

**TOWN OF SEDGWICK
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2026**

Opened the meeting and established a quorum. S. Ford, B. Duffy, and D. Carter present. Also in attendance: David Carter and L. Dow. From the public and online: N. Moses, R. Colburn, E. Howe, T. McKechnie, M. Herrick, J. Franklin

Read and approve Minutes of the last meeting- TABLED

FIRE CHIEF: The Fire Department has welcomed four (4) new members. Two (2) of the new members are currently enrolled in Basic Firefighter training. There are currently twenty-one (21) students participating overall.

The Fire Chief reported that the new truck is ahead of schedule. Estimated completion is now projected for the second (2nd) or third (3rd) quarter of 2027. The manufacturer is building all trucks simultaneously, which has accelerated the timeline. The chassis has already been completed.

Due to the accelerated production schedule, the Town will need to begin preparing for payment earlier than originally anticipated.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion regarding Ampion and current Solar Contract:** The board reported that Ampion had called in the previous week to discuss available solar options. The Board reviewed the current contract with Caterpillar Hill, for legalities. Barry noted that he had spoken with the Town of Brooksville, which is currently working with Ampion. While there is limited information available at this time, it was reported that for each resident who signs up, the Town receives a financial incentive. Brooksville plans to utilize these funds toward the construction of their salt/sand shed.
- 2. Update regarding Town Office Sign:** Dan reported that he has taken the Town Office sign to the signmaker for refurbishment. The sign is expected to be ready to rehang sometime next week. Barry will paint the posts over the weekend in preparation for reinstallation.

- 3. Any updates on Audit:** Lyndsey reported that the audit is on schedule, with all materials expected to be submitted to the auditors by the 15th. An update will be provided after the auditors receive and review the bank reconciliation.

UNRESOLVED BUSINESS:

- 1. Where is School Budget:** Tara attended the meeting to provide an update on the status of the school budget. She reported that health insurance costs increased by 7.5%, which is lower than the initially anticipated 12%, resulting in notable savings. Additional savings have been identified in tuition costs. The school is currently reviewing enrollment on a student-by-student basis to confirm residency and ensure the Town is only paying tuition for eligible students. A few discrepancies have already been identified. Tara also noted that there are several staff positions currently under review and being adjusted as part of the budget process. The final budget meeting is scheduled for April 29th at 6:00 PM. The completed budget is expected to be finalized and submitted to the Town by May.
- 2. Cemetery Flags/Telephone Pole Flags:** The Board asked whether Lyndsey had been able to contact anyone from the cemetery associations regarding the placement of veterans' grave flags. Lyndsey stated that she is currently unsure who is in charge of the various associations and would like to invite members to attend an upcoming meeting to provide updated information and discuss coordination efforts. It was discussed that, historically, the placement of flags has been a significant expense to the Town. The Board noted that many community members feel this would be a meaningful volunteer effort in honor of veterans. Susan asked Dan to provide a timeline for placing flags on the telephone poles. Dan indicated that he hopes to have this completed prior to Memorial Day.
- 3. Town Office Driveway:** Ben had been in contact with the company who paved the town office last July. They will be coming, weather permitting, in the next week or so to fix the cracked tar. The town will also need to shoulder the sides of the driveway and do some
- 4. Brooksville Meeting/Mill Pond:** The Board attended the first monthly Walker Pond meeting of the year and met with representatives from Brooksville to discuss snowplowing at Walker Pond. Historically, the Town of Sedgwick has covered the cost of plowing; however, moving forward, the towns will share this expense. Alewife activity was also discussed, and a group is currently seeking volunteers to assist with cleanup efforts. A flyer was provided to Lyndsey for posting on the Town's website. With summer approaching, the Board discussed concerns regarding water being drawn from Mill Pond. While the Town

currently has a contract in place with one business, there is awareness that others may be taking water without authorization. The Board would like to explore installing signage at the pond to deter unauthorized use.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N. Moses asked whether the Sedgwick/Brooklin Historical Society has access to an online cemetery registry. Lyndsey explained that the Town's website is continually being updated, and efforts are underway to provide more current information regarding the Town's cemeteries and their associated private associations. It was also noted that Barbara, a former Town employee, had previously served on one of the cemetery-related committees and had provided additional information in the past.

ADJOURN: Motion and 2nd to adjourn at 6:46pm 3-0 approved.