

**Town of Sedgwick  
The Warrant for 2017 – 2018  
(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 3rd day of March, 2017 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, Treasurer for three years, School Committee member for three years.

Polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. on March 3, 2017. The Town Meeting will reconvene at the Sedgwick Elementary School on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 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 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 old Town Records.  
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 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 \$92,174.85 to pay the County Tax.
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds from the LRAP for Roads and Tarring and the 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman	\$8,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman	8,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 authorize the Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract with the Hancock County Sheriff for the purpose of animal control.
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay the Animal Control Officer \$15.00 per hour plus State Rate travel reimbursement.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the Town Office Repair account.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for Town Office expenses and routine maintenance.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$0.00 for the Town Office Equipment account.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Town House Improvement account.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Town House expenses and routine maintenance.
17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$164.87 from surplus to cover an overdraft in the Fiscal Year 2016 Town House account.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for the upkeep and operation of the Town Dock.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$40,000 for the repair and upkeep of Town Roads and Bridges.
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$0.00 for the Salt/Sand Reserve account.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$203,600 for Snow Removal.
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$50,000 for Tarring town roads.
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,500 for operating Streetlights.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$12,000 for Septic Tank and Cesspool Sludge Disposal.  
The budget committee recommends raising \$6,000 and appropriating \$6,000 from surplus.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,200 for the Animal Control account.
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate up to \$105,470 to compensate the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station.
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$170,000 for Administration.
28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$14,000 for General Assistance. The budget committee recommends raising \$8,000 and appropriating \$6,000 from surplus.
29. 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.
30. To see if the Town will 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.
31. 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.
32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use money set aside in the Overlay account to pay tax abatements.
33. 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.
34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$200 for the Legal Reserve account.
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$75 for Civil Emergency Management expenses.
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate up to \$2,500.72 for Sedgwick's share of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) for dispatch services.
37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$250 for replacement of Road Signs.
38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$47,600 for Fire Protection.
39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to \$180,000.00 for a term not to exceed seven years for the purchase of a new fire truck.

**Financial Statement**

**Town of Sedgwick**

Total Town indebtedness

Bonds outstanding and unpaid: 0

Bonds authorized and unissued: 0

Bonds to be issued if this article is approved: \$180,000.00  
Total: \$180,000.00

Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.06%, the estimated costs of this bond issue over seven (7) years will be

Principal: \$180,000.00

Interest \$20,470.12

Total Debt Service: \$200, 470.12

Validity

The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/

Cynthia L. Reilly

Treasurer, Town of Sedgwick

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$30,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve account.  
The budget committee recommends raising \$10,000 and appropriating \$20,000 from surplus.
41. To see if the Town will appropriate \$150,000.00 from the Fire Equipment Reserve account for the purchase of a new fire truck chassis and for any and all additional costs of the new fire truck.
42. 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.
43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,500 for the Veteran's Graves account.  
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$3,500 from surplus.
44. 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.  
The budget committee recommends appropriating \$20,000 from surplus.
45. To see if the Town will vote to have the selectmen, in conjunction with the Brooksville selectmen, do a commercial harvest of timber on the Walker Pond lot.
46. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Sedgwick Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Stores and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs" be enacted?

**2017-2018 Sedgwick School Budget  
Warrant Articles**

47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2017-2018 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.

48. 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 2017-2018 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.
49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,263,631 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction.  
School Committee Recommends: \$1,263,631  
*This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts.*  
*Prior year \$1,215,898*
50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$442,552 for Special Education.  
School Committee Recommends: \$442,552  
*This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts.*  
*Prior year \$409,131*
51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$17,398 for Other Instruction.  
School Committee Recommends: \$17,398  
*This article includes co-curricular and extra-curricular accounts.*  
*Prior year \$18,148*
52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$97,564 for Student and Staff Support.  
School Committee Recommends: \$97,564  
*This article includes guidance, health services, instructional technology, curriculum development, staff training, library and student assessment accounts. Prior year \$118,575*
53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$99,734 for System Administration.  
School Committee Recommends: \$99,734  
*This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year \$84,199*
54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$124,055 for School Administration.  
School Committee Recommends: \$124,055  
*This article includes the principal office account. Prior year \$130,854*
55. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$129,575 for Transportation and Buses.  
School Committee Recommends: \$129,575  
*This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts.*  
*Prior year \$124,575*
56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$199,452 for Facilities Maintenance.  
School Committee Recommends: \$199,452  
*This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts.*  
*Prior year \$190,328*

57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$26,679 for All Other Expenditures Including School Lunch.  
School Committee Recommends: \$26,679  
*This article includes the school lunch account. Prior year \$26,679*
58. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,483,000 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 \$1,483,000) and to see if the town will vote to raise \$1311,000 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: \$1,311,000 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 (\$1,311,000) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$172,000) of state dollars.*
59. **(Written Ballot Required)** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$848,562 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (School Committee Recommends \$848,562) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$848,562 Prior year EPS exceeded by \$807,309  
*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.*
60. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$2,400,641 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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: \$2,400,641 Prior year \$2,318,388
61. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$26,679 for food service. School Committee Recommends: \$26,679. Prior year \$26,679
62. 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	\$172,000
School Lunch Reimbursement	\$49,000
Special Educ. Local Entitlement	\$42,000

63. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant moneys in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.
64. 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 2017-2018 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.*
65. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend from the Education Maintenance Reserve.  
School Committee Recommends: \$31,000.  
*Reasons: The outside gym wall needs major siding and trim work as nothing has been done to it since the school was built. By appropriating funds from the Education Maintenance Reserve, we will not be requesting new taxpayer funds for this project.*
66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,027 for Washington Hancock Community Agency.
67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$840 for WIC (Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children) Services.
68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$19,650 for Peninsula Ambulance Corps.
69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for Hancock County Homecare & Hospice.
70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.
71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 for the American Red Cross.
72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.
73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,750 for the YMCA.
74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,500 for Nichols Day Camp.
75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$600 for the Sargentville Library.
76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for the Sedgwick Library.
77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate \$350 for Downeast Transportation.
78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,100 for Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's Prescription Program.
79. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$300 for Community Health and Counseling.

80. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,696 for the Blue Hill Library.
81. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$598 for Lifeflight.
82. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$100 for MBPN (Maine Public).
83. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$500 for Child & Family Opportunities.
84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$200 for Health Equity Alliance (formerly Downeast Aids).
85. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$462,840.57, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2017.

/s/

Neil Davis

/s/

Colby Pert

/s/

Benjamin Astbury

A true copy

Attest:

Cynthia Reilly

Resident of Sedgwick, Maine