

TOWN OF CUSHING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting
April 30, 2018
Cushing Community Center

Selectmen Present: Chair Alton Grover, Selectmen Laurie Haynes, Danny Staples, and Corey Jones

Selectmen Absent: Selectman Martha Marchut

Staff Present: Treasurer Lisa Young

Public Present: Cushing taxpayer Kristi Niedermann; a representative, Travis, of Performance Paving

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

3a. Sam Olson's Barn, Permitting Issues and the Effect of the Moratorium on Commercial Devel.

ACTION: Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, which Chair Alton Grover seconded, that Selectmen sign off on a document from CEO Bickford giving permission to run electricity to an existing barn.

Discussion: Selectman Corey Jones brought an issue before the Selectmen regarding a barn that Cushing resident Sam Olson had built on his property. Olson had approached CEO Scott Bickford with a request to allow CMP to run power to the barn. The Selectmen agreed that running electricity to an existing barn on personal property should not be affected by the moratorium in place on commercial development in Cushing. Bickford had asked the Selectmen to approve Olson's request in the absence of an Intent to Build. [Olson's Intent to Build form was later located, dated Oct. 2016.]

Motion Carried 4-0-0

3b. Request by Treasurer Lisa Young to Close Office Friday, May 17

ACTION: [Informal] Selectmen approved the office closure, as long as Cushing residents were given notice and there were no pending deadlines that would be affected.

Discussion: The office would be open Thursday instead of Friday so that Treasurer and Deputy Tax Collector could attend annual Treasurer/Tax Collector conference out of town.

4. Unfinished Business: Review Road Paving References/Prices and Decide Which Company to Hire

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to award the contract for paving the selected Cushing Town Roads in 2018 to Performance Paving.

Discussion: Selectmen were considering four bids:

1. Pike Industries: \$187,945.00	3. Performance Paving: \$168,572.00
2. Allstate Paving: \$169,372.00	4. Lane Construction: \$145,562.50

The four bids were compared at length. Alton Grover said he had reviewed the credentials of the two bidders and the consensus was that none of these companies would do a bad job. Grover had been cautioned by foremen who work for the State that whomever Cushing hires must be sure to put out caution signs where they are working, wear safety vests, and take all other necessary safety precautions in order to avoid any insurance issues. A representative from Performance Paving was in the audience and was able to answer the Selectmen's questions about Performance's bid. Price per ton as well as bid totals were discussed. Selectman Laurie Haynes commented that Performance had sent a representative to the meeting, and that the other bidders had not. The Performance representative went out during the meeting to calculate the length of Town House Road. Performance turned out to be the most inexpensive, in terms of tonnage. Alton Grover commented that, since Performance's bid was based on the lowest price per ton, they were the most economical choice, since their bill would depend on how much material they actually used. Performance agreed to have the job done by mid June and to send Cushing proof of insurance as well as to complete form W-9. They agreed to notify Alton when they start the job, and to abide by insurance regulations regarding safety signage and all other requirements.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

---Executive Session---

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), acquisition of real property or economic development, at 6:25. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Dan Staples, to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Alton Grover motioned, and Dan Staples seconded, to enter back into the main meeting at 6:45 p.m.

---The Selectmen rejoined the main meeting at 6:45 p.m.---

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Alton Grover, to follow Cushing Attorney Kristen Collins' recommendation that the Town allow mortgagee Bank of America to take control of property the Town had foreclosed upon at 509 River Road. This control would go to Bank of America once all back taxes with interest, lien- and foreclosure-associated costs, and fees had been paid to the Town by BOA.

Discussion: no additional

Motion Carried 4-0-0

5. Comments from Citizens: None

6. Adjournment:

ACTION: Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Dan Staples, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,
Deputy Town Clerk