

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

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

**Staff Present-** Town Clerk , Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #49 & #50

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Robert Worthing motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to approve the October 27, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 4-0-1**

**Randolph Robbins abstained due to not being at the meeting.**

**Additions and changes to the agenda**

Selectman Robert Stackpole stated that he had not signed the warrant due to the culvert work on Salt Pond has not been finished. He stated Doug Fales has not graded the road as was written in the specifications. Chairman Alton Grover announced that he crossed that part off the bid because there was not enough money to fix both the Flintwood lane and Salt Pond culverts and grade the Salt Pond Road. He felt that the State should fix the culvert on the Pleasant Point Road before grading is done on the Salt Pond Road.

Selectman Stackpole stressed the point that he was not told about the cross out and that it was wrong for Chairman Grover to make the change without the Board's approval. He went on to say there is no point in having a Board of Selectmen if one person is going to overrule and change things after it is approved by the Board, and that if he had known that the bid from Doug Fales did not include the grading he never would have voted for it. Questions came up as to whether Chairman Grover has the authority to make certain decisions between meetings without Board approval. Selectman Peter Haviland noted that the Board makes the decisions and the executive carries it out. Chairman Grover inquired if he was wrong to have fixed other items such as the sand shed door the day after a Selectmen's Meeting when sand was coming that day, or the circulator in the Community Center. After a lengthy discussion, Robert Worthing motioned, Randolph Robbins seconded, that the Board grant Chairman Alton Grover the authority to continue to make decisions for the Town in the interim between Board meetings. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 3-1-1**

**Robert Stackpole opposed and Alton Grover abstained.**

**Unfinished Business**

### **New Business-**

**Planning Board Fees-** Chairman of the Planning Board Daniel Remian made a request to reduce the processing fee for use or building permits from \$200.00 to \$50.00. Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to reduce the Use or Building Permit Fee to \$50.00. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

**Wi-Fi installation for the Community Center-** Chester Knowles stated that he has researched the cost of wiring the Community Center for Wi-Fi. The cost to the Town would be \$231.13. He informed the Board that that would be the only cost; there is no monthly or yearly fee. Questions came up for the need. Randy Robbins noted that for the Ordinance Committee it would be a benefit to members who bring their laptop computers to be able to look up items on line during meetings. After a short discussion Randolph Robbins motioned to go ahead with setting the Community Center up for Wi-Fi. There was no second. Selectman Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to refer the Wi Fi matter to the Budget Committee so that it could be voted on at town meeting. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

Town Clerk Lisa Young read a letter from Attorney William Childress in regard to the money that was left to the Burton Family Cemetery for its care and maintenance from Alfred Burton. The attorney inquired to what form of trust agreement the Town uses. The Town will keep the will on file with the records of the account to be sure the funds are properly restricted and applied in perpetuity. A letter will be written and sent to Mr. Childress.

### **Comments from Citizens**

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to adjourn at 7:25PM. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Young  
Town Clerk

