

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Frances V. Flint, 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 15th day of March AD 2008, 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.

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 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommend (3-0)

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

Article 4. To see if the town will increase the property tax levy limit of \$221,719.50 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 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommend (3-0)

Article 5a. To see what sum the town will vote for the compensation of the **Town Treasurer.**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Treasurer, Tax Collector and Excise Tax Collector	\$9,500.00	\$10,500.00	
(Included in Town Charges)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$10,867.50
Budget Committee recommend (3-0)			\$10,867.50

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Town Clerk	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00	
(Included in Town Charges)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$7,141.50
Budget Committee recommend (3-0)			\$7,141.50

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
1st, 2nd and 3rd Selectman	\$4,340.00	\$3,840.00	
(Included in Town Charges)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$3,840.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$3,840.00

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Fire Chief	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
(Included in Sweden Vol. Fire Dept.)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$1,552.50
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$1,552.50

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Road Commissioner	\$1,050.00	\$1,550.00	
(Included in Town Charges)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$1,604.25
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$1,604.25

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Code Enforcement Officer	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00	
(Included in Planning Board)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$2,716.88
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$2,716.88

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Town Cemetery Sexton	\$250.00	\$250.00	
(Included in Cemetery Account)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$258.75
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$258.75

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Town Administrative Assistant	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	
(Included in Town Charges)			
Selectmen recommend (3-0)			\$16,146.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)			\$16,146.00

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

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

Selectmen recommend (3-0)		\$79,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)		\$79,000.00

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

Selectmen recommend (3-0)		\$42,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)		\$112,000.00

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.

If Article 4, LD1 does not pass, then;

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (3-0)	\$ 97,000.00
Selectmen recommend take from surplus if needed (3-0)	\$ 15,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriate (3-0)	\$102,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from surplus if needed (3-0)	\$ 13,000.00

If Article 4, LD1 does pass, then;

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (3-0)	\$112,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$115,000.00

Article 10. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for rubbish removal/dump operation and to pay for any additional usage charges from surplus monies.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$46,500.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$46,500.00

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the Town's Spring/Fall pick up program and to pay for any additional usage charges from surplus monies.

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

Article 12. 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, \$77,250,000.00 for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

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

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for grounds maintenance, upkeep and repairs for town buildings and to allow the balance to carry over each year.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$2,300.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$2,300.00

Article 14. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for support of the Sweden Volunteer Fire Department Association.

Selectmen recommend (2-0) (1 abstained)	\$25,809.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$25,809.00

Article 15. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and/or take from surplus for design and planning of the proposed Sweden Fire Station for the ensuing year and allow any balance to carry over.

If Article 4, LD1 does not pass then;

Fire Department Building Committee recommend from surplus	\$10,000.00
Selectmen make no recommendation	
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$0.00

If Article 4, LD1 does pass then;

Fire Department Building Committee recommend from surplus	\$10,000.00
Selectmen make no recommendation	
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$0.00

Article 16. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the administration of **Emergency Management.**

Selectmen recommend (2-0) (1 abstained)	\$1,000.00
Budget Committee recommends (2-0) (1 abstained)	\$1,000.00

Article 17. To see if the town will raise or appropriate \$2,400.00 for the support of the **Ambulance Service** for the ensuing year.

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

Article 18. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the **Lovell recreation programs.**

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$750.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$750.00

Article 19. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library.**

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$900.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$900.00

Article 20. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Sweden Conservation Committee.**

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

Article 21. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.**

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$350.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$350.00

Article 22. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the **Lakes Environmental Association** for the ensuing year.

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

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Seniors Plus.**

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

Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **Cemetery maintenance.**

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

Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$45,000.00 of the 2008 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2008 towards the amount appropriated in Article 4 through 24.

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

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$7,900.00 of the 2008 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2008 towards the amount appropriated in Article 4 through 24.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 27. To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in Article 25 and 26 through taxation.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 28. 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 (3-0)

\$300.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

\$300.00

Article 29. 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 11% for 2008.)

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 30. 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 (3-0)

September 15, 2008

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 31. 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 29 above by the State of Maine Planning Office; (can not be less than 4% of State rate on delinquent taxes committed in the current year).

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 32. 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 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 33. 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 2008 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2009 to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2009.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 34. To see if the Town will **raise or appropriate and/or 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 taking from surplus (3-0) \$10,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriation (3-0) \$10,000.00

Article 35. To see if the Town will take from **surplus** \$2,500.00 to replenish the **contingency fund**.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) \$2,500.00
Budget Committee recommends taking from surplus, if needed up to (3-0) \$2,500.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will apply property tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes before paying current year taxes.

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

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will **raise or appropriate and/or take from surplus** for the purpose **replacing the roof on the Town Meeting Hall** and to allow the balance to carry over.

Selectmen recommend taking from surplus (3-0) \$15,000.00
Budget Committee recommends Appropriation (3-0) \$15,000.00

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the purpose of building a replacement fire station. This sum will be placed in an interest bearing account until such time the Town of Sweden has voted to accept a qualified proposal to design, develop and construct a building that sufficiently meets the needs of the town’s volunteer fire department.

Selectmen make no recommendation
Budget Committee recommends

Article 39. Shall the revised ordinance entitled “Town of Sweden, Maine Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and identified as ‘Sixth Revision’, **January 31, 2008** be enacted?” (copies of the proposed changes are available at the Town Office or online at www.eskerridge.com/Sweden.html)

Article 40. Shall the amendments to the Town of Sweden Zoning Map, as depicted on the “LEA Working Draft dated 1/25/08” be adopted?

Note: This map revised the Natural Resource Protection Zone by incorporating the 2008 Significant Wildlife habitat – Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitats as defined by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The map may be viewed at the Town office or online at www.eskerridge.com/Sweden.html

Given under our hands this _____ 2008
Selectmen _____
of _____
Sweden _____

ATTEST: _____
Frances V. Flint

Constables Return
Town of Sweden

Oxford, SS.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time and place and for the purposes therein names by posting a

copy of said warrant attested by me at the Town Hall a public and conspicuous place on
_____ 2008 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Frances V. Flint, Constable