

TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN  
Minutes of Meeting  
December 12, 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 #45 & #46  
Carried 3-0-0 Selectman Heidi Alley had not arrived yet.

**3. Approve Minutes of 11/28/16:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the minutes of the 11/28/16 meeting.  
Carried 3-0-0 Selectman Heidi Alley had not arrived yet.

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

**5. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Animal Control Officer and Knox County:** Selectman Daniel Staples reported that he has talked with Tim Carroll from the Knox County Sheriffs Office. Beginning the first of the year the sheriffs office should be ready to take over the animal control position. Selectman Laurie Haynes inquired if it will save the town money. Selectman Daniel Staples said the cost should be the same but coverage should be much better. He said that the sheriffs office feel they can get the animal care facility fee reduced. He said that in the written agreement Cushing will be able to pull out at anytime if the board feels it isn't working for Cushing.

Selectman Laurie Haynes inquired what is planned for road work in the coming year because she has had a complaint. A resident has a large vehicle that due to several bad places in the road it is being damaged when they drive on Spear Mill Road. Selectman Laurie Haynes went to check it out and thought that there was a culvert problem. Chairman Alton Grover didn't know exactly where she meant so he asked Selectman Haynes to show him and she said she would.

Chairman Alton Grover noted that if there is any money in the spring that the town will plan to hot top the area on Spear Mill Road next year to try and fix the issue.

**6. New Business**

**A. Paramedic Intercept Agreement:** This agreement is for paramedic assistance from the Town of Warren. Town Clerk, Lisa Young, contacted MMA and they have sent a recommendation to add reference to the Maine Tort Claims Act. Selectman Daniel Staples will contact Warren.

**B. Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors Ballot:** Selectman Daniel Staples will contact Selectman Martha Marchut because she may know the candidates from being on the Transfer Station Committee..

**7. Comments from Citizens:** None

**8. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E) consultation with legal counsel**

**ACTION:** Chairman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Laurie Haynes, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) A personnel matter at 6:25 PM.  
Carried 4-0-0

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to enter back to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:47PM.  
Carried 4-0-0

**ACTION:** Selectman Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by Selectman Daniel Staples, to increase the on call snowplow pay to \$200.00 weekly starting December 1, 2016.  
Carrie 3-0-1 Chairman Alton Grover abstained.

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to increase the hourly wage for the snow plow drivers to \$19.00 per hour. This will be included in the budgetary process to be approved at town meeting in March. The pay will be retro active to January1,2017.  
Carried 3-0-1 Chairman Alton Grover abstained.

**9. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Daniel Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to adjourn at 6:52PM  
Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Young  
Town Clerk