

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE 2015 YEAR
Monday, March 16, 2015
Tuesday March 17, 2015

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 16th day of March, 2015 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, 2015 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 #2, Selectman Seat #5, RSU#13 Director, Assessor Seat #2, Budget Committee Member Seat #2 & Seat #3.

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

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| Selectman (Chair) | \$ 5,449.00 |
| Selectman | 2,536.00 |
| Assessor (Chair) | 1,566.00 |
| Assessor | 856.00 |
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| Planning Board (Chair) | 1,854.00 |
| Planning Board | 927.00 |
| 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> |
| Total | \$46,573.00 |

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000.00 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 \$11,000.00 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 \$26,000.00 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 \$12,000.00 for the Computer Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,000.00 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 \$40,940.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the Fire Station Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,300.00 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 \$40,010.00 for the County dispatching service.

Selectman and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art.18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to be put in the Animal Welfare Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 19. 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. 20. 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. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Recreation Field Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services:

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| American Red Cross | 1,500.00 |
| 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 | 645.00 |

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| Senior Spectrum | 1,235.00 |
| Trekkers | <u>750.00</u> |
| Total | \$7,440.00 |

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,169.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Pleasant View Cemetery Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,700.00 for the Norton Cemetery Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to take \$6,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to take \$4,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Garage Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to take \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Roads Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to take \$71,961.89 from Excise Tax and raise and appropriate \$28,038.11 for the Waldoboro Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to take \$60,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Removal Account.

**Selectmen Recommends
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend**

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Plow Equipment and Sander Operations Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to take \$19,000.00 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 \$1,000.00 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 \$20,000.00 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 take \$1,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Harbor Master Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$106,000.00 from Undesignated Funds into the Town Roads Account.

Art. 41. 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. 42. 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. 43. 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. 44. To see if the Town will vote to take money from Undesignated Funds to pay for abated taxes.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to set fees.

Art. 46. 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 2015.

Art. 47. 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. 48. 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. 49. 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. 50. 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 2016 budget accounts from January 1, 2016 until the 2016 annual meeting.

Municipal Officers
Town of Cushing

Alton Grover

Laurie Haynes

Martha Marchut

Daniel Staples

Robert Worthing

February 9, 2015