

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting

March 12, 2018
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Selectmen Danny Staples, Laurie Haynes, Heidi Alley, Martha Marchut

Selectmen Absent: none

Staff Present: Cushing Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: none

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: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martha Marchut, to approve 2018 Warrants 9 and 10.

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Approve Minutes of the 2/26/18 Meeting:

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the Minutes of the 2/26/18 meeting as amended.

Discussion: Minor errors in name spellings and type-os were corrected. Brief discussion of whether or not Summer Lane needed to be repaired.

Motion Carried 4-0-1 [Martha Marchut abstained, not having been present at the 2.26.2018 meeting.]

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Foreclosure Update

ACTION: None taken.

Discussion: Cushing Treasurer Lisa Young reported that she had notified the two parties concerned in two Cushing foreclosures, one a former homeowner, and the other a representative from Bank of America, which holds a mortgage on the relevant property. The former homeowner had received and picked up (on March 7) a certified letter from the Town saying that she had 30 days from time of receipt to claim personal possessions in the house that had been foreclosed on. Lisa sent the homeowner an email of the information as well, but had not heard anything. Bank of America had notified Cushing that it will be sending a check to pay outstanding taxes on the property it wishes to claim.

5b. Harris (TRIO) Web-Based Conversion Coming Up, Requires SQL Upgrade

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion to approve the SQL upgrade and to pay the required fee so that Cushing could be ready to use the TRIO Web-based software. Selectman Martha Marchut seconded.

Discussion: Town Clerk Lisa Young explained that the software that the Town requires to function, TRIO, will soon become web-based software; that there is an expense involved; and that one of the Selectmen needed to sign off on a form and agree to pay the required fee for the necessary, related SQL upgrade.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5c. Roof on Fire Station

ACTION: Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Heidi Alley, to locate an inspector and have an inspection done of the Cushing Fire Station roof.

Discussion: Select Board Chair Alton Grover pointed out that the fire station's metal roof was 42 years old, that recently Cushing had been required to make repairs to the sand shed roof, which is newer. Alton wondered if someone ought to inspect. Heidi wondered why we had no gutter on the Town Office roof. It's because it ices up and creates a worse situation with ice dams. Lisa said she sands the pavement under the dripping roof, regularly.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5d. Minimum Wage Increase to \$10.00/Hour in Maine

ACTION: [Informal] Selectmen agreed to authorize Cushing Registrar/Treasurer Lisa Young to pay ballot clerks the new minimum wage.

Discussion: Lisa explained that, since minimum wage had recently gone up to \$10 an hour, this change would have to be reflected in what the ballot clerks were paid to work the upcoming municipal election.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6. Unfinished Business: none

7. New Business:

7a. Transfer Station Items: Shared Services Agreement / Shared Solid Waste Disposal & Required Recycling Ordinance

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Selectman Martha Marchut commented that the best place to discuss issues pertaining to the Cushing/Friendship/Waldoboro Transfer Station shared services agreement and ordinance under review might be at the March 26th Public Hearing and meeting of the Waldoboro Selectmen, in Waldoboro. There was initially some question about whether Cushing and Friendship residents would be allowed to speak at this meeting, as they are not Waldoboro residents. Martha reviewed the order of procedure for passing these two documents (shared services agreement and ordinance): First, Waldoboro holds a hearing. This will take place Tuesday, March 27. Cushing and Friendship Selectmen have been invited to this meeting and can presumably ask questions. Then the Waldoboro Selectmen will vote. Two weeks later—assuming the Waldoboro Selectmen give the two documents the go-ahead—Waldoboro townspeople vote, at a Special Town Meeting, on whether or not to accept these documents. If they pass, then Cushing and Friendship each schedule a Special Town Meeting + Public Hearing (together) to see if the towns will pass the two documents. Discussion followed about details of the agreement, and implications of going together with two other towns. Discussion of recycling and how to encourage it. Pay-per-bag was mentioned as a way to benefit people who recycled, but

PPB did not pass. Discussion of prison recycling: The Transfer Station has recently started hauling trash for the prison, in Warren. Martha commented that the prison recycles almost everything. Waldoboro Town Mgr. visited the prison and said dealing with them would definitely help the Transfer Station. Question: what's a swap shop? It's a clearinghouse where useful items can be "re-homed", perhaps for a fee. It would require staffing. Dan Staples asked about receiving the Transfer Station's budget in a timely fashion to make it in time for our Budget Committee meeting. Martha said this would be good to point out. Laurie Haynes and Heidi Alley pointed out several places in the shared services agreement that read to them as inappropriate, concerning particulars of recycling in Cushing and Friendship. Selectman Martha Marchut felt that such oversight belonged in another document, a Waldoboro-specific one, and that maybe Waldoboro had not seen another place to put such specifics. Selectman Dan Staples commented that Waldoboro is more densely populated than either of the other two towns.

8. Comments from Citizens: none.

—Executive Session—

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(A), a personnel matter, at 6:47.

Select Board Chair Alton Grover moved; Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to enter into Executive Session.

Selectman Heidi Alley moved; Selectman Martha Marchut seconded, to return to the regular mtg. at 6:58 p.m.

—The Selectmen rejoined the main meeting at 6:58 p.m.—

ACTION: Selectman **Martha Marchut** made a motion to set up a Public Hearing and vote in Cushing, on April 9, 2018, at 6 p.m. preceding the regular meeting of the Cushing Selectmen. This hearing would be in response to the Waldoboro vote on the following documents: (1) *Cushing/Friendship/Waldoboro Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities*; and (2) *Shared Solid Waste Disposal & Required Recycling Ordinance, Towns of Cushing, Friendship, and Waldoboro*. Cushing residents would be invited to discuss, and then vote on, these documents. Selectman **Laurie Haynes** seconded.

Discussion: no additional

Motion Carried 5-0-0

—Second Executive Session—

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(A), a personnel matter, at 7:04. **Heidi Alley** moved, and Select Board Chair **Alton Grover** seconded, to enter into Executive Session.

Heidi Alley moved, and **Martha Marchut** seconded, to return to the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

—The Selectmen rejoined the main meeting at 7:20 p.m.—

9. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Heidi Alley motioned, seconded by Select Board Chair Alton Grover, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,
Deputy Town Clerk