# Town of Sedgwick The Warrant for 2011 - 2012 (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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011 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.
- Election by secret ballot of the following officials: 1st Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years; Treasurer for three years; School Committee, one member for three years.

Polls open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 4, 2011. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Town House on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 9 a.m. to act on the remaining articles.

#### SECOND SESSION

- 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for the research, development and maintenance of the town's Public Access Reserve.
  - The budget committee recommends raising \$200.
- 4. 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.

- 5. To see if the Town will vote to continue to set October 31 as the date after which a rate of 7 percent per annum interest on unpaid taxes will be charged.
- 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid for abated taxes at 3 percent.
- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$90,908.70 to pay the County Tax.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$90,908.70.
- 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend State and Federal funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, 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.
- 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the compensation and/or rate of pay for Town Officials as follows:

 $1^{\text{st}}$  Selectman \$8,000  $2^{\text{nd}}$  Selectman \$4,000  $3^{\text{rd}}$  Selectman \$4,000

Tax Collector \$17,300, plus fees

Treasurer \$7,500

Clerk \$7,500 plus fees

Registrar \$1,000 Code Enforcement Officer \$4,000

Selectman's Assistant \$11.00 (p/hr;1,000 hr) Road Commissioner State Rate + \$2.00/hr

Animal Control Officer \$1,400

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the continuing Town Office Repair Reserve account.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$2,000 from surplus.

- 11. 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 appropriating \$5,000 from surplus.
- 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment account.

  The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,000 from surplus.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Town House Improvement Reserve.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
- 14. 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.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for the upkeep and operation of the Town Dock.

  The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,000 from surplus.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$40,000 for the repair and upkeep of Town Roads and Bridges. The budget committee recommends raising \$40,000.
- 17. 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.
- 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$162,635 for Snow Removal.

The budget committee recommends raising \$162,635.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for the Salt/Sand Shed Reserve account.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$100 from surplus.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$20,000 for winter road expenses, including, but not limited to, road salt purchases.

The budget committee recommends raising \$20,000.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$65,000 for tarring town roads.

The budget committee recommends raising \$65,000.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,200 for operating Streetlights.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$2,200 from surplus.

23. 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 appropriating \$8,500 from surplus.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for the Animal Control Account.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$2,000 from surplus.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$98,642 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.

The budget committee recommends raising \$98,643.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$133,000 for Administration.

The budget committee recommends raising \$133,000.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,500 for General Assistance.

The budget committee recommends raising \$4,500.

- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.
- 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use money set aside in the Overlay account to pay tax abatements.
- 31. 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.
- 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the legal reserve account.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$5,000.
- 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75 for Emergency Management expenses.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$75.

- 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,917.48 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center for Dispatch Services.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$1,917.48.
- 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for replacement of Road Signs.
  The budget committee recommends raising \$200.
- 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$43,500 for Fire Fighting expenses.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$43,500.
- 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the amount of \$157.43 to cover an overdraft in the Fire Protection Account.

The budget committee recommends raising \$157.43.

- 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 authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from surplus \$4,000 for the Veterans Grave Reserve account.
  The budget committee recommends appropriating \$4,000 from surplus.
- 41. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Town of Sedgwick, Maine, Wind Energy Facilities Ordinance."
- 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance."

- 43. To see of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant from the State of Maine for the purpose of constructing a road to the property owned jointly by the towns of Sedgwick and Brooksville on Walker Pond.
- 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2011-2012 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.
- 45. 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 2011-2012 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.
- 46. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for K-12 Regular Instruction.
  School Committee Recommends: \$975,410.
  This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$987,828.
- 47. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.

  School Committee Recommends: \$294,814.

  This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year \$267,467.
- 48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.

  School Committee Recommends: \$14,199.

  This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts.

  Prior year \$14,146.
- 49. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. School Committee Recommends: \$105,798.

This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$103,620.

50. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$74,026.

This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year \$71,251.

51. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$105,220.

This article includes the principal office account. Prior year \$99,488.

52. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$123,499.

This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$103,459.

53. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$176,376.

This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$157,220.

54. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch. School Committee Recommends: \$17,343.

This article includes the school lunch account. Prior year \$27,960.

55. 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 \$1,353,486) 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: \$1,331,420.

Prior year \$1,306,062.

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 (\$1,331,420) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$22,066) of state dollars.

56. (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 \$231,698, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$231,698. Prior year EPS exceeded by \$221,661.

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.

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.

57. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 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, school lunch revenues and other receipts for the support of schools. School Committee Recommends: \$1,886,685.

Prior year \$1,832,439.

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

School Committee Recommends: \$17,343. *Prior year* \$27,960.

- 59. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the interest bearing building maintenance reserve account. School Committee Recommends: \$10,000. *Prior year \$2,500*.
- 60. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the interest bearing high school tuition reserve account. School Committee Recommends: \$30,000. *Prior year* \$30,000.
- 61. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds estimated below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

<u>Category</u>	Anticipated Amount
N.C.L.B. Funds	\$ 65,887
State Minimum Subsidy	\$ 22,066
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$ 47,000
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$ 42,666
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 0

- 62. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant moneys in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.
- 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Washington Hancock Community Agency.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$1,300.
- 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for DownEast Health Services. The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
- 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 for Peninsula Ambulance Corps.

  The budget committee recommends raising \$10,000.

66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice.

The budget committee recommends raising \$2,000.

67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

The budget committee recommends raising \$600.

68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,095 for American Red Cross.

The budget committee recommends raising \$1,095.

69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

The budget committee recommends raising \$1,300.

70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,750 for the YMCA.

The budget committee recommends raising \$1,750.

71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,100 for Nichols Day Camp.

The budget committee recommends raising \$2,100.

72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sargentville Library. The budget committee recommends raising \$500.

73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$350 for Down East Transportation. The budget committee recommends raising \$350.

74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for the Down East Aids Network.

The budget committee recommends raising \$200.

75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sedgwick Library.

The budget committee recommends raising \$500.

76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,653 for the Maine Coast Hospital.

The budget committee recommends raising \$1,653.

77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$786 for Community Health and Counseling.

The budget committee recommends raising \$786.

78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,600 for the Blue Hill Public Library.

The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.

## Given under our hand at Sedgwick, Maine this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011

/s/

Nelson Grindal, First Selectman

/s/

Colby Pert, Second Selectman

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Victor Smith, Third Selectman

A true copy Attest: Cynthia Reilly Resident of Sedgwick, Maine

If all municipal articles are approved as written, the total will be \$727,262.18, with 696,462.18 to be raised and \$30,800 to be appropriated from surplus. For FY '10, we raised \$692,429.89 and appropriated \$52,863 from surplus.