

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
March 10, 2008
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Robert Worthing, and Randy Robbins.

Staff Present:

Board approved Warrant #12& #13

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Robert Worthing motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to approve the February 25, 2008 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0 Kim Young abstained

Changes to the Agenda

Ordinance Committee Chairman Marilyn Barnum inquired as to whether the Board had received a letter of resignation from member Daniel Staples. Kim Young stated that the Board was about to accept the letter. Marilyn informed the Board that a new Chairman would be voted in at the next meeting along with new executive members. Lastly she advised the Board that there was a citizen's petition possibly forthcoming regarding an ordinance for cell phone towers. Chairman Alton Grover noted that the proposed tower in Cushing was already in progress and he believed the contract had been signed. He also confirmed that the recent tower for US Cellular was in fact in Cushing.

Mr. Tower requested a copy of a report from Dwyer and Associates that he thought the Assessors had. He then distributed a copy of a request for dismissal of ongoing proceedings in the tax dispute between his companies and the town. He asked the Board if they were aware of this action and in his opinion, as he had prevailed on the previous two items, this was a frivolous action resulting in more needless legal costs to the town. Chairman Alton Grover stated that this action came under the Board of Assessors and that they were working with the attorneys.

Unfinished Business- None noted

New Business

Chairman Alton Grover announced that he and Selectman Robert Worthing had gone to Bank of America in Thomaston to open the safe deposit box that the town has. They could not open the box due to the only name on the box was deceased Treasurer Joanne Young. The bank requested a letter signed by the other selectmen giving Alton Grover and Robert Worthing permission to open it. Selectman Kim Young suggested that any contents be moved to the vault at the town office and discontinue renting the box. The Board agreed with the suggestion.

Chairman Alton Grover read aloud an E-Mail he had received from MMA stating that the work of the Planning Board and the Board of Assessors are not related and the same person could serve on both boards without a conflict. James Tower addressed the board requesting a copy of the e-mail and noted that he thinks that MMA “missed the point” which was to address the situation when an adversarial situation existed. Selectman Peter Haviland noted that the definition of conflict of interest is narrower.

The Board directed Chairman Alton Grover to post weight limit signs for the town roads.

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §4056(A) to discuss a personnel issue at 7:00PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:28PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

A decision was made to appoint Janet Plona as Treasurer.

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adjourn at 7:45PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Notes Typed by Lisa Young