

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
 FOR THE 2012 YEAR
 Monday, March 19, 2012
 Tuesday, March 20, 2012

To Joseph Carr, a resident of the Town of Cushing in the Count 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 19th day of March, 2012 A.D. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 1 thru 4 by secret ballot. And to notify said voters to meet at the Cushing Community Center in said Town on Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 2012 A.D. At 7 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 5 thru all of said Articles as set out below.

- Art. 1. To elect by secret ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot two Selectmen seats for three years, one RSU #13 Director for one year, one Assessor for three years and one Budget Committee Member for five years.
- Art. 3. "Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?"
- Art. 4. "Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?"
- Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Salaries.

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
Director, Emergency Management	750.00
General Assistance Admin.	1,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	9,853.00
Fire Chief	3,605.00
Deputy Fire Chief	566.00
Animal Control Officer	950.50
	\$41,157.50

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$76,000.00 for the Administrative Wages Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Assessor's Account, which will include the Assessor's Agent Salary.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for Capital Improvements to the Cushing Community Center.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Incidentals Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Cushing Community Center Operations Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500.00 for the Computer/Office Equipment Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,792.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Fire Station Operations Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 14. 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)

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Professional Services Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,300.00 for the Septic Tank Disposal Contract.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,800.00 for the Cushing Recreation Field Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,000.00 for the County dispatching Service.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to support the Georges River Interlocal Clam Management Agreement.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Town Library Assistance Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

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

Adapt	\$400.00
American Red Cross	1,360.00
Coastal Transportation	700.00
Penquis	2,493.00
Friendship-Cushing Food Pantry	700.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	1,220.00
PenBay Outpatient Psychiatry	1,322.00
New Hope for Women	660.00
Senior Spectrum	1,235.00
Trekkers	750.00
Coastal Opportunities	200.00
Total	<u>\$11,040.00</u>

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,928.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for the Dry Fire Hydrant Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the Alarm/Phone System.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Insurance Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to take \$14,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Payroll Taxes Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to take \$1,500.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Garage Operations Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to take \$95,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Waldoboro Transfer Station Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to take \$5,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Roads Maintenance Account.

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

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Plow Equipment Operations Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to take \$12,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snow Plow Trucks maintenance and Fuel Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

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

Budget Committee Recommends

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

Budget Committee Recommends

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

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to take \$15,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Ambulance Replacement Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to take \$2,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Boat Excise for the Public Water Access Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to take \$2,000.00 from Boat Excise for the Harbormaster Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 42. To see if the Town will approve taking \$40,000.00 from the \$50,000.00 negotiated settlement to replace the \$40,000.00 borrowed from the Boat Excise Account for the Salt Pond Bridge project.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 43. To see if the Town will approve taking \$10,000.00 from the \$50,000.00 negotiated settlement for the Professional Services Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 44. To see if the Town will approve transferring \$17,179.31 left in the Salt Pond Bridge project Account and put it back in the Vehicle Excise Account.

Budget Committee Recommends

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept the payment of taxes not yet assessed.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2.00% per year.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to take money from Undesignated Funds to pay for abated taxes.

Art. 48. 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. 49. 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 2012.

Art. 50. 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 to authorize the municipal officers on behalf of the Town to apply for such grants, provided 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. 51. 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 that property tax levy limit.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the 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. 53. 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 2013 budget accounts from January 1, 2013 until 2013 annual meeting.

Municipal Officers
Town of Cushing

Alton Grover

Robert Worthing

Daniel Staples

Laurie Haynes

Willard Payson