

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE 2009 YEAR
Monday, March 16, 2009
Tuesday March 17, 2009

To Joseph Carr, a resident of the Town of Cushing in the County of Knox:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cushing, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Fire Station on Monday, the 16th day of March, 2009 A.D. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 1 & 2 by secret ballot.

And to notify said voters to meet at the Cushing Community Center in said Town on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2009 A.D. at 7 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 3 thru all of said Articles as set out below.

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect all necessary Town Officers.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Officers salaries.

Selectman (Chair)	\$ 5,449.00
Selectman	2,536.00
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Assessor (Chair)	1,566.00
Assessor	856.00
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Planning Board (Chair)	1,854.00
Planning Board	927.00
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Treasurer	2,026.00
Harbormaster	2,122.00
Director, Emergency Management	492.00
Plumbing Inspector	305.00
Code Enforcement Officer	10,048.00
Fire Chief	3,605.00
Deputy Fire Chief	566.00
Animal Control Officer	<u>3,183.00</u>
	\$46,780.00

Recommended

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$62,000.00 for the Administration Account.

Recommended

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,150.00 for Planning Board Account.

Recommended

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of \$35,200.00 for the Assessor's Account, which will include the Assessor's Agent salary.

Recommended

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$10,000.00 for Incidentals.

Recommended

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$ 20,000.00 for Cushing Community Center Operations.

Recommended

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,700.00 for the Computer Account.

Recommended

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$16,200.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

Recommended

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$13,500.00 for Fire Station Operations.

Recommended

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,700.00 for the Cushing Rescue Squad Account.

Recommended

Art.13. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,000.00 to be put in the Animal Welfare Account for this years portion of a three year contract with the Knox County Humane Society.

Recommended

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$ 50,000.00 for Professional Services.

Recommended

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Septic Tank Waste Disposal Contract.

Recommended

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$26,063.00 for Cushing's share to be a part of the Thomaston Recreation Department.

No Recommendation

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Account.

No Recommendation

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

Recommended

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,320.00 for the Norton Cemetery.

Recommended

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Pleasant View Cemetery Account.

Recommended

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,000.00 for General Assistance.

Recommended

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$26,128.00 for the County dispatching service.

Recommended

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,800.00 to support the Georges River Interlocal Clam Management Agreement.

Recommended

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Town Library Assistance Account.

Recommended

Art. 25. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Social Services:

Adapt	400.00
Penquis	4,782.00
Coastal Transportation	700.00

Friendship-Cushing Food Pantry	700.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	1,220.00
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	100.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	1,322.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	1,575.00
New Hope for Women	660.00
Red Cross	1,360.00
Senior Spectrum	1,234.80
Trekkers	750.00
Coastal Workshop	<u>200.00</u>

Total \$ 15,003.80

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,817.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Recommended

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$30,000.00 for the Insurance Account.

Recommended

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to take \$11,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Payroll Taxes.

Recommended

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance.

Recommended

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to take \$2,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Garage Operations.

Recommended

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to take \$102,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Waldoboro Transfer Station Account.

Recommended

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to take \$60,000.00 from Excise Tax for Snow Removal.

Recommended

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to take \$3,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Plow Equipment Operations Account.

Recommended

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snow Plow Trucks Maintenance and Fuel Account.

Recommended

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to take \$1,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Sander Replacement Account.

Recommended

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Boat Excise Tax for the Public Water Access Account.

Recommended

Art. 37. To see if the Town will take \$3,300.00 from Excise Tax for Ambulance Maintenance Account.

Recommended

Art. 38. To see if the Town will approve transferring \$20,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement Account to the Town Road Maintenance Account.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will approve transferring \$10,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement Account to the Ambulance Replacement Fund.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will approve transferring \$10,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement Account to the Town Snow Plow Truck Replacement Account.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will approve transferring \$8,000.00 from the General Fund, from the sale of the old snow plow truck, to the Town Snow Plow Truck Replacement Account.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendments to the Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance as shown in the attachment to the warrant and reviewed at the January 15, 2009 public hearing.

Art. 43. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers in a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for the provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A. § 6601 et seq., said Arrangement to be known as the "Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust" (Health Trust); and for that purpose and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements among participating employers, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Participation Agreement on behalf of the

Town and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall continue until revoked.

Art.44. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at a rate of 6.00% per year on taxes not paid in accordance with the tax bill due date.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6.00% per year.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts and to borrow or transfer funds as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the year.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to support the anticipated year 2010 budget accounts from January 1, 2010 until 2010 annual meeting.

Municipal Officers
Town of Cushing

Alton Grover

Robert Worthing

Peter Haviland

Robert Stackpole

Randolph Robbins

February 23, 2009

Attest a true copy: Lisa M. Young
Town Clerk