

**TOWN OF CUSHING  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
August 25, 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 #37, #38, & #39

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the August 11, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**Additions and changes to the agenda-**

Chairman Alton Grover reported that the Town has not received payment for the plow truck that Ferrous LLC., (Mr. James Tower) agreed to purchase at the last Selectmen's Meeting. He reported that if Mr. Tower was not interested in purchasing the truck that he has someone that is interested in purchasing it for the same price that Mr. Tower agreed to. Alton talked to the Town's attorney, Lee Bragg, who felt that the Town had given Ferrous LLC., (Mr. Tower) ample time to buy the truck. After a brief discussion, Robert Stackpole motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to send a certified letter to Mr. Tower stating that the Board would give him until September 3<sup>rd</sup> to purchase the truck. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**Unfinished Business**

Town Clerk Lisa Young reported that she contacted MMA in regard to insurance coverage for the yoga class. MMA suggested that the person conducting the class should have their own liability insurance. The insurance policy the Town has would cover anything to do with the building. A discussion ensued in whether they should allow only Cushing residents to use the building and if they should charge a use fee. A decision was made that a policy should be established. They will have the Buildings and Properties Committee work on the wording and have them present it to the Board of Selectmen to critique.

**Roof Bids-** The Board discussed the specifications from Architect John Hansen. Chairman Alton Grover questioned why the roof pitch had been changed. Selectman Robert Stackpole stated that when he and Selectman Peter Haviland went to see Mr. Hansen that he was under the impression that the Board wanted a steeper sloped roof. He

noted a steeper slope allows the water to run off better. Chairman Grover inquired to where the money is going to come from? He noted that the \$40,000 that is in the account would not pay for the new plans. The Board concluded that the project will probably cost more than has been appropriated and that they need to get an idea of what the cost would be. Robert Worthing stated that it was his understanding that the Board decided to hire Mr. Hansen to draw up the specifications according to code and feels that the Board should go ahead with the project even if it means asking for more money at the March town meeting. It is important to do it once and do it right. Former Selectman, David Glidden, noted that the roof is in pretty good condition and that the Board could make some minor repairs if necessary until the Town can go ahead with the project. Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to contact John Hansen for a cost estimate for the roof project. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**Driveway Entrance Permit-** Chairman Alton Grover presented the Board a copy of the States permit that he thought the Town could use for their permit. Robert Stackpole motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to use the States permit application for the Town's driveway permit. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

### **New Business**

**Drinking water/test Community Center-** Selectman Peter Haviland reported that the Buildings and Properties Committee discussed the need for a water cooler in the Community Center and to have the water tested. Chairman Alton Grover stated that the Board had voted down the water cooler idea in the past. He noted that a new water filter system was installed so that now the drinking fountain could be restored for use but felt that the water should be tested first. Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to have the water tested at the Cushing Community Center. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**TAN-**The Board received two bids for the Tax Anticipation Note with the lowest bid coming from Camden National Bank. Robert Worthing motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to accept the following:

(1) That under and pursuant to Title 30-A, Section 5771 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended and supplemented, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance of up to \$900,000 principal amount of Tax Anticipation Note of the Town in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the municipal fiscal year which commenced January 1, 2008 and ends December 31, 2008.

(2) Said Note shall be dated August 29, 2008, shall mature on December 31, 2008, shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, shall bear interest at the rate of 2.51% per annum, shall be payable at Camden National Bank in Camden, Maine, and otherwise be in such form and bear such details as the signers may determine.

(3) That said Note is hereby sold and awarded to Camden National Bank.

(4) Said Note is hereby-designated qualified tax-exempt obligations of the Town for the 2008 calendar year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(5) That all things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the Town, its municipal officers and agents in the authorization of said Note are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and the Treasurer and Chairman are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this voting, including delivering said Note against payment therefore.  
The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**Approval paddle locksets for Fire Station-** Paddle locksets were donated to the Fire Station and will be installed at no charge.

**Fire Station storm windows-** Peter Haviland for the Buildings and Properties Committee reported that three storm windows have been taken off and are missing so they would like to replace them. Chairman Alton Grover will contact Joe Carr.

**Comments from Citizens-**

Former Selectman, David Glidden, stated that it was wrong for the Board to use the article in the town report to justify paying for the mowing of the Norton Cemetery. In the past he had contacted Maine Municipal Association and asked about this article. He noted that the money should have come out of the Ancient Cemetery Fund. Randy Robbins motioned, Peter Haviland seconded to direct the Treasurer to transfer the funds from surplus to the Ancient Cemetery account. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

A decision was made to have Alton notify Eli Ellis to cease mowing this year at the Norton Cemetery.

David Glidden inquired if the Cushing School Board Directors have come to any Selectmen's Meeting to explain what is happening with the consolidation. He went on to say he is very concerned with the new sharing of costs and the effect it will have on Cushing. The Board will contact the two Cushing School Board Directors to come to the next meeting.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that the Board needs to make a decision concerning foreclosures. A decision was made to get an updated list, talk to Treasurer Janet Plona and go over the foreclosure process.

Selectman Peter Haviland motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to adjourn at 8:25PM. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Young  
Recording Secretary  
Town Clerk