

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting

February 26, 2018
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Select Board Chair Alton Grover, Selectmen Laurie Haynes, Heidi Alley, and Danny Staples

Selectmen Absent: Selectman Martha Marchut

Staff Present: Cushing Treasurer Lisa Young

Public Present: no one

0. Open Discussion none

1. Call to Order: Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:

ACTION: S. Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by S. Laurie Haynes, to approve 2018 Warrants 7 and 8.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of the 2/12/18 Meeting:

ACTION: S. Laurie Haynes made a motion, seconded by S. Heidi Alley, to approve minutes of 2/12/18 meeting.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Moratorium on Interim Building Development

ACTION: none taken at this meeting

Discussion: Heidi Alley mentioned that the Selectmen might consider placing a moratorium on new building development in case the Cushing Site Plan Review Ordinance is repealed, so that, e.g., no methadone clinics could be built in the interim. Dan Staples thought the Town had placed a moratorium but this was determined to have only to do with marijuana sales and storage.

5b. Cleaning the Cushing Town Office

ACTION: [Informal] Selectman Heidi Alley said applicants for the position should be asked to supply three references and a cover letter of intent. The Selectmen said they would put the news out on the Cushing email site first, and advertise in the Courier if they did not get a response from the (free) Cushing email list.

Discussion: Lisa Young asked the Selectmen about the phrase in the job announcement, "Please apply with references." She said that when comes to apply, we have no application for them to fill out.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Update on Truck

ACTION: [Informal] Select Board Chair Alton Grover will contact interested parties about Town truck parts.

Discussion: The Selectmen discussed putting an unfit truck out for bid. Alton Grover explained that the truck was mostly worthless, and that he had had a couple of offers from people who could use pieces of it.

6b. Update on Foreclosures

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley made a motion, seconded by Selectman Danny Staples, to ask Treasurer Lisa Young to send a certified letter to Bank of America, the current holder of what was formerly a Fleet mortgage, notifying BOA that the Town had recently foreclosed upon said property and giving the bank an additional [three months] to pay the taxes current and claim the property.

Discussion: Treasurer Lisa Young told the Selectmen that she had succeeded in discussing with Bank of America a situation regarding property that the Town had foreclosed on on May 8, 2018. Lisa read from the lien manual, that the Town should "...keep in mind that if a mortgagee or unassessed owner of record was not sent a copy of the lien certificate, that person had three months after being notified in which to redeem the property." Therefore, Lisa advised the Selectmen that the Town ought to notify BOA formally and give them three months to act. The Selectmen agreed.

Regarding the Sheep Point foreclosure, Lisa Young again read from the lien manual about specific procedures governing this former homeowner's request to claim personal property. Restrictions were discussed. [Informal action:] Lisa agreed to send former homeowner a certified letter saying 'you have 30 days after receiving this letter to claim your personal property.'

7. New Business:

7a. Town Roads

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: The three roads to be paved or re-paved are: Killeran Lane, Spear Mill Road, and McCarter Point Road.

8. Comments from Citizens: none

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Danny Staples, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,
Deputy Town Clerk