

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE 2016 YEAR
Monday, March 21, 2016
Tuesday March 22, 2016

To Andrew Blanchard, 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 Cushing Community Center on Monday, the 21st day of March, 2016 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 22nd day of March, 2016 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 by secret ballot Selectman Seat #3, Assessor Seat #1 and#3 and Budget Committee Member Seat #1.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and 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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Harbormaster	2,122.00
Director, Emergency Management	1,000.00
General Assistance Admin.	1,000.00
Plumbing Inspector	314.00
Code Enforcement Officer	10,350.00
Fire Chief	3,605.00
Deputy Fire Chief	566.00
Animal Control Officer	<u>3,183.00</u>
	\$46,573.00
2015 unexpended	- 745.84
Total	\$45,827.16

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$105,000.00 for the Administrative Wages Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 for payroll taxes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for the Incidentals Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Alarm and Telephone Systems Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 for the Assessor's Account, which will include the Assessor's Agent salary.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Computer Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 for the Insurance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Capital Improvements to the Cushing Community Center.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 15,000.00 for the Cushing Community Center Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$58,940.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Fire Station Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,445.00 for the Septic Tank Waste Disposal Contract.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,394.54 for the County dispatching service.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve entering into a three year contract with the Knox County Humane Society. (Contract is 2,147.60 per year)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Animal Welfare Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to support the Georges River Interlocal Clam Management Agreement.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Town Library Assistance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 23. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services:

American Red Cross

2,500.00

Coastal Opportunities	200.00
Coastal Transportation	700.00
Flags for Veteran Graves	250.00
Friendship-Cushing Food Pantry	700.00
MidCoast Maine Community Action	800.00
New Hope for Women	660.00
Penquis	591.00
Senior Spectrum	1,235.00
Trekkers	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$8,386.00

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,260.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for the Professional Services Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the Pleasant View Cemetery Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,750.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,700.00 for the Norton Cemetery Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to take \$7,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to take \$5,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Garage Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to take \$50,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Removal Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to take \$18,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snow Plow Trucks Maintenance and Fuel Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to take \$5,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Sander Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to take \$25,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Truck Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 36. To see if the Town will take \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Fire Truck Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 37. To see if the Town will take \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Ambulance Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Boat Excise Tax for the Public Water Access Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to take \$1,500.00 from Boat Excise for the Tide Water Coalition.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506 to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept the payment of taxes not yet assessed.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4) to charge interest at a rate of 6.00% per year on taxes not paid in accordance with the tax bill due date.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2.00% per year.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to take money from Undesignated Funds to pay for abated taxes.

Art. 44. "Shall an ordinance entitled the 'Floodplain Management Ordinance 2007 for the Town of Cushing, Maine be repealed and the 'Floodplain Management Ordinance 2016 for the Town of Cushing, Maine' be enacted." Effective when the new FEMA Flood Insurance Flood Rate Maps are available.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept the various State Reimbursements, such as Municipal Revenue Sharing Funds, Tree Growth, Veteran's Tax Exemption, Urban Rural Initiative (road fund), Fuel Tax Refund, Snowmobile Refund, General Assistance, Small Community Grant Program, and any and all kinds of property relief as provided by the State Legislature to the Town in the fiscal year 2016.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate, for the purpose of which they are received, the proceeds of all grants made to the Town during the Towns' fiscal year by the federal or state government, their agencies and authorities; and to see if the Town will vote that any necessary matching funds be appropriated by Town Meeting and that any substantive conditions other than standard grant condition regarding spending only for the purpose for which the grant is made, be approved by Town Meeting.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Cushing by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, donations, trust funds, and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance money.

Art. 49. 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 year 2017 budget accounts from January 1, 2017 until the 2017 annual meeting.

Municipal Officers, Town of Cushing

Alton Grover
Laurie Haynes
Heidi Alley

Daniel Staples
Martha Marchut

February 8, 2016

