

**Town of Sedgwick
The Warrant for 2019 – 2020
(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To Rachel Van Trump, 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 1st day of March, 2019, 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, 3-year term; Clerk, 3-year term; Road Commissioner, 3-year term; three seats on the school committee, 1 two-year term, two 3-year terms.

Polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 1, 2019. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Elementary School on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 9 a.m. to act on the remaining warrant 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 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.
4. 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.
5. To see if the Town will vote to continue to set October 31 as the date after which a rate of 9 percent per annum interest on unpaid taxes will be charged as set by the state.
6. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid for abated taxes at 5 percent as set by the state.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$101,934.67 to pay the County Tax. *Prior year raised \$99,096.87.* The budget committee recommends raising \$101,934.67
8. 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.
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 | 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 |
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Town Office Repair Reserve account. *Prior year raised \$1,500.* The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,500 for Town Office Operations. *Prior year raised \$5,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$5,500.
12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200.95 from surplus to cover an overdraft in the FY 2018 Town Office Operations account.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for the Town Office Equipment account. *Prior year raised \$0.00.* The budget committee recommends raising \$100.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Town House Repair account. *Prior year raised \$2,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$650 for Town House Operations. *Prior year raised \$1,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$650.
16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$145.44 from surplus to cover an overdraft in the FY 2018 Town House Operations account.
17. 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 \$2,500.* The budget committee recommends raising \$2,500.

18. 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.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$212,241.60 for Snow Removal. *Prior year raised \$208,080.* The budget Committee recommends raising \$212,241.60
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$60,000 for Tarring town roads. *Prior year raised \$50,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$53,000 and appropriating \$7,000 from surplus.
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 \$100 for the Animal Control account. *Prior year raised \$7,200.* The budget committee recommends raising \$100.
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 \$175,000 for Administration. *Prior year raised \$170,000.* The budget committee recommends raising 175,000.
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 authorize the Selectmen to expend grant monies received for the project(s) for which the grant(s) were written.
33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Legal Reserve account. *Prior year raised \$5,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$1,000.
34. 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.
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,738.84 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) for dispatch services. *Prior year raised \$2,655.12.* The budget committee recommends raising \$2,738.84.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for replacement of Road Signs. *Prior year raised \$1,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$500.
37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$25,009.86 for payment of the fire truck loan. The budget committee recommends appropriating \$25,009.86 from surplus.
38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$51,000 for Fire Protection. *Prior year raised \$51,000.* The budget committee recommends raising \$51,000.
39. 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.
40. 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.
41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,500 for the Veterans' Graves account. *Prior year raised \$3,500.* The budget committee recommends raising \$3,500.
42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$20,000 for the Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing at Walker Pond Reserve account. *Prior year raised \$4,000 and appropriated \$10,000 from surplus.* The budget committee recommends appropriating \$10,000 from surplus and raising \$10,000.
43. 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) with the intent to restore and sustainably harvest this resource when appropriate.

2019-2020 Sedgwick School Budget
Warrant Articles

44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.
46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,299,038 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$1,299,038.
This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$1,322,105.
47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$495,497 for Special Education.
School Committee Recommends: \$495,497.
This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year \$439,600.
48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$22,197 for Other Instruction.
School Committee Recommends: \$22,197.
This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year \$18,212.
49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$126,983 for Student and Staff Support.
School Committee Recommends: \$126,983.
This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$109,883.
50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$113,468 for System Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$113,468.
This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year \$108,314.
51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$136,024 for School Administration.
School Committee Recommends: \$136,024.
This article includes the principal office account. Prior year \$121,728.
52. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$154,225 for Transportation and Buses.
School Committee Recommends: \$154,225.
This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$131,362.

53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$212,235 for Facilities Maintenance.
School Committee Recommends: \$212,235.
This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$211,119.
54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$29,503 for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch.
School Committee Recommends: \$29,503.
This article includes the school lunch account. Prior year \$27,868.
55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,806,681 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 \$1,806,681) 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 \$1,567,081.*
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 (\$239,600) of state dollars.
56. **(Written Ballot Required)** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$710,483 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (School Committee Recommends \$710,483) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$710,483. *Prior year EPS exceeded by \$664,184.*
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.
57. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$2,591,730 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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: \$2,591,730. *Prior year \$2,490,191.*
58. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$29,503 for food service. School Committee Recommends: \$29,503. *Prior year \$27,868.*
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 | \$53,000 |
| State Minimum Subsidy | \$239,600 |
| School Lunch Reimbursement | \$30,000 |
| Special Educ. Local Entitlement | \$49,000 |

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 authorize the School Committee to expend the remaining fundraising monies from a special pre-kindergarten revenue fund to support pre-kindergarten expenditures approved in the regular school budget.
62. Shall the Sedgwick School Committee be authorized to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers, not to exceed the total spending allocation for the 2019-2020 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.
63. To see if the Town will appropriate: \$6,626 for Adult Education and raise \$6,626 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.
School Committee Recommends: \$6,626. *Prior Year \$0.*
64. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount raised and assessed 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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 to the extent of any unanticipated increase in the adjusted state contribution under the Essential Programs and services funding model.

End of School Articles

65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$27,424 for the Peninsula Ambulance Corps. *Prior year raised \$22,640.* The budget committee recommends raising \$27,424.
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,356 for Washington Hancock Community Agency/Child & Family Opportunities (now Downeast Community Partners). *Prior year raised: WHCA \$5,027.* The budget committee recommends raising \$2,000.
67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$855 for WIC (Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children) Services. *Prior year raised \$520.* The budget committee recommends raising \$520.
68. 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 recommends 0.
69. 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 \$800.

70. 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.
71. 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.
72. 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.
73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,600 for Nichols Day Camp. *Prior year raised \$2,500.* The budget committee recommends raising \$2,600.
74. 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.
75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for the Sedgwick Library. *Prior year raised \$600.* The budget committee recommends raising \$600.
76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate \$350 for Downeast Transportation. *Prior year raised \$350.* The budget committee recommends raising \$350.
77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$302 for Community Health and Counseling. *Prior year raised \$375.* The budget committee recommends raising \$302.
78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,068 for the Blue Hill Library. *Prior year raised \$3,822.* The budget committee recommends raising \$3,822.
79. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for Lifeflight. *Prior year raised \$598.* The budget committee recommends raising \$600.
80. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Health Equity Alliance. *Prior year raised \$500.* The budget committee recommends raising \$300.
81. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for Maine Public. *Prior year raised \$100.* The budget committee recommends 0.
82. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,100 for Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's prescription program. *No request last year.* The budget committee recommends 0.
83. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Families First. *New request.* The budget committee recommends 0.
84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$300 for Yesterday's Children. *No request last year.* The budget committee recommends 0.
85. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Emmaus. *No request last year.* The budget committee recommends 0.

86. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$506,752.41 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 14th day of February, 2019.

/s/
Michael Sheahan

/s/
Robert Publicover

/s/
Benjamin Astbury
Selectmen of Sedgwick

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