

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
February 9, 2009
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

Staff Present- Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #5& #6

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

Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the January 26, 2009 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

Joe Smith, Chairman of the Buildings and Properties Committee, reported that there is a problem with the three exit signs in the Community Center. He noted that the sign in the middle of the hallway uses a bulb that is no longer available and that the other two signs use a bulb that is expensive to replace and it does not last long. He recommends purchasing new exit signs like they purchased for the Fire Station which use LED lights. He stated that he can get the new exit sign lights from Wesco and he will install them at no charge. The cost is \$41.97 per unit minus a \$10.00 rebate. After a brief discussion, it was determined that only two signs were needed. Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to direct Joe Smith to purchase two new exit signs for the Cushing Community Center. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Unfinished Business No Unfinished Business.

New Business

Food Pantry Parking Lot- Selectman Robert Worthing reported that the Food Pantry had talked over a year ago about widening the area next to the building for much needed parking. At this time cars have to park on the side of Town House Road which is quite narrow and it is dangerous especially during the winter season. He noted that the Food Pantry has received a grant for \$1,500.00 that could be used for the project if the Town would approve paying for some of it. After a discussion on the design of the project, and the probable need for a culvert and drainage ditch, the Board agreed that the layout would have to be staked out so a cost estimate could be determined. Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to do some further investigation toward developing the Food Pantry Parking Lot. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Tax Payer Question on Volunteer Credit- Selectman Robert Worthing reported that a resident of Cushing has contacted him in regard to a Maine Statute that allows towns to set up work for citizens sixty years and older. The compensation for this work would be applied to their real estate taxes. During the discussion questions came up about supervision, quality of work, insurance, record keeping, and the loss of tax revenue. Selectman Worthing will contact MMA to see if any other towns in Maine are doing this and how it is working out.

Cemetery Ordinance- Selectman Robert Worthing reported that the Cemetery Board reported the need to formalize the use of the proceeds from the sale of lots in the Pleasant View Cemetery. He noted that a portion will be used for perpetual care; therefore, the ordinance needs to be amended. Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to direct the Ordinance Committee to write the amendment. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover reported that a resident contacted him inquiring if the Town of Cushing would have any work that they could do to fulfill 300 hours of community service that they need to complete. After a brief discussion, it was decided that a call should be made to Maine Municipal Association to check on liability issues.

Service Community Social Employment Program- Selectman Robert Worthing reported that he received a telephone call from Cindy Gross SCSEP Job Developer for Goodwill Industries asking if the Town would be interested in becoming a Host site for this Federal funded program that provides training and supervision to assist unemployed people who are 55 years and older get back into the open job market. The Board agreed that it sounded like a great program but not one that would work for the Town at this time.

Comments from Citizens- No comments.

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter at 6:58 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to return to the regular scheduled Selectmen Meeting at 7:13PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to adjourn at 7:17PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young

Town Clerk