

**Town of Sweden
Annual Town Meeting
March 23, 2013**

The town clerk, Alberta Ridlon made an announcement for elected official to please come up and take their oath after the meeting.

She called for nominations for moderator. Wayne Miller nominated Ed Ryan. Three votes were cast, all for Ed.

It was brought to the clerk's attention that she forgot the pledge of allegiance, so at this time all stood and made the pledge.

Ed Ryan took his oath and the meeting was turned over to him.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Sarah Rose, Constable of the Town of Sweden, County of Oxford, State of Maine,

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sweden in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Sweden Town Meeting House, in said Town, **on Saturday, the 23th day of March AD 2013, at nine o'clock in the morning,** then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. Ed Ryan

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow monies in anticipation of taxes as may be required to operate the services of the Town.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (2-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and voted by show of hands. Passed

Article 3. To elect all Town Officers: (1) Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a period of three years; (1) Registrar of Voters, 2 years; (1) Road Commissioner, 3 years; (1) Planning Board member, 5 years; (2) Planning Board alternates, 1 year; (1) Appeals Board member, 5 years; (2) Appeals Board alternates; (1) S.A.D. #72 alternate, 1 year; and any other necessary officers.

John Smith nominated Wayne Miller for selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for 3 years. No other nominations. Three votes cast all for Wayne.

Chris Chadbourne nominated John Clifford for road commissioner for 3 years.

John Smith nominated Jeff Hurd for road commissioner for 3 years.

John Smith made a suggestion if John did not get the position it might be good to appoint him as assistant to help train the elected party. Chris stated that he had been working with John for a long time and would like to see him in the position.

39 votes were cast, 28 for John Clifford and 11 for Jeff Hurd. John Clifford is the new road commissioner.

Julie Frum was nominated for Planning Board member for 5 years by Laura Chadbourne. No other nominations. 3 votes cast all for Julie.

Ron Kiesman was nominated for Planning board alternate for 1 year by Dave Johnson. No other nominations. 3 votes cast all for Ron.

No nominations for appeals board or alternate.

Kay Lyman was nominated for MSAD 72 alternate for 1 year by Ardelle Foss. No other nominations. 3 votes cast, all for Kay.

The moderator asked for a motion to allow Diana Curtis, Administrative Assistant, to be allowed to speak at the meeting.

Wayne made a motion, was 2nd, voted by a show of hands and approved.

Article 4. To see if the town will increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Sweden by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (2-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept the article as written. It was 2nd and 31 ballots were cast, all approved.

Article 5a. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Town Treasurer and Tax Collector.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
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	\$11,306.00	\$11,645.00	
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Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$11,878.00
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Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$11,878.00
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Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5b. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Town Clerk.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
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	\$7,430.00	\$7,653.00	
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Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$7,806.00
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Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$7,806.00
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Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5c. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Selectmen.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
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	\$4,682.00	\$4,822.00	
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Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$4,918.00
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Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$4,918.00
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Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5d. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Fire Chief.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
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	\$1,616.00	\$1,664.00	
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Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$1,697.00
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Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$1,697.00
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Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5e. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Road Commissioner.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
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	\$2,040.00	\$2,101.00	
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Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$2,143.00
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Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$2,143.00
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Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5f. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Code Enforcement Officer.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$2,826.00	\$2,911.00	\$2,969.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$2,969.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5g. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Cemetery Sexton.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$269.00	\$277.00	\$283.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$283.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5h. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Administrative Assistant.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$16,798.00	\$15,298.00	\$15,604.00
Budget Committee recommends (2-0)			\$15,604.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 5i. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Emergency Management Director.**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$1,040.00	\$1,071.00	\$1,092.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$1,092.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 6. To see if the Town will take from surplus up to \$1,200.00, for payment of interest on tax anticipation borrowing for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$1,200.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$1,200.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 7. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **Town Charges** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$47,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (2-0)			\$47,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to accept as written. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 7a. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate and/or take from surplus for the purchase of a Municipal software program (includes training, first year annual maintenance and accessories) and allow the balance to carry forward.

Selectmen recommend take from Surplus (3-0)			\$17,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from Surplus (2-0)			\$17,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus \$17,000. It was 2nd. Dan Harris requested background information regarding the software, are most towns using it? The article was approved with a show of hands. 2 opposed.

Article 8. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and take from surplus for the **maintenance of roads and road sides** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0)			\$150,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (3-0)			\$150,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$150,000. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 9. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and take from surplus for snow removal and sanding for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0)	\$125,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend take from Surplus if needed (2-0)	\$ 25,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (3-0)	\$125,000.00 and
Budget Committee recommends take from Surplus if needed (3-0)	\$ 25,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$125,000 and take from surplus \$25,000. It was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 10. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate to pay for Lovell Dump contract and to pay for any additional usage charges from surplus monies.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$35,795.00
Budget Committee recommends (2-0)	\$35,794.54

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$35,795. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to draw upon the Surplus Account not more than .0003 of the present State Valuation of the Town, \$83,450,000.00 for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as written. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 12. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for grounds maintenance, upkeep and repairs for town buildings.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$5,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$5,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$5000. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands. Warren Noble asked if some of this was to be used for sealer on the town hall floor. Wayne said that it was.

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for support of the Sweden Volunteer Fire Department Association.

SVFD requested	\$29,820.00
Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$29,820.00
Budget Committee recommends (2-0)	\$29,820.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$29,820. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 14. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for support of the Ambulance Service for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$2,400.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$2,400.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$2,400. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 15. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the Lovell recreation programs.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$1,500.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$1,500.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$1,500. This was 2nd. Wayne made a motion to allow Meg Ryan, Lovell Rec Director to speak. It was 2nd and approved. Meg explained that they are trying to set up a program to get the towns using the program to assume their proportion of the bill according to the percent of use. Sweden has an 8% participation. The program is \$90,000 less \$34,000, salary & travel, leaving \$54,000

to be raised by towns. Within a five year period, each year a small addition will be added to their request until it reaches the full proportion. This was approved with a show of hands.

Article 16. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$1,500.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$1,500.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$1,500. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 17. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Sweden Conservation Committee.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$375.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$375.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$375. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 18. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$400.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$400.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$400. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 19. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the **Lakes Environmental Association** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$400.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$400.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$400. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Seniors Plus.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$100.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$100. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 21. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the purpose of **REACH.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$100.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$100. This was 2nd. Wayne made a motion to allow Debbie Dembski to speak. This was 2nd and approved. Debbie is the representative of REACH. Sexual Assault is increasing each year. They feel that education and accountability is needed. They have done 200 presentations in schools to approximately 2000 students. They are focusing on disability and veterans. This was approved with a show of hands.

Article 22. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **Cemetery maintenance.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$2,500.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$2,500.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$2,500. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 23. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of future **Town Re-Evaluation** and to allow the balance to carryover.

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0)	\$4,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend taking from Surplus (2-0)	\$5,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (3-0)	\$4,000.00 and

Budgeted Committee recommends take from Surplus (3-0) \$5,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$4000 and take \$5000 from surplus. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of **Legal Counsel.**

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0) \$3,000.00

Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (3-0) \$3,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$3,000. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 25. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the town's **Bi' Centennial Celebration.**

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0) \$750.00

Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (2-0) \$750.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$750. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$50,000.00 of the 2013 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2013 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 25.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as written. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$10,000.00 of the 2013 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2013 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 25.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 28. To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in Article 26 and 27 through taxation.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 29. To see if the Town will take not more than \$300.00 from the Snowmobile account for the purpose of maintaining public snowmobile and cross-country ski trails within the Town of Sweden, and allow the Selectmen to spend for that purpose.

Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$300.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0) \$300.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands. Warren Noble questioned how much we get and where it goes. Approximately \$300. and we send \$150 to each, Bridgton Easy Riders and Kezar Trail Blazers.

Article 30. To see if the Town will accept the highest interest rate set by the State of Maine Planning Office for delinquent taxes committed in the current year. (Rate cannot be greater than the State rate of 7% for 2012.)

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands, 1 opposed.

Article 31. To see if the Town will determine the date from and after which interest shall accrue on delinquent taxes committed for the current year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

September 15, 2013

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

September 15, 2013

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 32. To see if the Town will set the interest rate paid on abated taxes to 4 percentage points less than the rate used in Article 31 above by the State of Maine Planning Office.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes thereon; or by other judicial process; said real estate to be advertised in two separate issues of local paper within 30 days of sale. To be sold either at public auction or as the result of sealed bids called for and received by the Selectmen; provided, however, that the selectmen be authorized to sell at private sale property so acquired to the owner on record of any such property; all conveyances there-under to be by release deed.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 34. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2013 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2014 to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2014.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 35. To see if the Town will **take from surplus** up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding **capital projects on State Aid roads** and allow the balance to carry over each year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

\$10,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

\$10,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 36. To see if the Town will take from **surplus** \$2,500.00 for the **contingency fund**.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

\$2,500.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

\$2,500.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 37. To see if the Town will apply property tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes before paying current year taxes.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands, 1 opposed.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer of ownership of the Center Schoolhouse as follows: The Town would purchase the building and a surveyed skirt of land around it, and the blacksmith shop, from the Sweden Community Church for the price of one dollar. The Town would then sell the land and building to the Sweden Historical Society for the price of one dollar, with the following conditions: (1) A

“reverter clause,” should the Historical Society not remain active for a period of 12 months; (2) Protection of the rights and the Town to continue to use the leaching field, roadways, wells, and the like; and (3) Development of the Schoolhouse as a museum, library, and /or meeting site.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee makes no recommendation due to lack of information.

Wayne made a motion to accept this as written. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands.

Article 39. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town an amendment to the Waste Handling Agreement between the Town and Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation, dated July 1, 1986 (the “Waste Handling Agreement”) to provide that the Waste Handling Agreement shall remain in effect until the later of May 1, 2035 or termination of the MMWAC Interlocal Solid Waste Agreement, except that, upon one (1) year’s prior written notice, the Town may terminate the Waste Handling Agreement at the end of a fiscal year. (Copies of the specific amendments are on file in the Town Office and available here in the back of the meeting room.)

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd. Daniel Harris questioned the date May 1, 2035 or termination meaning. Bill Jones, representative, could not answer that question. He wasn’t sure. This motion was approved with a show of hands.

Article 40. To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Board of Selectmen to use URIP funds if needed.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

\$70,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

\$70,000.00

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd and approved with a show of hands. There were questions by Warren Noble and John Smith of how much was in the account and would we be using all of the \$70,000. Lori explained that we wanted to have the money available if it was needed. Any unused would stay in the account. URIP stands for Urban Renewal Improvement Program.

Article 41. To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Board of Selectmen to close a section of Trull Brook Road from Lois Lane to the lower bridge for winter maintenance .

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Chris Chadbourne made a motion to approve as recommended. This was 2nd. Warren asked why we needed to change it. There are no full time residents beyond Lois Lane. Earl Buker is no longer a year round resident on that road. This was voted and approved with a show of hands. 1 opposed.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. This was 2nd and approved by the people standing to leave.

Respectfully

Alberta Ridlon
Town Clerk

