

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
March 23, 2009
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

Staff Present- Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #11& #12

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Robert Worthing motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to approve the March 9, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

The Board of Selectmen signed the annual Municipal Warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners-keepers.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

New Business

Shoreland Zone Ordinance/Planning Board Fees- Planning Board Chairman, Daniel Remian, addressed the Board in regard to the Shoreland Zone Ordinance amendment that the Planning Board has been working on. Copies with the changes marked in red were given to each Selectman. Mr. Remian noted that the State has imposed land use restrictions and that the one main change the Town of Cushing has made is the addition of a new district called Fishing Home Business District. This district was proposed by the Cushing Planning Board to protect traditional fishing livelihoods in coastal areas of growing residential use. He reported that the DEP has looked at the draft and they liked what they read so he believes that it should get approval. The Board is hoping to have a public hearing in April and to vote on the amendment changes June 9, 2009.

Dan showed the Board the new digital maps. He reported that the flood plain maps are now digital but unfortunately not available in the Knox County area and probably won't be for at least five years.

Real Estate Hearing Transcript- Robert Worthing announced that a question was raised by the Towns' attorney inquiring if the Board of Selectmen would want to supply

transcripts of the hearing to the State Board. He noted that the Board of Selectmen needs to seriously consider this due to the how much the Town has already paid to Alley and Morrisette Reporting Services. Mr. Tower has stated that he is without any funds to share in the cost. An important Question arose; if the transcripts are made available to the State Board is it just as much a benefit to Mr. Tower as it is for the Town? Selectman Robert Worthing noted that even the best of minds slip on what has happened since last June and that the brief will recount for the Board what has transcribed throughout the hearings. Assessor, Dan Remian, recommended that the Board only use the transcripts in house to prepare the briefs only. Robert Worthing stated that if the Chairman will authorize a call to the attorney we can find out if we can use the transcripts just for our own benefit.

Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to allow Robert Worthing to contact Bernstein Shur Counselors at Law to find out what it is we paid for and what it includes in regard to the money paid to Alley and Morrisette Reporting Services and if we can use the transcripts just for our own benefit. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-0

Appointments for Committees and Boards- The Selectmen signed and approved the following appointments: Animal Control Officer- Catherine Virgie, Appeals Board- Rick Klepfer, Assessment Review Board and Appeals Board- Charles N. Lewis, Code Enforcement and Plumbing Inspector- Scott E. Bickford, Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief- Arthur Kiskila, Health Officer- Susan McBean, Alternate Plumbing Inspector- John Black, Shellfish Warden- Neil Pollis, Shellfish Committee Members- Carl and Sherri Taylor, Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, and Deputy Treasurer- Lisa M. Young, Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Voters- Sandra Blanchard, Treasurer- Janet J. Plona, Tax Collector- Irene Vinal, Deputy Fire Chief and Harbor Committee Member- Peter McBean, Harbor Committee Member – Cabot Lyman, Assistant Fire Chief- Joseph Yamello, Buildings & Properties Committee Member- Susann Conover, Ordinance Committee Members David Cobey, Marilyn Barnum, and Eric Anderson, Sealer of Weights and Measure- Robert Wiggin, and Planning Board Member- Robert Ellis.

The Board is still looking to appoint someone for The Appeals Board and Alternate Code Enforcement Officer. Joe Smith will let the Board know if he would still like to be on the Buildings and Properties Committee.

Posted Roads-Chairman Alton Grover announced that it is that time of the year to post the roads and wanted to know if the Board wanted him to put them up. Selectman Robert Stackpole stated that if the Board agrees to post the roads that they also need to make sure that it is enforced. If there is no enforcement there is no sense to post them. After a brief discussion, The Board agreed that they will all be on the look out for offenders, and if they witness someone going over the roads when they should not be on them, they agreed to contact the Sheriffs Department. Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to post the Town Roads. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-0

Salt- Chairman Alton Grover inquired if the Board would like to purchase a couple of loads of salt at this year's price, as has been done in the past. After a brief discussion, Randy Robbins motioned to order two loads. There was no second. Robert Stackpole motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to wait until the bids come out. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-1-0 Randy Robbins Opposed.

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. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:48PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk