

Town of Sedgwick
The Warrant for 2012 - 2013
(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 2nd day of March, 2012 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: Third Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years; Tax Collector for three years; School Committee, two members, for three years.

Polls open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 2, 2012. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Town House on Saturday, March 3, 2012, 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 \$91,113.05 to pay the County Tax.
The budget committee recommends raising \$91,113.05.
8. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend State and Federal funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, 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 st Selectman	\$8,000
2 nd Selectman	\$4,000
3 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 raise and/or appropriate \$168,000 for Snow Removal.
The budget committee recommends raising \$168,000.

18. 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.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$30,000 for Winter Road expenses, including but not limited to, road salt purchases. The budget committee recommends appropriating \$30,000 from surplus.
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$80,000 for Tarring Town Roads.
The budget committee recommends raising \$80,000.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the Animal Control Account. The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,500 from surplus.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$99,629 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.
The budget committee recommends raising \$99,629.
25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$133,000 for Administration.
The budget committee recommends raising \$133,000.
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,500 for General Assistance.

The budget committee recommends raising \$4,500 and appropriating \$3,000 from surplus.

27. 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 a 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.
28. 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.
29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use money set aside as Overlay to pay tax abatements.
30. 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.
31. To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Legal Reserve account.
The budget committee recommends raising \$100.
32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75 for Emergency Management.
The budget committee recommends raising \$75.
33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center for Dispatch Services.
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,000.

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for replacement of Road Signs.
The budget committee recommends raising \$200.
35. 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.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve account.
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,000 and appropriating \$5,000 from surplus.
37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Forest Fire Fighting expenses
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,000 from surplus.
38. 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.
39. Shall the Selectmen of the Town of Sedgwick enter into a “Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program” agreement with the Efficiency Maine Trust and authorize the Selectmen to sign the same?
40. To see if the Town will acknowledge the enormous importance of children’s very early years, will welcome all babies born to Sedgwick families in 2011, and wish for them the blessings of healthy development, a nurturing family, and a community that values them, educates them, and supports them and their families.
41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the

2012-2013 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.

42. 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 2012-2013 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.

N.B.: The Sedgwick Budget Committee recommends cutting the 2012-13 school budget by \$50,000.

43. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for K-12 Regular Instruction. School Committee recommends \$977,337.

This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year: \$975,410.

44. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Career & Technical Education. School Committee recommends \$18,100.

This article includes tuition for high school students attending the Hancock County Technical Center. Prior year: \$0.

45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education. School Committee recommends \$277,325.

This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year: \$294,814.

46. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction. School Committee recommends \$15,271.

This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year: \$14,199.

47. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. School Committee recommends \$148,084.

This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, library and student assessment accounts. Prior year: \$105,798.

48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration. School Committee recommends \$77,176.
This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year: \$74,026.
49. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration. School Committee recommends \$108,510. *This article includes the principal's office account.*
Prior year: \$105,220.
50. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses. School Committee recommends \$136,863.
This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts.
Prior year: \$123,499.
51. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance. School Committee recommends \$187,451.
This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts.
Prior year: \$176,376.
52. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch. School Committee recommends \$21,280. *This article includes the school lunch account. Prior year: \$17,343.*
53. 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 \$1,282,459) 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 \$1,222,100. *Prior year: \$1,331,420.*

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 (\$1,222,100) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$60,359) of state dollars.

54. **(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 \$662,258, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$631,217. *Prior year EPS exceeded by \$231,698.*

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.

55. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, 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 \$1,967,397. *Prior year: \$1,886,68.5*

56. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for food service. School Committee recommends \$21,280.
Prior year: \$17,343.

57. 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: \$10,000.

58. 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	\$64,169
State Minimum Subsidy	\$60,359
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$40,790
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$41,253
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$0

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

60. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend from the high school tuition and building maintenance reserve accounts for expenses in the 2011-12 fiscal year. School Committee recommends \$113,555. *Prior year: \$0.*
Explanation: All discretionary spending in the current (2011-12) school budget has been frozen. At the end of this school year if this budget freeze does not produce enough savings to balance expenditures with revenue, the school committee will be able to cover the revenue shortage from reserve account funds.

N.B.: The Budget Committee recommends a one-year moratorium on raising Sedgwick property taxes for donations to social service organizations in order to mitigate the potential increase in the tax

burden because of the school budget.

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,244 for Washington Hancock Community Agency.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$525 for DownEast Health Services.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$13,670.28 for Peninsula Ambulance Corps.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,095 for American Red Cross.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
67. 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 \$0.
68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,750 for the YMCA.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,100 for Nichols Day Camp.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.

70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sargentville Library.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$350 for Down East Transportation.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for the Down East Aids Network.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sedgwick Library.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,100 for the Maine Coast Hospital.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$860 for Community Health and Counseling.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
76. 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 \$0.
77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$300 for Yesterday's Children. The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,200 for Child and Family Opportunities.
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
79. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the Towns of Sedgwick and

Brooksville on Walker Pond, Section 3: “The Parties hereto agree that a “Town Landing Committee” (hereinafter “Committee”) shall be formed as the administrative entity required by 30-A M.R.S.A. 2203(2)(B). It shall consist of (a) selectmen or their representatives from the Town of Sedgwick, and (b) two selectmen or their representatives from the Town of Brooksville. The Town Landing Committee shall administer the Town Landing Facility and access road as provided below.

The Committee will annually, at its first meeting after both Towns’ annual meetings, elect a chairperson from its membership and a treasurer. The Town Treasurer for either the Town of Sedgwick or the Town of Brooksville may be designated as the Committee treasurer.

The Committee shall hold quarterly meetings at an established location and time; but the Committee may, at its discretion, meet more frequently if circumstances require. Two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting, the chair will prepare, post, and circulate to the Members, an agenda. Items may be added to the agenda by majority vote of the Members present at each meeting. Minutes will be taken and posted for every meeting. Special meetings of this Committee may also be called by the Board of Selectmen of either Town or by the chair of the Committee upon at least ten (10) calendar days advance written or personally telephoned notice to the Members. Emergency meetings may be called by the chair or by the selectmen or their representatives of either Town by making a bona fide effort to give telephone notice to each member, and by giving notice to local representatives of the media as provided in 1 M.R.S.A. 406. A quorum of three members must be present at any meeting.

All decisions of the Committee shall be made by vote, with each Member present having one vote. There shall be no proxy voting. A quorum for the Committee shall consist of a majority of Members. In the event of a tie vote, the motion shall fail for lack of a majority. For votes to amend this Agreement pursuant to sec. 10 where an affirmative vote at both town meetings is

required, a tie vote at aforementioned town meeting shall also be considered a 'no' vote as regards the amendment."

by replacing it with:

"The Parties hereto agree that a "Town Landing Committee" (hereinafter "Committee") shall be formed as the administrative entity required by 30-A M.R.S.A. 2203(2)(B). It shall consist of **three (3) selectmen or their representatives from the Town of Sedgwick and three (3) selectmen or their representatives from the Town of Brooksville.** The Town Landing Committee shall administer the Town Landing Facility and access road as provided below.

The Committee will annually, at its first meeting after both Towns' annual **meeting**, elect a chairperson from its membership and a treasurer. The Town Treasurer for either the Town of Sedgwick or the Town of Brooksville may be designated as the Committee treasurer.

The Committee shall hold quarterly meetings at an established location and time; but the Committee may, at its discretion, meet more frequently if circumstances require. Two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting, **the chairperson will prepare, post and circulate an agenda to the Members.** Items may be added to the agenda by majority vote of the Members present at each meeting. Minutes will be taken and posted for every meeting. Special meetings of this Committee may also be called by the Board of Selectmen of either Town or by the **chairperson** of the Committee upon at least ten (10) calendar days advance written or personally telephoned notice to the Members. Emergency meetings may be called by the **chairperson** or by the selectmen or their representatives of either Town by making a bona fide effort to give telephone notice to each member, and by giving notice to local representatives of the media as provided in 1 M.R.S.A. 406. A quorum of **four Members** must be present at any meeting.

All decisions of the Committee shall be made by vote, with each Member present having one vote. There shall be no proxy

voting. A quorum for a Committee vote shall consist of two Members from each Town. In the event of a tie vote, the motion shall fail for lack of a majority. **On any vote** to amend this Agreement pursuant to sec. 10, where an affirmative vote at both town meetings is required, **a tie vote shall also be considered a ‘no’ vote.**

**Given under our hands at Sedgwick, Maine, this
2nd day of February 2012.**

/s/
Neil Davis, First Selectman

/s/
Colby Pert, Second Selectman

/s/
Victor Smith, Third Selectman

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

If all municipal articles are approved as recommended by the budget committee, the total will be \$733,267.05, with 668,967.05, including the county tax, to be raised and \$64,300.00 to be appropriated from surplus. For FY '12, we raised \$694,809.18 and appropriated \$57,527.43 from surplus.

