

# Town of Sweden Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:10 am by the Town Clerk, Alberta Ridlon.

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Kim Ashley, 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 28th day of March AD 2015, 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.

Alberta called for nominations for moderator. Ed Ryan was nominated by Lori Bennett. As there were no other nominations the people cast their ballots. Three (3) votes were cast all Ed Ryan. The town clerk administered the oath and the meeting was turned over to the Moderator.

The moderator requested a motion to allow DJ Curtis to speak during the meeting.

David Johnson made the motion, Ronald Shorey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was passed with a show of hands.

**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 recommends (4-0)

David Johnson made a motion to accept as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Shorey, voted and passed.

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to move to Article 15 at this time. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Shorey voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0) \$2,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0) \$2,000.00

Laura Chadbourne made a motion to allow Meg Ryan from Lovell Rec to speak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron, voted and passed. Meg thanked Sweden for their support and explained increase in request. Ron Shorey is the new Chairperson for the Lovell recreation program.

Chris Chadbourne made a motion we raise \$2,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 3.** To elect all Town Officers: (1) Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a period of three years; (2) Planning Board members, 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.

Lori Bennett nominated Bruce Taylor for Selectmen, assessor and overseer of the Poor. 3 votes were cast, all for Bruce Taylor. Laura Chadbourne nominated David Johnson for the 5 year term on the Planning Board.

It was voted and passed. Bruce Taylor nominated Dan Cousins for the 4 year term on the Planning board.

This was voted and passed. David Johnson nominated Ronald Kiesman as alternate for 1 year on the Planning Board. This was voted and passed. Ardelle Foss nominated Joaquim Almeida as Appeals Board member for 5 years. This was voted and passed. Kathiann Shorey nominated Kathleen Lyman as MSAD #72 school board alternate for 1 year. This was voted and passed.

**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 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept the article as written, was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Bennett. 3 vote were cast all Yes.

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$11,878.00	\$12,115.00	\$12,358.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)			\$12,358.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$12,358.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$7,806.00	\$7,962.00	\$8,121.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)			\$8,121.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$8,121.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$4,918.00	\$5,016.00	\$5,117.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)			\$5,117.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$5,117.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Chadbourne, voted and passed.

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$1,697.00	\$1,731.00	\$1,766.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)			\$1,766.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,766.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$2,143.00	\$2,185.00	\$2,230.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)			\$2,230.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$2,230.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$2,969.00	\$3,028.00	

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)		\$3,089.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)		\$3,089.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$3,089.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$283.00	\$288.00	

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)		\$294.00
Budget Committee recommends (4-0)		\$294.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$294.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Thompson, voted and passed.

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

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$15,604.00	\$15,604.00	

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)		\$15,916.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-1)		\$15,916.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$15,916.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Johnson, voted and passed.

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

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$1,092.00	\$1,114.00	

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)		\$1,137.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)		\$1,137.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,137.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Taylor, voted and passed.

**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 take from surplus (3-0)		\$1,200.00
Budget Committee recommends take from surplus (4-0)		\$1,200.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus up to \$1,200.00 as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)		\$60,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)		\$60,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$60,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)		\$150,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)		\$150,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$150,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Thompson. Wyatt Ridlon questioned the guard rails that were voted to be installed in 2012. This

will be done this year. Other questions about what was planned for this year include , Hardscrabble from Camp Encore to Wint Rd, work on Sam Ingalls Rd, Lee Gray Road, Smarts Hill Rd and roadside mowing. Also needed repairs on Plummer School Rd. The article was voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$165,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend take from Surplus if needed (2-0)	\$ 50,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$165,000.00 and
Budget Committee recommends take from surplus if needed (4-0)	\$ 50,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$165,000.00 and take \$50,000.00 from Surplus if needed. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$37,316.07
Budget Committee recommends raise	

Ronald Shorey made a motion to raise and appropriate \$37,316.07. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 11.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the Selectmen to draw upon the surplus account for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$1,250.00
Budget Committee recommends (4-0)	\$1,250.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,250.00 from Surplus. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, This was voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$7,000.00
Budget Committee recommend raise (4-0)	\$5,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, This was voted and passed.

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

SVFD requested	\$25,430.00
Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$25,430.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$25,430.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$25,430.00 from Surplus. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, This was voted and passed.

**Article 13a.** To see what sum the town will take from surplus for incomplete 2014 capital projects for the Sweden Volunteer Fire Department Association.

SVFD requested	\$3,500.00
Selectmen recommend take from surplus (3-0)	\$3,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$3,500.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from Surplus \$3,500.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Hufnagel, voted and passed.

**Article 13b.** To see what sum the town will take from surplus for the purpose of **Sweden Volunteer Fire Department capital improvements for fire apparatus.**

SVFD requested	\$10,000.00
Selectmen recommend take from surplus (3-0)	\$10,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from surplus (4-0)	\$10,000.00

Bruce Hufnagel made a motion to take from Surplus \$10,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, This was voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (3-0)	\$2,400.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$2,400.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$2,400.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$1,600.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$1,600.00

Ronald Shorey made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,600.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Thompson. Ardelle Foss, President of the Board, noted that Sweden and Lovell people are involved with the progress of the library. The article was voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$100.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$100.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Thompson, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$400.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$400.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$400.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 19.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the **Community Concepts** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$300.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$300.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$300.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$100.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$100.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$100.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to let Stephanie Long, representative, speak. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$100.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 22.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of **LEA.**

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

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$400.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 23.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of **Sweden Food Pantry.**

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$500.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$500.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

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

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$3,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00. There was some discussion regarding the care of the cemeteries. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 25.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate and/or take from Surplus for the purpose of future **Town Re-Evaluation** and to allow the balance to carryover.

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$4,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend take from Surplus (2-0)	\$5,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$4,000.00 and
Budget Committee recommends take from Surplus (4-0)	\$5,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to appropriate \$4,000.00 and take from surplus \$5,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 26.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate and/or take from Surplus for the purpose of **Legal Counsel.**

Selectmen recommend raise (2-0)	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$3,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$50,000.00 of the 2015 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2015 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 26.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	
Budget Committee recommends (4-0)	

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$20,000.00 of the 2015 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2015 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 26.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 29.** To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in Article 27 and 28 through taxation.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 30.** 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 (4-0)

\$300.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$300.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Taylor, voted and passed.

**Article 31.** 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 2015.)

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 32.** 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, 2015

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

September 15, 2015

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 33.** 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 (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 34.** 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 (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 35.** 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 2015 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2016 to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2016.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as written. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 36.** 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 take from surplus (2-0) \$10,000.00

Budget Committee recommends take from surplus (4-0) \$10,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus \$10,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will take from surplus \$2,500.00 for the contingency fund.

Selectmen recommend take from surplus (2-0) \$2,500.00

Budget Committee recommends take from surplus (4-0) \$2,500.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 38.** 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 (4-0)

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardelle Foss, voted and passed.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Board of Selectmen to use LRAP funds if needed.

Selectmen recommend (2-0) up to \$70,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (4-0) up to \$70,000.00

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Taylor, voted and passed.

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will authorize the continuance of the following carry forward accounts.

Selectmen recommend the following

Heritage Fund CD	\$ 1,854.77
Contra Fiduciary Ridlon Cemetery	\$ 5,099.39
Cemetery CD	\$ 5,687.58
Planning Board	\$ 3,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 533.21



Comprehensive Plan	\$ 2,060.61
Town Line Marking	\$ 1,000.00
Dry Hydrant	\$ 1,757.94
SVFD Building Committee	\$ 666.39
Emergency Road Fund	\$ 8,876.50
FEMA 2007	\$ 2,613.56
DOT Road Grants	\$134,416.19
State Aid Road Fund	\$ 98,000.00
Town Reevaluation	\$ 47,000.00

Ardelle Foss made a motion to accept article as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Thompson, voted and passed.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to use **FEMA** money where appropriate.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will take from surplus \$1,000.00 for **2014 Town Charges** over expenditures.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus \$1,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will take from surplus \$1,463.00 for **2014 Plumbing Inspections**.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus \$1,463.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley, voted and passed.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will take from surplus \$22,597.60 for **2014 Winter Road** over expenditures.

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus \$22,597.60.. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

**Article 45.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Budget Committee Ordinance for the Town of Sweden, Maine" be enacted:

**Section 1. Establishment.**

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001, a Budget Committee is hereby established for the Town of Sweden, Maine.

**Section 2. Composition; election (appointment); qualifications; terms; vacancies.**

The Committee shall consist of 3-5 members who shall be appointed by the municipal officers and who shall be registered voters of the Town. No other official or employee of the Town may be a member. Members shall serve for terms of 3 years, except that they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. (For transition purposes, the initial terms shall be staggered so that as nearly an equal number of terms shall expire annually.) Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the municipal officers for the unexpired term.

**Section 3. Officers; meetings; quorum; procedure.**

The Committee shall annually elect a Chairman and a Secretary from among its members. The Chairman shall call meetings as necessary or when so requested by a majority of members or the municipal officers. A quorum necessary to conduct business shall consist of at least a majority of members. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all proceedings including all correspondence of the Committee. All meetings and records shall be subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A. Sections 401-410. The Committee may adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent with this ordinance.

**Section 4. Powers and duties; authority; recommendations; official cooperation.**

The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To review and make recommendations on the annual operating budget as proposed by the municipal officers;
- B. To review and make recommendations on annual capital expenditures as proposed by the municipal officers;
- C. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the municipal officers;
- D. To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time deem advisable.

The Committee's authority shall be advisory only. Any recommendation on a matter requiring town meeting action shall be printed with the article in the warrant and on the ballot, if any, along with such other recommendations as may be included by the municipal officers or required by law. The municipal officers shall cooperate with and provide the Committee with such information as may be reasonably necessary and available to enable it to carry out its functions under this ordinance

Selectmen recommend (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to accept article as recommended. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

A motion was made to allow Richard Lavasseur to speak. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bradley , voted and passed. Mr. Lavasseur wanted to know who was responsible for the road repairs to the town beach on Keyes Pond. He also would like to Port-A-Porty moved to the other side of the beach. The picnic tables are in bad shape and should be removed before someone gets hurt on them. What is the towns liability?

This is a private road and the town is not responsible for the upkeep. This has been an issue for several years. The town needs to be careful of setting a precedent.

Kathiann Shorey made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 am. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Shorey.

Respectfully submitted,

Alberta Ridlon  
Town Clerk

