

Town of Sweden
Special Town Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING December 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6PM by Alberta Ridlon, Town Clerk, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alberta read the posting for the town meeting and proceeded to Article 1.

To Daneil Wassel, constable of the Town 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 **Wednesday**, the **19th day of December AD 2018**, at **six o'clock in the evening**, then and there to act on the following Articles to wit:

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

Alberta read the article and asked for nominations. Wayne Miller nominated Sawin Millett . There were no other nominations. A written vote was taken and all 3 votes were cast for Sawin Millett and the meeting was turned over to the moderator.

Article 2: To elect: (1) Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (term ending March 2020) and any other necessary officers.

Before any motion or nomination was made, Ron Shorey asked how we could go about putting off this article until March town meeting when more towns people were present.

The moderator explained we had an article and had to proceed with it , so asked for nominations for the position. No nominations were made and no one volunteered to accept the nomination.

Alberta made a motion to take no action on this article, as recommended by the moderator. It was 2nd by William Jones, voted and passed.

Article 3: To see what sum the town will take from surplus for the purpose of the design and preparation of bid documents for proposal of a new fire station in the Town of Sweden and allow the balance to carry over.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) taking from surplus if needed up to	\$3,000
Budget Committee recommends (3-0) taking from surplus if needed up to	\$3,000

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to take from surplus up to \$3,000.00 if needed. Seconded by Ronald Shorey, voted and passed.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to change the offices of Town clerk and Treasurer/Tax Collector from elected to appointed effective as of the annual town meeting in 2020 (the end of the current term). Thereafter the clerk and treasurer/tax collector will be appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of 3 years).

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

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to pass this article, 2nd by Wayne Miller. There was much discussion regarding the difference or advantages of elected verses appointed. A vote was taken 12 Yes, 4 No. The article passed.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to change the office of Road Commissioner elected to appointed effective as of the annual town meeting in 2019 (the end of the current term). Thereafter the road commissioner will be appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of 1 year).

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

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to pass this article, 2nd by Wayne Miller. A vote was taken: 11 Yes, 3 No, 2 abstained.

Christopher Chadbourne made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ronald Shorey
6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Alberta Ridlon
Town Clerk.