

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
May 11, 2009
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

Staff Present- Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #17& #18

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

Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approve the April 27, 2009 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

Randy Robbins inquired if Chairman Alton Grover had checked with Hartland Inc. in regard to the use of a bulldozer for the winter sand. Chairman Grover announced that Hartland Inc. will supply a bulldozer for the same price as last year .50 per unit.

Frank Muddle representing the Planning Board announced that the amended Shoreland Zone Ordinance has been completed and that a hearing needs to be scheduled. Town Clerk, Lisa Young, noted a notice of the meeting was posted today and it has been sent to the local paper. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the Cushing Community School at 6:00PM. The hearing for the Emergency Management Ordinance will be held at 6:00PM with the hearing for the Shoreland Zone Ordinance following.

The Board of Selectmen made a decision to schedule the next Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00PM. Town Clerk, Lisa Young, will post the change.

Chairman Alton Grover inquired what the Board would like to do in regard to heating oil for the coming winter months. The Board of Selectmen directed Chairman Alton Grover to contact the area fuel companies to get prices for fuel and research the various plans that they are offering and report back to the selectmen.

Selectman Robert Worthing stated that in the past there has been tension between Selectman Stackpole and Chairman Grover but lately things had seemed to be improving until last weekend it came to a head. A copy of an e-mail sent to Governor Baldacci from Mr. Stackpole informing the State of inefficiencies in roadside work that Mr. Grover was completing on the Pleasant Point Road was sent by the Department of Transportation to the Code Enforcement Officer and given to Selectman Worthing. The e-mail was signed Robert Stackpole resident and Selectman of the Town of Cushing. Selectman Worthing

stressed that the information was completely erroneous! He went on to say that the information was obviously meant to hurt Chairman Grover and emphasized that it was a major mistake of Selectman Stackpole to have added Selectman of the Town of Cushing to the e-mail due to it suggests that the letter represents the views of the Board, which it does not. Apparently, the work Chairman Grover was completing was for Machias Savings Bank not the Department of Transportation and Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford along with the DOT were aware of this work being done.

Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, that the Board adopt a motion to censure. The intention is to put in the records censuring Robert Stackpole for his action. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Robert Stackpole publicly apologized for his actions.

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, announced that Inland fisheries & Wildlife is now offering online re-registration for boats. She will post the information at the regular posting places.

Guy Barter addressed the Board with concerns over mowing the Norton Cemetery. He noted that he would recommend mowing it around seven times this year and he is concerned that there was not enough money approved for that at town meeting. After a brief discussion, it was determined that for some reason the Cemetery Board did not think it would be need to be mowed that much. Mr. Barter noted that if the Board would like to get someone else to do the mowing he has no problem with that. He noted that if he is going to mow it he does not want people to go to the cemetery and see that the mowing hasn't been done knowing he is the person mowing. Selectman Robert Worthing noted that possibly there will be additional funds coming for cemetery maintenance once the cemetery accounts get combined. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Guy should continue to mow and as it gets close to the amount approved at town meeting a decision will have to be made on how to fund more mowing.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that he has received a foreclosure list from Treasurer, Janet Plona, and asked how the Board would like to proceed. It was decided that copies of the list would be given to each Board member and it will be discussed at the next Selectmen Meeting.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that several road signs have fallen and need to be put back up along with one new sign. Selectman Daniel Staples offered to help Chairman Grover put the signs up next week.

Unfinished Business

Food Pantry parking Lot bids/Cushing Community Center drain bids- Doug Fales was the only local contractor who bid for the Food Pantry Parking Lot for \$3,500 and the Cushing Community Center drain for \$2,500. The consensus of the Board was that the

bids were high. Resident Guy Barter suggested that the work at the food pantry could possibly be done by the prison farm at no charge for the labor.

Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to reject both of the bids and check with contractors out of town to find out if the work could be done at a more reasonable price. He also added that the person would need to pursue checking for the end of the pipe before a new drain is installed. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Appeals Board Member- Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to appoint Robert Patterson Appeals Board Member. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Selectman Daniel Staples seconded to appoint Micki Day Alternate Appeal Board Member. The motion passed. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Sand Shed Door-Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has received two estimates to replace the sand shed door; PDQ for \$4,990.00 and Miller and Miller for \$3,800.00. Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to hire Miller and Miller to replace the sand shed door. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

New Business

Bylaws Cushing Harbor Committee- To be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

GAT Trading- To be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Robert Worthing motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (a) to discuss a personnel matter at 7:45 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Daniel Staples seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:11 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to sign the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for the Employees of Municipal and Other Public Employers of Maine Health Insurance Trust, and the Maine Municipal Health Trust Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Participation Agreement. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Selectman Robert Stackpole seconded, to adjourn at 8:20PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk