

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
August 10, 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 #29& #30

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

Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Robert Stackpole seconded, to approve the July 27, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

John Black of J. & D. Engineering & Surveying, Inc. addressed the Board concerning the Cushing/Thomaston Town Line. He explained extensive research and field work has been performed to locate the northerly town line. Mr. Black suggested to the Board of Selectmen that the two towns review the work and, if found acceptable, to ask the State Legislature to ratify the plan that will be submitted. He went on to explain that it is not necessary to do the work required to show the section of the Line that was annexed to Thomaston from Cushing by legislative action in 1909. Therefore, there is some additional work that would need to be performed to present the entire Cushing/Thomaston Line for legislative action. At this time it is proposed that J. & D. Engineering & Surveying, Inc. would complete this additional work for a sum of \$1,600.00 that could be split between the two towns. He noted that Thomaston and Warren are anxious to act on it. He went on to introduce Drew Greiner from Corner Post Surveying to finish the Cushing/Warren line and Cushing/Friendship line using the GPS that would cut down on the field work. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Mr. Greiner will get back to the Board on the fee for his part of the work.

Eric Anderson Chairman of the Ordinance Committee made a request for a legal opinion on the Commercial Land Use Ordinance that they have been working on. He noted that the State requires a town to have a comprehensive plan when it applies to land outside the Shoreland Zone, and since the town does not have one, they felt legal advice would be warranted. Chairman Alton Grover inquired to when the Board of Selectmen had ever directed the Ordinance Committee to work on this type of an ordinance. Mr. Anderson stated that it was under the site plan review. Selectman Robert Stackpole stated that he did not want to hire anymore lawyers. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen felt that they had never directed the Ordinance Committee to proceed with this type of an ordinance. Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Daniel Staples seconded, to direct the

Ordinance Committee to immediately end work on the Commercial Land Use Ordinance. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Unfinished Business

Special Town Meeting- Chairman Alton Grover announced that the Board needs to schedule a date for a special town meeting due to there is not enough money in the Professional Services Account to cover the three bills the Town owes their attorneys. At the same time he asked if the Board would approve transferring \$10,000 from the Road Improvement Account to the Capital Improvement Cushing Community Center Account. He thought that if the Town agreed to transfer this money that they could put the roof project back out to bid. The money in the Road Improvement Account was money that was to be used for the grange hall hill improvement but the Town voted against having that work done. After a brief discussion, Selectmen Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Monday August 24, 2009 at 6:00pm to see if the Town will approve transferring money into the Professional Services Account and to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Road Improvement Account to the Capital Improvement Cushing Community Center Account for the roof project. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement Account to the Mapping Account to be used to ratify the town lines. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Foreclosures- Chairman Alton Grover reported that we are heading in the right direction but again inquired to what the Board wanted to do with the person that owes back taxes on a building that he has now destroyed. Selectman Worthing noted that you can only go back six years. Selectman Stackpole stated that as long as we do not spend any money on lawyer fees to go for it.

Modine Heater/Ladder for Fire Station- Chairman Alton Grover reported that JR from Charles Oliver Plumbing looked at the Modine Heater and found a crack on the very top of the cylinder. He said that the fee to fix it due to the labor would be too expensive. He recommends replacing the unit. He will get a price to Alton to replace the Modine. Alton also checked with Ann Schneider Sr. Loss Control Consultant from Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services. She felt that it is a sticky situation; it is not safe for workers to be up on a ladder fixing the heaters. She gave Alton a name of a person to call at Maine Municipal Association that could answer the ladder question.

Animal Control Officer- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has left several messages on Gerry Bassett's voice mail but has not received a call back. Selectman Daniel Staples will be attending a meeting with the County and he will check on the Animal Control issue and heating oil for next season.

Roads- Chairman Alton Grover asked how the roadwork on Spear Mill Road was coming. Selectman Robert Stackpole described to the Board what he is planning on writing for bids for the work on Spear Mill Road. He will get the bids finished tonight and will bring it to the office.

New Business-

Food Pantry “Floor Settling”- Selectman Randy Robbins reported that the floor has been changing and that he suspects that it is due to the heavy rain this past June and July. Chairman Alton Grover will have Larry from Miller and Miller to look at the floor.

Comments from Citizens -

No comments from citizens.

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Selectman Robert Worthing seconded, to adjourn at 7:26 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk