

**Town of Sedgwick
The Warrant for 2015 – 2016
(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To Rachel McFarland, 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, 2015 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: Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, Tax Collector for three years, School Committee: two members for three year terms and one member for a one year term.

Polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 6, 2015. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Town House on Saturday, March 7, 2015, 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 account
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 appropriating \$500 from surplus.
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 up to \$94,411.99 to pay the County Tax.
The budget committee recommends raising \$94,411.99.
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds from the LRAP for roads and for tarring and fees collected for planning board permits and building notices for administration.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the compensation and/or rate of pay for Town Officials as follows:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 st Selectman | \$8,000 |
| 2 nd Selectman | 8,000 |
| 3 rd Selectman | 8,000 |
| Chairman of Board | 1,000 |
| Tax Collector | 20,000, plus fees |
| Treasurer | 12,500 |
| Clerk | 12,500, plus fees |
| Registrar | 1,200 |
| Code Enforcement Officer | 8,000 |
| Selectmen's Assistant | 13,000 |
| Road Commissioner | State Rate + \$2.00/hr |
| Animal Control Officer | 2,800 |
| Planning Board stipends | 1,200 |

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Town Office Repair account.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$40,000 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 raising \$5,000.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the Town Office Equipment account.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,500 from surplus.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Town House Improvement account.

The budget committee recommends appropriating \$500 from surplus.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Town House expenses and routine maintenance.
The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
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 raising \$1,000.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$20,000 for the repair and upkeep of Town Roads and Bridges.
The budget committee recommends raising \$20,000.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$188,924 for Snow Removal.
The budget Committee recommends raising \$188,924.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for the Salt/Sand Reserve.
The budget committee recommends raising \$100.
19. 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.
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$50,000 for Tarring town roads.
The budget committee recommends raising \$50,000.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,200 for operating Streetlights.
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,200.
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$9,500 for Septic Tank and Cesspool Sludge Disposal.
The budget committee recommends raising \$4,500 and appropriating \$5,000 from surplus.
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,500 for the Animal Control account.
The budget committee recommends raising \$3,500.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate up to \$100,000 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.
The budget committee recommends raising \$100,000.
25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$170,000 for Administration.
The budget committee recommends raising \$170,000.
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$8,000 for General Assistance.
The budget committee recommends raising \$4,000 and appropriating \$4,000 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 on such terms as the selectmen deem appropriate, 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.
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 in the Overlay account 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 \$250 for the Legal Reserve account.
The budget committee recommends raising \$250.
32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75 for Emergency Management expenses.
The budget committee recommends raising \$75.

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate up to \$2,300 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) for dispatch services.
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,300.
34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$650 for replacement of Road Signs.
The budget committee recommends raising \$650.
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$47,600 for Fire Protection.
The budget committee recommends raising \$47,600.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$20,000 for the Fire Equipment account.
The budget committee recommends raising \$10,000 and appropriating \$10,000 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 raise and/or appropriate \$14,866 for the Peninsula Ambulance Corps.
The budget committee recommends raising \$14,866.
39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,000 for the Veterans' Graves account.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$4,000 from surplus.
40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000 for the Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing at Walker Pond Reserve account.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$15,000 from surplus.
41. To see if the Town will approve the amendments to the Harbor Ordinance:
Amend section 2.1 to read:
Regulation under this ordinance shall extend only to certain portions of the Benjamin River, the limits of which are: northeasterly from a point in the channel off Job's Bar in the Benjamin River to a point off Mean's Point, across from Benjamin River Marine, thence northwesterly and southerly following the shoreline back to the starting point off Job's Bar. This boundary between Sedgwick and Brooklin

pertains only to the regulation of harbor use and the points mentioned above are set by agreement between the selectmen of the two towns. Any dispute of Section 2.1 will be resolved by the selectmen.

Amend section 13.1 to read:

Attend watercraft may tie up to the face of the town float for a period not to exceed one half (1/2) hour. The time may be extended with prior approval of the Harbormaster. Unattended dinghies of 12 ft. or less with a maximum beam of 5 ft. may be tied up to the finger floats, provided they do not interfere with watercraft landing and departing the dock. Dinghies must be kept bailed and fendered. A tie-up permit must be visible at all times.

Amend section 13.3 to read:

Only one (1) dinghy permit will be issued per household. The permits will be issued to holders of valid Sedgwick resident mooring permits who also have a boat currently registered in Sedgwick.

Amend section 13.4 to read:

Non-resident permits will be issued on a space available basis as determined by the Harbormaster. Once issued, non-resident dinghy permits may be renewed indefinitely as long as kept current (fee paid by May 31), but not transferred. Preference will be given to Brooklin residents with moorings in the Benjamin River.

Delete sections 13.5 and 13.6.

42. To see if the Town will approve a revision in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the Towns of Sedgwick and Brooksville on Walker Pond: *suggested revision in italics.*

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 order for a motion to pass, two members from each town must vote in the affirmative, as a part of the majority vote.* In the event of a tie vote *or in the event that two members from each town do not vote in the affirmative*, 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.

43. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen and the school board to develop a mutually agreeable format for presenting the school budget to the voters as a referendum (secret ballot vote).

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44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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: \$1,088,593.
This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$987,008
47. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Career & Technical Education.
School Committee Recommends: \$10,046
This article includes tuition for high school students attending the Hancock County Technical Center. Prior year \$18,740
48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.
School Committee Recommends: \$301,692.
This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year \$280,555
49. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$17,878.
This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year \$15,708
50. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Committee Recommends: \$103,249.
This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$100,387

51. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$82,167.
This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year \$76,290
52. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$126,989.
This article includes the principal office account. Prior year \$121,456
53. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Committee Recommends: \$139,875
This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$131,659
54. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Committee Recommends: \$189,768.
This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$213,960
55. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch.
School Committee Recommends: \$26,679
This article includes the school lunch account. Prior year \$26,679
56. 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 \$1,250,000) 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: \$1,250,000.
Prior year \$1,250,000
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 (\$1,250,000) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$161,462) of state dollars.

57. **(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 \$542,395 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$542,395.
Prior year EPS exceeded by \$517,595)
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.
58. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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: \$2,086,936.
Prior year \$1,972,674
59. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for food service.
School Committee Recommends: \$26,679.
Prior year \$26,679
60. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the interest bearing building maintenance reserve account.
School Committee Recommends: \$0.
Prior year \$15,000
61. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds estimated below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

| Category | Anticipated Amount |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| N.C.L.B. Funds | \$58,170 |
| State Minimum Subsidy | \$161,462 |
| School Lunch Reimbursement | \$39,000 |
| Special Educ. Local Entitlement | \$41,720 |
| 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.

The budget committee has no recommendations for these items

63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,421 for Washington Hancock Community Agency.
64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$760 for WIC (Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children) Services.
65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice.
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$800 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.
67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the American Red Cross.
68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.
69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,750 for the YMCA.
70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for Nichols Day Camp.
71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sargentville Library.
72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sedgwick Library.

73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate \$350 for Downeast Transportation.
74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,100 for Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.
75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$800 for Community Health and Counseling.
76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,000 for the Blue Hill Library.
77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$598 for Lifeflight.
78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,200 for Child & Family Opportunities.
79. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$429,967.14, established for Sedgwick 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 that property tax levy limit.

Given under our hands at Sedgwick, Maine, this 24th day of February, 2015

/S/
Neil Davis

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Nelson Grindal

/S/
Victor Smith
Selectmen of Sedgwick

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

