

Town of Sedgwick
The Warrant for 2018 – 2019
(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 2nd day of March, 2018, 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: 2nd Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1 year term to fill vacancy, Third Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 3 year term, Tax Collector, 3 year term, two seats on the school committee, 3 year terms.

Polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 2, 2018. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Elementary School on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 9 a.m. to act on the remaining articles.

SECOND SESSION:

The Budget Committee has reviewed, discussed and endorsed the budget items presented by the Selectmen and others.

3. To see if the Town will vote to move the balance of funds in the Salt/Sand Shed Reserve and the Winter Roads Account to undesignated surplus. The balances to be transferred are: Salt/Sand Shed Reserve \$59,700 and Winter Roads Account \$10,904 for a total of \$70,604.
4. To see if the Town will vote to move \$71,750 of undesignated surplus to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account. These are the proceeds from the sale of a foreclosed property.

5. 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. *Prior year appropriated \$200 from surplus.*
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$200 from surplus.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for the cleaning, sorting and stabilizing of historic Town Records.
Prior year appropriated \$5,000 from surplus.
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$5,000 from surplus.
7. 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 as set by the state.
8. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid for abated taxes at 4 percent as set by the state.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$99,096.87 to pay the County Tax. *Prior year raised \$92,174.85.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$99,096.87.
10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds from the LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program) for Roads and Tarring, and permit the fees collected from planning board permits and building notices for Administration.
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	8,000
3 rd Selectman	8,000
Chairman of Board	1,000
Tax Collector	20,000, plus fees
Treasurer	13,300
Clerk	12,500, plus fees
Registrar	1,200
Code Enforcement Officer	8,000
Selectmen's Assistant	14,000
Road Commissioner	State Rate + \$2.00/hr.
Animal Control Officer	\$15.00/hr., plus mileage
Planning Board stipends	1,200
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the Town Office Repair account. *Prior year raised \$1,500.*

- The budget committee recommends raising \$1,500.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for Town Office Operations. *Prior year raised \$5,000.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,000.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for the Town House Repair account. *Prior year raised \$500.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,000.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Town House Operations. *Prior year raised \$500.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,500 for the upkeep and operation of the Town Dock. *Prior year raised \$5,000.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,500.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$40,000 for the repair and upkeep of Town Roads and Bridges. *Prior year raised \$40,000.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$40,000.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to renew the two year 50/50 agreement with the State of Maine Department of Transportation to share the Route 15 salt/sand facility. This agreement would be renewable in April of 2020.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$208,080 for Snow Removal. *Prior year raised \$204,000.*
The budget Committee recommends raising \$208,080.
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$50,000 for Tarring town roads. *Prior year raised \$50,000.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$50,000.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,500 for operating Streetlights. *Prior year raised \$2,500.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,500.
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$12,000 for Septic Tank and Cesspool Sludge Disposal.
Prior year raised \$6,000 and appropriated from surplus \$6,000.
The budget committee recommends raising \$6,000 and appropriating \$6,000 from surplus.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,200 for the Animal Control account. *Prior year raised \$7,200.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$7,200.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$105,470 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.
Prior year raised \$105,470.
The budget committee recommends raising \$105,470.
25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$170,000 for Administration. *Prior year raised \$170,000.*
The budget committee recommends raising 170,000.
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$14,000 for General Assistance. *Prior year raised \$8,000 and appropriated \$6,000 from surplus.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$8,000 and appropriating \$6,000 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 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 to place tax acquired property in the hands of a licensed realtor for sale if the effort to sell at public auction does not bring an equitable price.
29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or 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, and Tree Growth 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. *Prior year raised \$200.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,000.
33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75 for Civil Emergency Management expenses. *Prior year raised \$75.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$75.
34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,655.12 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) for dispatch services. *Prior year raised \$2,500.72.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,655.12.
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for replacement of Road Signs. *Prior year raised \$250.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$51,000 for Fire Protection. *Prior year raised \$47,600.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$51,000.
37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$80,000 from the Fire Equipment Reserve account for final costs associated with the new fire truck.
38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$30,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve account. *Prior year raised \$10,000 and appropriated \$20,000 from surplus.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$10,000 and appropriating \$20,000 from surplus.
39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Forest Fire Fighting expenses. *Prior year appropriated \$1,000 from surplus.*
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$1,000 from surplus.
40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,500 for the Veteran's Graves account. *Prior year appropriated \$3,500 from surplus.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$3,500.
41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$14,000 for the Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing at Walker Pond Reserve account. *Prior year appropriated \$20,000 from surplus.*

The budget committee recommends raising \$4,000 and appropriating \$10,000 from surplus.

42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to notify the Department of Marine Resources that the Town wishes to exercise its exclusive right to the alewives in the Town of Sedgwick during fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019) with the intent to restore and sustainably harvest this resource when appropriate.

2018-2019 Sedgwick School Budget

Warrant Articles

43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.
45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,316,605 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$1,316,605.
This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$1,263,631
46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$439,600 for Special Education.
School Committee Recommends: \$439,600
This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year \$442,552
47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$18,212 for Other Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$18,212
This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year \$17,398
48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$109,883 for Student and Staff Support.
School Committee Recommends: \$109,883

This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$97,564

49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$108,314 for System Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$108,314
This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts.
Prior year \$99,734
50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$121,728 for School Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$121,728
This article includes the principal office account.
Prior year \$124,055
51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$131,362 for Transportation and Buses.
School Committee Recommends: \$131,362
This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts.
Prior year \$129,575
52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$211,119 for Facilities Maintenance.
School Committee Recommends: \$211,119
This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts.
Prior year \$199,452
53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$27,868 for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch.
School Committee Recommends: \$27,868
This article includes the school lunch account.
Prior year \$26,679
54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,706,739 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee recommends \$1,706,739) and to see if the town will vote to raise \$1,567,081 as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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: \$1,567,081
Prior year \$1,483,000

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 (\$1,567,081) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$139,658) of state dollars.

55. **(Written Ballot Required)** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$664,184 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (School Committee Recommends \$664,184) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$664,184
Prior year EPS exceeded by \$848,562)

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 pre-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 if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$2,490,191 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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: \$2,490,191
Prior year \$2,400,641
57. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$27,868 for food service. School Committee Recommends: \$27,868.
Prior year \$26,679

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	\$58,000
State Minimum Subsidy	\$139,658
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$ 39,000
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$ 45,000

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 if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend fundraising monies from a special pre-kindergarten revenue fund to support pre-kindergarten expenditures approved in the regular school budget.
61. Shall the Sedgwick School Board be authorized to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers, not to exceed the total spending allocation for the 2018-2019 school year, to balance accounts.

Reasons: Under Maine Law only the voters can give authority for the School Committee to transfer in excess of 5% between cost centers. By granting this authority now, it would eliminate the calling of a special town meeting, if necessary, to balance accounts.

62. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$40,000 from the Education Maintenance Reserve.
School Committee Recommends: \$40,000.

Reasons: The backside building trim needs work to deal with rot, the library needs window work to deal with leaking and rot, the front doors need to be replaced and we need to add some outside lighting for safety and security. These areas have not had anything done since our school was built and by expending funds from the Education Maintenance Reserve, we will use funds already appropriated by our taxpayers.

End of School Articles

63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$22,640 for the Peninsula Ambulance Corps. *Prior year raised \$19,650*
The budget committee recommends raising \$22,640.

64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,027 for Washington Hancock Community Agency/Child & Family Opportunities (now Downeast Community Partners).
Prior year raised: WHCA \$5,027, Child & Family Opportunities \$500.
The budget committee recommends raising \$5,027.
65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$520 for WIC (Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children) Services.
Prior year raised \$840.
The budget committee recommends raising \$520.
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice. *Prior year raised \$2,000.*
The budget committee has no recommendation.
67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. *Prior year raised \$1,000*
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the American Red Cross. *Prior year Town rejected \$1,500.*
The budget committee recommends \$0.
69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging. *Prior year raised \$1,300.*
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. *Prior year raised \$1,750.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,500 for Nichols Day Camp. *Prior year raised \$2,500.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$2,500.
72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for the Sargentville Library. *Prior year raised \$600.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$600.
73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for the Sedgwick Library. *Prior year raised \$500.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate \$350 for Downeast Transportation. *Prior year raised \$350.*

The budget committee has no recommendation.

75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$375 for Community Health and Counseling. *Prior year raised \$300.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$300.
76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,822 for the Blue Hill Library. *Prior year raised \$3,696.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$3,696.
77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$598 for Lifeflight. *Prior year raised \$598.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$598.
78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Health Equity Alliance. *Prior year raised \$200.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$200.
79. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for Maine Public. *Prior year raised \$100.*
The budget committee recommends raising \$0.
80. To see if the Town will vote to enact an ordinance entitled "March 2018 Amendments to the Town of Sedgwick Shoreland Zoning Ordinance." [A copy is on file in the town office.]
81. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$478,021.75 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 15th day of February, 2018.

Michael Sheahan

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Benjamin Astbury
Selectmen of Sedgwick

A true copy
Attest:
Cynthia Reilly, Clerk

