

TOWN OF CUSHING
Meeting of the Selectboard
Monday Feb 9th, 2026
@ 6pm

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

Select Board Absent:

Staff Present: Lisa Young, Austin Donaghy, Andrew Blanchard, Mark Christopher, Tom Nichols

Public Present: Jack Matheson, William Smith, Ethan Moon, Sherry James

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.

Enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A §405(6)(F) Discussion of Confidential Record

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §(405)(6)(F) Discussion of Confidential Record at 6:02pm

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to enter back into regular meeting at 6:12pm

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Mike James to decline #0126

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

3. Approve and sign the Warrant

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion, seconded by Craig Normand, to approve 2026 Warrants #3-6

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of December 22nd, 2025, and Jan 12, 2026 selectboard meeting as written

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to approve the minutes of December 22nd, 2025 and Jan 12th. 2026, meeting as written

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-0 Cheryl Stackpole and Michael James Absent on the Dec 22nd and Tracey Bally on Jan 12th.

5. Additions and Changes to the agenda-

6.Unfinished Business-

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to post the Deputy Clerk position.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7. New Business:

7a. Maine Municipal Building Inspection update

ACTION:

Discussion:

7b. Chairperson of Planning Board, Mark Christopher, to discuss Subdivision Regulations update

ACTION:

Discussion: Mark informed the board that HP 1224 and LD 1829 state statute now allows additional dwelling units per lot. Change of 3 to 5 dwelling units within required period without creating a subdivision. Also, a requirement of before and after pictures of any changes, as well as any lot lines changed within subdivisions need to come back to the Planning Board for review and possible approval. The last change is that planning board applications need to be in 2 weeks prior to scheduled meeting by noon.

7c. Planning Board Member Needed

ACTION:

Discussion: Mark suggested really having another member for the April meeting. Letter of interest by 3/2/26

7d. Audit Committee

ACTION: Craig Currie made a motion seconded by Cheryl Stackpole to create an ad hoc committee for budget audits not to exceed 5 members

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7e. Discuss Prior Lane

ACTION:

Discussion: Craig forwarded the letter of concern from the Towns EMS and Fire Department to the Town Lawyer, Tyler. In review Tyler felt that cleanest and best way to go about this is to have an ordinance in place. It will require that people who own on private roads must maintain them so that they are accessible by any Town emergency vehicles and equipment. Andrew Blanchard sent an email to

Maine EMS for some guidance. No response. Andrew was hoping for clarification if the Town deems a road impassable or unsafe, not being able to get to the resident, can they refuse to respond?

7f. Vote on Budget

ACTION:

Discussion:

7g. Vote on abated and delinquent tax rate for 2026

ACTION: Tracey Bally made a motion to set the rate for delinquent taxes at 6% and abated at 2% to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting.

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

7h. Austin Donaghy to discuss meeting recording

ACTION: Cheryl Stackpole made a motion seconded by Tracey Bally to utilize the Owl to record meetings and to use the transcribe

Discussion: Equipment will be locked in the selectboard room.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Comments from citizens-

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Tracey Bally made a motion seconded by Craig Currie to adjourn at 6:41pm

Discussion:

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Danika Poland
Recording Secretary