

TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR THE 2020 YEAR

Tuesday July 28, 2020

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 meet at the Cushing Community Center in said Town on Tuesday, the 28th day of July 2020 A.D. at 7 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 1 thru all of said Articles as set out below.

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers salaries.

Selectman (Chair)	\$ 5,884.00
Selectman	2,739.00
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Assessor (Chair)	1,691.00
Assessor	925.00
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Planning Board (Chair)	2,002.00
Planning Board	1,002.00
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Harbormaster	2,292.00
Director, Emergency Management	1,080.00
General Assistance Admin.	1,080.00
Plumbing Inspector	339.00
Code Enforcement Officer	11,179.00
Fire Chief	3,893.00
Deputy Fire Chief	611.00
Rescue Squad Director	2,097.00
Assistant Rescue Squad Director	1,573.00
Q.A.I. Officer	1,573.00
Health Officer	524.00
Addressing Officer	524.00
Animal Control Officer	3,437.00
Recreation Director	<u>3,060.00</u>
	\$59,653.00
2019 unexpended	<u>- 2,725.25</u>
Total	\$56,927.75

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$83,580.00 for the Administrative Wages Account (This includes Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector wages).

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for payroll taxes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 6. 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 Recommend

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the Computer Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Insurance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Furniture and Fixtures Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for Capital Improvements to the Cushing Community Center.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 11. 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 Recommend

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$55,830.00 for the Cushing Fire Department Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,658.00, for the Assessor's Account, which will include the Assessor's Agent salary.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,275.00 for the Planning Board Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 16. 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. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Cushing Recreation Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the Cushing Recreation Field.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Animal Welfare Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 21. 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. 22. 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. 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
Flags for Veteran Graves	300.00
Friendship-Cushing Food Pantry	700.00
MidCoast Maine Community Action	800.00
New Hope for Women	660.00
Penquis	443.00
Spectrum Generations	1,256.00
Trekkers	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$7,609.00

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,197.00 for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 25. 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. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Ancient Cemetery Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 27. 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. 28. To see if the Town will vote to take \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 29. 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 Recommend

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to take \$68,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Snow Removal Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to take \$5,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snowplow and Sander Equipment Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to take \$16,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Town Snowplow Trucks Maintenance and Fuel Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 33. 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. 34. To see if the Town will vote to take \$2,500.00 from Excise Tax for the Ambulance Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to take \$80,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Waldoboro Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to take \$52,762.00 from Excise for the County dispatching service.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 37. 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. 38. 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. 39. To see if the Town will take \$25,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Fire Truck Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 40. To see if the Town will take \$25,000.00 from Excise Tax for the Ambulance Replacement Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to take \$35,000.00 from Excise Tax to purchase a backhoe.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend

Art. 42. 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. 43. To see if the Town will vote to approve entering into a three-year contract with Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County. (Contract is 2,147.60 per year)

Art. 44. 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. 45. 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. 46. 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. 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 authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property by sealed bid, and to advertise the sale of the property three times in the local paper, prior to the opening of the bids.

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 2020.

Art. 50. 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.

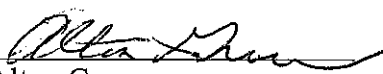
Art. 51. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance' be amended as shown in the attachment to the warrant and reviewed at the March 2, 2020 public hearing?

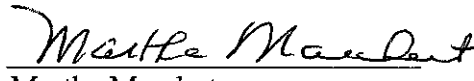
Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Cushing by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

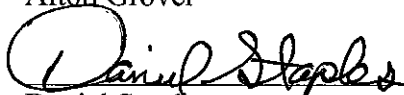
Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, donations, trust funds, and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities 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.

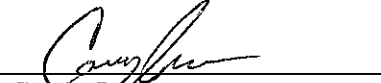
Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts and to borrow or transfer funds as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated year 2021 budget accounts from January 1, 2021 until the 2021 annual meeting.

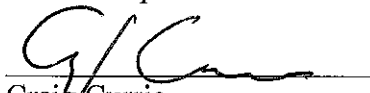
Municipal Officers, Town of Cushing


Alton Grover


Martha Marchut


Daniel Staples

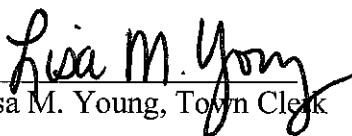

Corey Jones


Craig Currie

July 13, 2020

Attest: A true copy of the Town of Cushing Town Meeting Warrant for the year 2020, as certified to me by the municipal officers of the Town of Cushing, on Monday July 13, 2020.

July 13, 2020


Lisa M. Young, Town Clerk

An Ordinance Amending the "Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance" for the Towns of Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, and Warren

WARRANT ARTICLE:

Shall the ordinance entitled "Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance" be amended?

THE GRRSM JOINT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

A copy of this ordinance has been on file with the Clerk's Office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

The following section of the GRRSM Ordinance has a proposed ordinance addition:

Section 17: VIOLATIONS, SUSPENSION OF LICENSES, AND FINES

L. Misconduct: Anyone who is rude or threatening to the town administration shall have their GRRSM Shellfish license suspended for one (1) month for the first offense and one (1) year for the second offense.

A true copy of the GRRSM Ordinance Amendments,

Attest: Kara George

Kara George, Town Clerk

Town of Thomaston, Administrative Town for the GRRSM