

Town of Sedgwick
The Warrant for 2009 - 2010
(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To Cynthia Reilly, a resident of the Town of Sedgwick, in said County:

GREETINGS;

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Sedgwick, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Sedgwick Town House, in said Town on Friday, the 6th day of March 2009 A.D. at 12:45 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLES:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. Election by secret ballot of the following officials: 3rd Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years; Tax Collector for three years; School Committee, one member for one year, two members for three years

Polls open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 6, 2009. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Town House on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 9 a.m. to act on the remaining articles.

SECOND SESSION

3. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$243,180.27 established for the Town of Sedgwick by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved in the following articles will result in a tax commitment that exceeds that property tax levy limit.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for the research, development and maintenance of the town's Public Right of Way Access Points.
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,000.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the cleaning, sorting and stabilizing of old Town Records.
The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
6. To see if the Town will vote to continue to set October 31 as the date after which a rate of 8 percent per annum interest on unpaid taxes will be charged.
7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid for abated taxes at 4 percent.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$104,218.33 to pay the County Tax.
The budget committee recommends raising \$104,218.33.
9. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend State and Federal funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, for State Aid to Education (including Federal pass through funds and property tax relief), Local Road Assistance, Municipal Revenue Sharing, Civil Emergency Management Assistance, Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement, Tree Growth Reimbursement, Public Library State Aid per capita, Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement, state grants and any other funds.
10. Shall an ordinance entitled "Tower Moratorium Ordinance of the Town of Sedgwick" be enacted?

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the compensation and/or rate of pay for Town Officials as follows:

1 st Selectman	\$8,000
2 nd Selectman	\$4,000
3 rd Selectman	\$4,000
Tax Collector	\$17,300, plus fees
Treasurer	\$7,000
Clerk	\$7,000, plus fees
Registrar	\$1,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$4,000
Selectman's Assistant	\$11.00(per hr,1000 hr)
Road Commissioner	State Rate + \$2.00/hr
Animal Control Officer	\$1,400

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 for the Town Office Repair account for improvement and repairs at the town office.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$10,000 from surplus.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for Town Office expenses and routine maintenance.
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,000.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for the Town House Improvement Project Reserve.
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$650 for Town House expenses and routine maintenance.
The budget committee recommends raising \$650.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the upkeep and operation of the Town Dock.
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,500.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75,000 for the repair and upkeep of Town Roads and Bridges.

The budget committee recommends raising \$75,000.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for the purpose of snow removal for town roads.

19. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$149,980 for Snow Removal.

The budget committee recommends raising \$149,980.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriating \$1,000 for the Salt/Sand Shed Reserve account.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,000 from surplus.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$22,000 for winter road expenses, including but not limited to road salt purchases, such account to be a continuing account.

The budget committee recommends raising \$22,000.

22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$21,800 from undesignated surplus to cover an expected overdraft in the FY '09 Snow Removal account.

The budget committee recommends taking \$21,860 from surplus.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,000 for operating Streetlights.

The budget committee recommends raising \$3,000.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$8,500 for Septic Tank and Cesspool Sludge Disposal.

The budget committee recommends raising \$8,500.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$900 for the Animal Control Officer.

The budget committee recommends raising \$900.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$94,966 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.
The budget committee recommends raising \$94,966 .
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$118,185 for Administration.
The budget committee recommends raising \$114,000 and appropriate from surplus \$4,185.
28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,500 for General Assistance.
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,500.
29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of property acquired by the tax lien process at public sale, except where it is being sold back to the former owner, or to a party who has succeeded to the title of the former owner, in which case a private sale may be utilized. "Public Auction" shall mean a sale pursuant to published notice in the newspaper of general circulation within the Town as the Selectmen deem appropriate with notification of 30 days prior to the sale.
The Selectmen retain the right to refuse any or all offers.
30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of town equipment when it is deemed no longer needed or useful.
31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use money set aside in the Overlay account to pay tax abatements.
32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply Excise Tax, Homestead Exemptions, Tree Growth and Revenue Sharing funds for the purpose of reducing the tax commitment for the fiscal year.

33. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 for Legal Fees .
The budget committee recommends raising \$10,000.
34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$325 for Emergency Management expenses.
The budget committee recommends raising \$325.
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,818 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center for Dispatch Services.
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,818.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for replacement of Road Signs .
The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$39,500 for Fire Fighting expenses.
The budget committee recommends raising \$39,500 .
38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for Fire Equipment Reserve account.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$5,000 from surplus.
39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Forest Fire Fighting expenses
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$29,295 for the Fire House Substation payment.
The budget committee recommends raising \$4,295 and taking \$25,000 from surplus.
41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,387.43 to cover an overdraft in the fiscal year '08 Fire Department budget.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,387.43 from surplus.

42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$1,500 for the Veterans Grave account for the purpose of maintaining veteran graves in town.
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,500.
43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2009-2010 school year for the tuition of secondary students up to the legal limit established by the Maine Revised Statutes for the education of its secondary students.
44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements, to the best advantage of the Town, with other towns, companies and /or individuals for the 2009-2010 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.
45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for K-12 Regular Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$883,756
This article includes elementary and secondary education accounts. Prior year \$872,176
46. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.
School Committee Recommends: \$239,780
This article includes special education instruction, special education administration and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$254,600
47. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$13,957
This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year \$17,479

48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Committee Recommends: \$81,141
This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, and library accounts. Prior year \$69,903
49. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$76,701
This article includes superintendents office and school committee accounts. Prior year \$76,632
50. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$91,485
This article includes the principal office account. Prior year \$87,427
51. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Committee Recommends: \$123,176
This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$103,966
52. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Committee Recommends: \$178,911
This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$178,477
53. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch.
School Committee Recommends: \$31,963
This article includes the school lunch and contingency accounts. Prior year \$33,390

54. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. (School Committee Recommends: \$1,342,991) and to see what sum the town will raise as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, § 15688.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,342,991

Prior year \$1,213,688

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount (\$1,342,991) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$40,000) of state dollars.

55. (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee. School Committee Recommends \$177,815 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$177,815

Prior year \$258,014

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model.

Reasons: The additional local fund request exceeds the EPS funding model because the school spends more per pupil on regular education, special education, transportation, student and staff support, administration and facilities maintenance than the EPS formula recognizes. The state's EPS funding model isn't an equitable way to judge the budget for a small school.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the school's budget for

educational programs.

56. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act , additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,720,870

Prior year \$1,694,053

57. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for food service.

School Committee Recommends: \$28,564

Prior year \$33,390

58. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the interest bearing building maintenance reserve account.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,500

Prior year \$2,500

59. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds estimated below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

<u>Category</u>	<u>Anticipated Amount</u>
N.C.L.B. Funds	\$ 66,252
State General Purpose Subsidy	\$ 40,000
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$ 38,800
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$ 40,060
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 20,000

60. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant moneys in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,253 for Washington Hancock Community Agency.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$450 for Downeast Health Services.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$8,330 for Peninsula Ambulance Corp.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Hospice of Hancock County.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$341 for Community Health & Counseling Services.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,095 for American Red Cross.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,750 for the YMCA.
The budget committee has no recommendation.

71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,100 for Nichols Day Camp.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,150 for the Blue Hill Library.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sargentville Library.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$350 for Down East Transportation.
The budget committee has no recommendation.
75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for the Down East Aids Network.
The budget committee has no recommendation.

**Given under our hand at Sedgwick, Maine
this 20th day of February, 2009**

/s/

Nelson Grindal, First Selectman

/s/

William Jagger, Second Selectman

Thomas O'Connor, Third Selectman

A true copy

Attest:

Cynthia Reilly

Resident of Sedgwick, Maine

