

## TOWN WARRANT 2026-2027

### *First Session*

State of Maine  
County of Hancock

To: Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk; Town of Sedgwick:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Sedgwick, who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Sedgwick Town House, Sedgwick, Maine, on Friday the 6th day of March 2026 at one o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

**T 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**T 2.** To choose by secret ballot the following officers:

1 (one) Selectboard, Assessor, Overseer- (3yr) Term

1 (one) Schoolboard -(3yr) Term

**T 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, additional tuition payments to George Stevens Academy for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

This referendum addresses an official request from George Stevens Academy (GSA) for additional tuition funding of \$1530 per student for 28 students, totaling \$42,840.00 for the 2026-2027 school year, in addition to the State of Maine maximum tuition rate. The GSA Board of Trustees voted to reduce the request by 10% and committed to recusing it by 10% annually for the next three years.

**T 4.** To see if the Town of Sedgwick will vote to opt-in to permit the operation of licensed Adult-Use Marijuana Stores (also known as retail marijuana stores) within the town, pursuant to Title 28-B of the Maine Revised Statutes, and further to direct the Sedgwick Selectboard to develop a municipal ordinance for the regulation and local licensing of such stores said ordinances to be presented for voter approval at a future Town Meeting.

Friday **Meeting:** March 6, 2026

The polls for Articles T1, T2, T3, and T4 will open at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and will remain open for voting until recessed at 6 o'clock that evening at the Sedgwick Town House.

The inhabitants of the Town of Sedgwick are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting opened on March 6th, 2026 will reconvene on June 6th, 2026 at the Town House at 9:00am for the purpose of acting on the remaining articles contained herein.

**Second Session**

**Saturday Meeting:** June 6th 2026 at 9am

At 9am the Officers elected by the Friday polling will be sworn in to their office after the Pledge of Allegiance.

**T 5.** Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of the funds listed below as approved by the Maine State Legislature:

Municipal Revenue Sharing	UNKNOWN
Snowmobile Registration Money	UNKNOWN
Tree Growth Reimbursement	UNKNOWN
General Assistance Reimbursement	UNKNOWN
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	UNKNOWN
Property Tax Relief Fund	UNKNOWN
DEP Grant and Matching Fund Money	UNKNOWN
Recycling Capital Investments Grants	UNKNOWN
Department of Environmental Protection	UNKNOWN
Small Community Grant	UNKNOWN
Other State Grants and Funds not listed	UNKNOWN

**PASS**

**T 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Salaries of the following Town Officers; from taxation. *Selectboard recommends:*  
\$152,250

Three Selectboard members @ \$10,000 each	\$ 30,000
Chairman	\$ 1,000

58,250	Town Clerk, Dep Treasurer, Dep. Tax Collector Assistant, Registrar	\$
	Tax Collector, Dep Clerk	\$ 45,500
	Treasurer	\$ 17,500

**Total: \$152,250**

**PASS**

**T 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate wages for Town labor and equipment.

**PASS**

**T 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Current and Contingent Expenses; from checking account interest. *Selectboard*  
*Recommends: \$6000*

**\$ 6,000**

**PASS**

**T 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government; 61,000 *Selectboard recommends:*  
from SOLAR PILOT and \$49,000 from surplus.  
*\$110,000*

**\$ 110,000**

**PASS**

**T 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office Maintenance; Tree Growth Reimbursement. *Selectboard Recommends:*  
*\$10,000*

**\$10,000**

**PASS**

**T 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town insurance and Employee Benefits; from surplus *Selectboard Recommends:*  
*\$61,000*

General Town Insurance	\$ 20,000
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Workman’s Compensation Insurance	\$ 8,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 2,000
Social Security/Medicare	\$ 15,000
Paid family medical leave 50% split employer/employee	\$ 1,000
Health Insurance	\$ 15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>

**PASS**

**T 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for community donations; from taxation.

*Budget Committee Recommendation: \$21,782*  
\$21,782

*Selectboard Recommends:*

Women Infants and Children	\$ 1,050
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$ 1,650
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$ 1,250
Families First	\$ 1,000
Community Action	\$
480 Hospice volunteers	\$ 1,000
Lifelight	\$ 601
Blue Hill YMCA	\$ 5,000
Sargentville Library	\$ 600
H.O.M.E	\$ 1,193
Blue Hill Public Library	\$ 7,608
Downeast Transportation	\$ 350
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,782</b>

**PASS**

**T13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Peninsula Ambulance Corps donation; from taxation.

*Budget committee Recommends: \$42,972*  
\$42,972

*Selectboard Recommends:*

\$42,972

**PASS**

**T14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for its annual membership with the Hancock County Planning Commissions; from interest on liens.

*Selectboard Recommends:*

\$858

**\$ 858**

**PASS**

**T15.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance; From property tax interest.

*Selectboard Recommends:*

\$4,000

**\$4,000**

**PASS**

**T16.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department; from taxation.  
*Recommends: \$63,700*

*Selectboard*

**\$63,700**

**PASS**

**T17.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for an on-demand generator for the town office; \$8,000 from Agent Fees and \$4,000 from Checking Interest

*Selectboard Recommends:*

\$12,000

**\$ 12,000**

**PASS**

**T18.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Septic Sludge Disposal; from Property Tax Interest.

*Selectboard Recommends:*

**\$ 2,500**

**PASS**

**T 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station operation; from Taxation: *Selectboard Recommends:*  
\$172,432

**\$172,432**

**PASS**

**T 20.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing at Walker Pond Maintenance from Checking account Interest:

*Selectboard Recommends:*

20,000

**\$**

**20,000**

**PASS**

**T 21.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Dock Maintenance at Carter Point from Mooring & Dinghy Fees:

*Selectboard Recommendation:*

\$5,000

**\$ 5,000**

**PASS**

**T 22.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer expenses; from Checking account Interest:

*Selectboard Recommendation:*

\$12,000

**\$**

**12,000**

**PASS**

**T 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend funds received from permits on the Planning Board and Code Enforcement expenses.

**PASS**

**T 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the TRIO Software Maintenance Fees and expenses; *from Checking Account Interest*:

*Selectboard Recommend: \$22,000*

**\$ 22,000**

**PASS**

**T 25.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal, Road Sand & Salt Supply; *from Motor Vehicle Excise*:

*Selectboard Recommends:*

*\$285,000*

**\$ 285,000**

**PASS**

**T 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Road Routine Maintenance Account; **\$36,000 from LRAP and \$14,000 from checking account interest.**

*Selectboard Recommends:*

*\$50,000*

**\$ 50,000**

**PASS**

**T 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to notify the Department of Marine Resources that the Town wishes to exercise its exclusive rights to alewives in the Town of Sedgwick during the time period: **July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027**

**PASS**

**T 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control Account; *from Tree Growth Reimbursement*: *Selectboard Recommends:*

*\$4,000*

**\$ 4,000**

**PASS**

**T 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of town equipment when it is deemed no longer needed or useful.

**PASS**

**T 30.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend grant and/or stimulus monies received for the project(s) and purposes for which they are intended.

**PASS**

**T 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to sell or dispose of surplus property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**PASS**

**T 32.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of any real estate property acquired through unpaid taxes on lien execution, on terms advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds on such property. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to.

**PASS**

**T 33.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Reserve Accounts; *Selectboard recommendation from:*

	Town House Renovations ( <i>Tree Growth Reimbursement</i> )	
\$ 5,000		
	Fire Equipment Fund ( <i>Taxation</i> )	\$
80,000		
	Cemetery Reserve ( <i>Boat Excise</i> )	\$ 2,000
	Town Office Repair Reserve ( <i>Tree Growth Reimbursement</i> )	\$ 5,000
	Road Maintenance Reserve	
	( <i>\$50,000 motor vehicle excise, \$25,000 from Taxation</i> )	\$ 75,000

**PASS**

**T 34.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept unconditional donations which they feel are in the best interest of the Town.

**PASS**

**T 35.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use money set aside in the Overlay account to pay tax abatements.

**PASS**

**T 36.** To see if the town will vote to charge interest at the annual rate of 7.0 % on taxes paid 60 days or more following commitment day.

**PASS**

**T 37.** To see if the town will vote to charge interest at the annual rate of 7.0 % on all tax liens and tax acquired property.

**PASS**

**T 38.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and the Treasurer to make investments of surplus funds not otherwise committed or needed for immediate use.

**FAIL**

**T 39.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. Section 506.

**PASS**

**T 40.** To see if the Town would vote to set the annual due date for taxes as 90 days after the commitment date.

**PASS**

**S 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,539,116.32 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$1,539,116.32.*  
*This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts.*  
*Prior year \$1,439,864.77.*

**PASS**

**S 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$774,757.27 for Special Education.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$774,757.27.*  
*This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts.*

Prior year \$773,007.74

**PASS**

- S 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,400.00 for Career & Technical Education.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$1,400.00.*  
*This article includes the Career & Technical account. Prior year \$20,000.00*

**PASS**

- S 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$35,284.30 for Other Instruction.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$35,284.30.*  
*This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts. Prior year \$27,395.25*

**PASS**

- S 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$182,296.32 for Student and Staff Support.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$182,296.32*  
*This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$147,548.72*

**PASS**

- S 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$208,643.55 for System Administration.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$208,643.55*  
*This article includes the school committee, superintendents of ice, and central of ice services accounts. Prior year \$187,735.11*

**PASS**

- S 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$184,767.76 for School Administration.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$184,767.76*  
*This article includes the principal of ice account. Prior year \$176,712.38*

**PASS**

- S 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$293,892.00 for Transportation and Buses.  
*School Committee Recommends: \$293,892.00*  
*This article includes the school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$278,892.00*

**PASS**

- S 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$346,625.35 for Facilities Maintenance.

*School Committee Recommends: \$346,625.35*

*This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$349,982.46*

**PASS**

- S 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Board to expend in All Other Expenditures. School Board Recommends: \$63,774.48.  
*This article includes the Food Service Allocation. Prior Year \$59,493.12 (formerly Article 14 fiscal year 2026).*

**PASS**

- S 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,025,253.82 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 \$2,025,253.82) and to see if the town will vote to raise \$1,691,242.00 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: \$1,691,242.00*

*Prior year \$1,584,475.00*

*State-Mandated 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 \$1,691,242.00 that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$346,625.35) of state dollars.*

**PASS**

- S 12. (Written Ballot Required)** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,591,316.73 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (*School Committee Recommends \$1,591,316.73*) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,591,316.73.

*Prior year EPS exceeded by \$1,342,317.69*

*This article includes food service allocation in the amount of \$63,774.48. Prior year \$1,073,550.92*

*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.*

*State-Mandated 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 and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs.*

**PASS**

- S 13.** To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$3,566,782.87 for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 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: \$3,566,782.87.*

*Prior year \$3,401,138.43*

**PASS**

- S 14.** 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>
E.S.E.A. Funds	\$65,807.28
State Minimum Subsidy	\$346,998.62
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$55,000.00
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$47,438.56
Other Unanticipated Funding	Unknown

**PASS**

- S 15.** To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant monies in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.

**PASS**

- S 16.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

*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.*

**PASS**

- S 17.** In the event that the Town of Sedgwick receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for the school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation as defined in Title 20A, Section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

*School Board Recommends: Yes*

**PASS**

- S 18.** Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding unanticipated and/or emergency special education costs; transfer up to \$125,000 from the 2025-2026 undesignated fund balance to said reserve fund; and further,

shall the School Board be authorized to expend from said fund for its designated purpose?

*School Board Recommends: Yes*

**PASS**

- S 19.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer from the available 2025-2026 undesignated fund balance to be added to the already established Maintenance Reserve Fund; and further shall the School Board be authorized to expend from said reserve fund for its designated purpose including paving and utilities?

*School Board Recommends \$150,000.00.*

MOTION 2ND AND ALL IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING AT 11:20am

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sydney Shaffer*