

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
August 11, 2008
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Peter Haviland, Randolph Robbins, Robert Stackpole, and Robert Worthing.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #35 & #36

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the July 28, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda-

Unfinished Business

Roof Bids- Selectman Robert Stackpole reported that he has received the plans and specifications from Architect John Hansen. The Board will read over the specifications and discuss them at the next scheduled meeting.

Sand/Salt Bids- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he talked with John Hart of Hartland Inc., and that for &1.00 a yard more they will include a man and a dozer, or for \$.50 a yard more just the dozer and have us use our own man. Robert Stackpole Jr. motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to accept Hartland's bid with an additional \$1.00 per yard for the dozer and man. Before a vote was taken Chairman Alton Grover noted that in the past he had used the loaned dozer and was on site to count the number of yards of sand received. He stated that it would cost the town about \$400.00 for the additional \$.50 per yard for Hartland to send a man. He noted that his fee would be about \$120.00 per day, and in the past it has taken about one day and a half. Selectman Robert Stackpole questioned if we use their dozer and something happens to it who is responsible? No one knew that answer. Peter Haviland motioned to amend the original motion to accept Hartland's bid with an additional \$.50 a yard and Alton Grover will use the dozer, Robert Worthing seconded. The amended motion passed.

Board Approved 3-1-1

Alton Grover abstained and Robert Stackpole opposed.

Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to accept Hartland's bid with an additional .50/yard for the dozer and Alton Grover will use the dozer to put the sand in the sand shed and to count the number of loads. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-1-1

Alton Grover abstained and Robert Stackpole opposed.

Town Road Speed Limits- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he talked with the State and was informed that to get the Stone's Point Road speed limit lowered we must write a letter to Dale Allen Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Selectman Peter Haviland motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approach the State to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH on the Stone's Point Road. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover will write the letter.

Chairman Alton Grover inquired if the Board would approve ordering a measuring wheel for \$75.00. Alton reported that due to the Town passing the Driveway Ordinance the Road Commissioners (the Board of Selectmen) are responsible for measuring the site distance for driveways. After a brief discussion the Board made a decision to have Alton use the measuring wheel that Joe Carr uses for addressing.

Eli Ellis addressed the Board for the Norton Cemetery Association with what he estimated the cost of mowing the Norton's Cemetery for the rest of the year. This precipitated a long discussion on what was discussed at the last meeting such as how can the Board approve the mowing when the Town has not approved such expenditures at town meeting, the Towns' obligation to mow Veteran's graves and the responsibility of the Town to issue the interest to the Association from the perpetual care money the Town is holding, and how the Board is researching bank documents to find out how much money is in the trust accounts. Robert Stackpole and Alton Grover felt that the bottom line is that the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to spend the money. Selectman Robert Worthing noted that he felt that Article #46 of the March Town Warrant covers the Board. Selectman Peter Haviland agreed with Mr. Worthing.

Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, that the Board will fulfill the rest of this years obligation of \$660.00 for the mowing of the Norton's Cemetery. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-2

Robert Stackpole and Alton Grover opposed

New Business

Truck Bids- No bids had come in by 4:30 PM. James Tower asked if the Board would accept a bid from him. Selectmen Peter Haviland motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to extend the bidding time to 7:30PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Alton opened the bid from Mr. Tower for \$8,000. Robert Stackpole motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to accept the bid from Mr. Tower for the snowplow truck for \$8,000. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Summer Rd- Alton reported that a resident on Summer Road has asked if the Town will put up a dead-end sign at the beginning of Summer Road due to the GPS systems sending people through Summer Road thinking it is a quicker route to the camp ground in North Cushing. Big campers can not turn around well and have knocked over a mail box and driven on lawns. Randy Robbins motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to place a dead-end sign at the beginning of Summer Road. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that non-resident Terry Miller inquired if the Board would approve letting her use the gym on Sunday mornings for yoga classes. The Board felt that they would have to contact Maine Municipal Association to check on liability issues.

Comments from Citizens- Mr. Tower talked to the Selectmen about a letter he had sent to the Board addressed to CEO Scott Bickford and regarding Mr. Robbins. He wanted the Board to know that he does not believe that Randolph Robbins has a conflict of interest. He went on to explain how an agreement was made with Randy Robbins to swap a portion of his land for the parcel of land identified on the Robbins Mountain Subdivision plan at the time of purchase of land from Reddington Robbins, Jr. He reiterated that there is no conflict of interest.

Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to adjourn at 7:46PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk