

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
August 24, 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 #31& #32 & #33

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Additions and changes to the agenda

Eric Anderson Chairman of the Ordinance Committee to address the Board- Eric passed out a list of ordinances that he said the Board of Selectmen had approved for them to work on back in 2008. He explained that he was taken back when the Board directed the Ordinance Committee to stop work on the Commercial Development Ordinance and that the committee members feel discouraged. He informed the Board that he will draft another list to present to the Board for their direction. Planning Board Member, Robert Ellis, stated that about three years ago he along with Evelyn Kalloch, and David Cobey worked extensively on a site plan review. He noted that they used several towns as a starting point and eventually used the State model. He went on to say that it was presented to the Board but a decision was made not to present it to the voters.

Robert Ellis stated that in regard to last meeting he noted that the Commercial Site Plan Review does not have to have a comprehensive plan. He stated that if the Selectmen want commercial development it should be town wide not just outside the shoreland zone area.

Unfinished Business

Modine Heater/Ladder for Fire Station- Chairman Alton Grover checked with Butch Worcester from Kalloch Fuel and he felt that it would be legal to weld the cracked piece on the Modine Heater as long as a certified welder does the work. Alton noted that it may last a year or more. After a lengthy conversation on the pros and cons on welding the crack, Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to have Harjula Heating install a new Modine Heater for a price of \$4,800.00 and that the Town will keep any workable parts off the old Modine Heater. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover announced that he talked with Ann Schneider from Maine Municipal Association about the problem with working on the modine heaters. She talked to others at Maine Municipal and the consensus is that it is a safety issue. They recommend purchasing the ladder and making sure whoever uses it use a safety belt and that they are instructed on how to use the ladder. Selectman Robert Stackpole stated he feels that it is up to the person working on the heater to bring their own tools and equipment it is not the towns' responsibility. Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned for the Town not to purchase the ladder. There was no second. Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Daniel Staples seconded, to purchase the ladder. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-1-0 Robert Stackpole opposed

Animal Control Officer- Chairman Grover reported that there has been no response to the notice put on the town e-mail, Community Center, Fales and Post Office. The Board agreed to have it put in the local paper.

Roads- Chairman Alton Grover opened the sealed bids for the culvert work on Spear Mill Road. The bids are as follows: Donald Meklin & Sons-\$2,600.00, Dean Enterprises- \$3,072.00, and Doug Fales-\$3,050.00. Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to accept the culvert work bid on Spear Mill Road from Donald Meklin & Sons for \$2,600.00. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

New Business-

Food Pantry- Chairman Grover reported that there is no way to get under the building due to it is all cemented in. The only way would be to cut a hole in the floor and put a trap door in. Larry Miller of Miller and Miller Construction did say that he could see that the center beam is higher than the edges, but he felt that due to the age of the building he would not recommend doing anything at this point. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed not to do anything at this time.

Tax Anticipation Note- Selectman Robert Worthing reported he has checked into and received two bids for a \$900,000.00 note: one from The First with a rate of 2.55, and another from Camden National Bank with a rate of 2.64. After a brief discussion, the Board felt that due to Camden National Bank being in Thomaston and all of the Town's accounts are with them that they would accept Camden National Banks bid. Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to accept the bid from Camden National Bank with a rate of 2.64 for the Tax Anticipation Note for \$900,000.00. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-1 Robert Worthing abstained

Mowing the field at Pleasant View Cemetery- Selectman Robert Stackpole motioned, Daniel Staples seconded, to get prices to bush hog the Pleasant View Cemetery. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Daniel Staples reported that at the next Knox County meeting he will let them know that the Town of Cushing is interested in being a part of the oil bidding to be held in February.

Comments from Citizens -

A taxpayer inquired if the tax due date could be changed. He noted that some years it is advantageous income tax wise to not pay his property taxes until after the New Year and when he does his name is in the town report as paid after the books close. A discussion ensued but no decision was made on the subject.

Selectman Daniel Staples motioned, Selectman Randy Robbins seconded, to adjourn at 7:40 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk