

**TOWN OF CUSHING**  
Meeting of the Selectboard  
Monday April 13th, 2026  
@ 6pm

**Select Board Present:** Select people Cheryl Stackpole, Craig Currie, Mike James, Tracey Bally, Craig Normand

**Select Board Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Lisa Young, Austin Donaghy, Gene Lukianov, Clarence Flanders, Tom Nichols

**Public Present:** William Smith, Sherry James, Jack Matheson, Ethan Moon, Corey Jones, Aurora Northgraves, John Hansen, Joan and Edward Kobrinski, Deb Morgan, RSU #13 Superintendent John McDonald, Human Resources Director, Ali Young, Business Manager, Katherine Hurt, Cushing Community School Principal, Dawn Jones, Cushing RSU Board Member, Samantha Jones.

**1.Call to Order:** Cheryl Stackpole called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**3. Approve and sign the Warrant**

**ACTION:** Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve 2026 Warrants #13, 14, 15

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

**4. Review and approve the minutes of March 23rd, 2026, selectboard meeting as written**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to approve the minutes of March 23rd, 2026, meeting as written

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the agenda-**

**6.Unfinished Business-**

**6a. Additional information regarding public water access property**

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Michael James to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 5pm at the Cushing Community School

**ACTION:** Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to accept the questions as read to put on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting

**Discussion:** In March of 2026 voters approved the appropriation of \$365,000.00 to acquire a certain parcel of land on Barnacle Lane. Appropriating only \$365,000 was contingent on was contingent on the State of Maine's "Land for Maine's Future" program contributing an equal \$365,000 to the total purchase price. The state based its contribution calculation on the appraised value of the parcel with the buildings thereon. Since then, they have come to learn that the State will only contribute an amount calculated on the lands appraised value **without** considering the buildings thereon. That appraised amount is \$580,000, meaning the State will only contribute \$290,000 to the acquisition on the lot. The Town must now determine how to cover \$75,000. The Town is applying for a \$50,000 grant from The Maine Community Foundation. There are other grants being applied for to cover the \$25,000 as well. There will be 2 questions at the Special Town meeting. Closing date for public water access parcel is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

**6b. Ad HOC audit committee update**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:**

**7. New Business:**

**7a. RSU 13 Budget Update**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Proposed 2026-2027 Budget Total \$41,383,070.83 with an increase of \$305,517.00 or 0.74% from last year's budget. The proposed budget is a stabilization budget that prioritizes continuity for students/staff with as minimal impact to taxpayers. Cushing Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be combined next year due to low numbers. Cushing will see a 9.14% Community Tax Impact.

**7b. Spring Road Clean-up**

**ACTION:**

**Discussion:** Lisa will be in touch with Guy Barter. He will oversee setting a date and gathering help.

**Comments from citizens-** John Hansen announced he is running for Knox County Sheriff. John has a background of 24 years in law enforcement. He is hoping to make a change in the budget, as well as staffing issues.

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Michael James to adjourn at 6:48pm

**Discussion:**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Danika Poland*  
*Recording Secretary*