the next meeting unless she hears otherwise.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Abatement Map 7 Lot 44-** The Board of Selectmen approved an abatement for Map 7 Lot 44 for tax year 2015. Extra acreage was assessed to this property in error. The total dollar amount was \$33.58.

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, Selectman Laurie Haynes seconded, to approve the abatement for Map 7 Lot 44 for tax year 2015 in the amount of \$33.58.  
Carried 4-0-0

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, noted that the last Selectmen's Meeting in December falls on a holiday, so she wanted to know if the Selectmen wanted to move it to the next day. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to cancel the meeting.

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Heidi Alley, to cancel the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled on December 26, 2016.  
Carried 4-0-0

**7. Comments from Citizens:** None

**8. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:35PM  
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young  
Town Clerk