

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR THE 2018 YEAR**

Monday, March 19, 2018

Tuesday March 20, 2018

*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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 A.D. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 4 by secret ballot. And to notify said voters to meet at the Cushing Community Center in said Town on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 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 a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot Selectmen Seat #3 & Seat #4, Assessor Seat #1 & #3, and Budget Committee Member Seat #4.

Art. 3. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Site Plan Review Ordinance' be repealed?

Art. 4. Shall the Town approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Cushing Recycling Committee Account, money which was raised by the Committee not from property taxes, and transfer it to the Good Neighbor Park for maintenance of the park?

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers salaries.

Selectman (Chair)	\$ 5,612.00
Selectman	2,612.00
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Assessor (Chair)	1,613.00
Assessor	882.00
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Planning Board (Chair)	1,910.00
Planning Board	955.00
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Harbormaster	2,186.00
Director, Emergency Management	1,030.00
General Assistance Admin.	1,030.00
Plumbing Inspector	323.00
Code Enforcement Officer	10,661.00
Fire Chief	3,713.00
Deputy Fire Chief	583.00
Rescue Squad Director	2,000.00
Assistant Rescue Squad Director	1,500.00

Quality Assurance & Improvement	1,500.00
Health Officer	500.00
Addressing Officer	500.00
Animal Control Officer	3,278.00
Recreation Director	<u>1,730.00</u>
	\$55,701.00
2017 unexpended	<u>- 2,726.00</u>
Total	\$52,975.00

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000.00 for the Administrative Wages Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for payroll taxes.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Incidentals Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

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

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Assessor's Account, which will include the Assessor's Agent salary.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the Planning Board Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Computer Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,000.00 for the Insurance Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for Capital Improvements to the Cushing Community Center.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 5,000.00 for the Cushing Community Center Operations Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,000.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for the Fire Station Operations Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 18. 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 Recommend**

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,373.00 for the County dispatching service.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

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

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Field.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Animal Welfare Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 23. 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 Recommend**

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

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the General Assistance Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 26. 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
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	1,181.00
Senior Spectrum	1,235.00
Trekkers	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$8,276.00

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,473.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Professional Services Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Pleasant View Cemetery Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Norton Cemetery Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 32. 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 Recommend**

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to take \$1,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Garage Operations Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to take \$75,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Waldoboro Transfer Station Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to take \$65,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Removal Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to take \$14,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snow Plow Trucks Maintenance and Fuel Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to take \$4,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snow Plow and Sander Equipment Operations.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 38. 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 Recommend**

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to take \$15,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Rescue Squad Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 40. 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 Recommend**

Art. 41. To see if the Town will take \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Fire Truck Replacement Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 42. To see if the Town will take \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Ambulance Replacement Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 43. 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 Recommend**

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to take \$161,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Road Maintenance Account.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend**

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$80,000.00 from Undesignated Funds into the Town Road Maintenance Account.

Art. 46. Shall the Floodplain Management Ordinance approved by the Town at the March 2016 Town meeting include a change to Article VI. P.2.b.(3) provided by the State Planning Office which reads as follows:

(3) constructed ~~to enclose less than 300 square feet of area~~ with non-supporting breakaway walls that have a design safe loading resistance of not less than 10 or more than 20 pounds per square foot.

(The National Flood Insurance Program assesses a higher premium for breakaway walls that enclose 300 square feet or greater. The larger the square footage of the enclosure, the higher the cost of insurance. Developers are advised to inquire into flood insurance premium rates before commencing construction.)

Art. 47. 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. 48. 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. 49. 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. 50. To see if the Town will vote to take money from Undesignated Funds to pay for abated taxes.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to set fees. This article is to continue in force until repealed or amended at a Town Meeting.

Art. 52. 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 2018.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate, for the purposes for which they are received, the proceeds of all grants made to the Town during the Town's 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 a standard grant condition regarding spending only for the purpose for which the grant is made, be approved by Town Meeting.

Art. 54. 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. 55. 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. 56. 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 2019 budget accounts from January 1, 2019 until the 2019 annual meeting.

Municipal Officers, Town of Cushing

Alton Grover

Martha Marchut

Daniel Staples

Heidi Alley

Laurie Haynes

*February 12, 2018*

