

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING**

June 8, 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 #21& #22

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approve the May 26, 2009 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

Resident Maurice Young addressed the Board with what he said were two important issues. He stated that his dog had gotten shot and had been taken away by the dog catcher, and that he has been deprived of a clam license for six years. The Board of Selectmen acknowledged his comments. Selectman Daniel Staples informed Mr. Young that the Georges River Regional Shellfish Committee will be meeting June 11, 2009 at 6:00 PM and that they meet in Warren on the second Thursday of every month if he could not make that meeting.

Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to accept Chester Knowles resignation from the Appeals Board. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Unfinished Business

Bylaws Cushing Harbor Committee- Selectman Robert Worthing noted that the updated version of the Cushing Harbor Board Bylaws is more concise and simpler than the previous version; a big improvement. Selectman Randolph Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to accept the Cushing Harbor Committee Bylaws as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

FEMA- Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Town has received a check for \$18,491.20 from FEMA for winter ice storm that occurred in December of 2008. The money will be deposited in the snow removal account.

A question was asked if the Town could apply for more money from FEMA to clean up the blow downs in the Town Forest. After a brief discussion, a decision was made to

have Chet put on the e-mail directory if someone is interested in cleaning up the fallen down trees that they can keep the wood. Anyone interested can contact Alton Grover.

New Business

Grover Worcester from Webber (Kalloch) Fuel- Mr. Worcester explained the various winter fuel options and furnace protection plans for the 2009-2010 winter season. Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to lock in with Webber (Kalloch) Fuel for \$2.42/gallon and to notify them that the Town will commit to 80% of the gallons used last year.

Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to have Webber (Kalloch) Fuel inspect the boiler at the Community Center and if it passes to commit to the presidential plan for the furnace protection for \$265.00, and to clean the three modine heaters in the other buildings. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Comments from Citizens - Susann Conover, Chairman of the Buildings and Properties Committee, requested approval from the Board of Selectmen to install three programmable thermostats at the Fire Station. Selectman Randy Robbins motioned to put two programmable thermostats in the community room at the Fire Station. The motion died due to no second. Selectman Robert Worthing suggested talking to the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad suggesting that they try and control the heat and if after three months there still is no change then they will install something.

Susann requested the Board reconsider its decision from last meeting on purchasing a new sink and toilet for the bathroom near the library. Susann noted that when the Selectmen looked at the toilet at the last meeting it may have looked clean but Sandy had just cleaned it, and due to the fact that the porcelain has worn off, it is difficult to keep clean. She noted that they could purchase a new toilet and sink inexpensively at Home Depot. No action was taken

David Cobey addressed the Board suggesting that the Town may want to look into requiring corporations, which want to subdivide land in Cushing, to deposit \$30,000(this would be replenished in case some or all is used before completion of the project) into an escrow account to be administered by the Town Treasurer to protect the Town. This came up due to the recent court order imposed on Jim Towers Corporation in which due to the bank taking the property back there are no assets to pay the Town. Mr. Cobey noted that the Planning Board voted unanimously to bring this to the Board of Selectmen and recommended that the Selectmen have an attorney or MMA look over this type of policy. After a brief discussion, Mr. Cobey said that he will give more thought to the idea and come back to address the Board

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 9:01 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to appoint Mark Ames HarborMaster. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-1-0

Daniel Staples opposed

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Selectman Robert Stackpole seconded, to adjourn at 9:02 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk