



Town folk taking care of Sweden Cemeteries

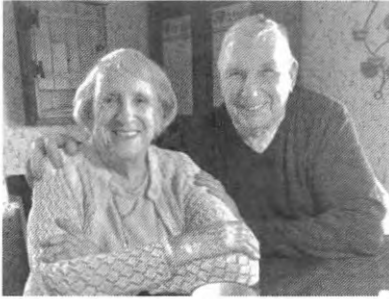
2022 Annual Report

Town of Sweden, Maine



Incorporated
February 26, 1813

THE 2022 TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO STANLEY AND ALICE BROWN, AND ANNE HOMMMES



Alice and Stanley Brown

Alice and Stan were actively involved in the Sweden community for well over 80 years, and celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary a day before Alice passed away on November 25, 2022, at the age of 97. Alice lived her entire life in Sweden, attending a single room schoolhouse through Grade 8, and joined the Sweden Grange in 1940. Both were active members of the Sweden Community Church and the South Bridgton Church, and Alice often volunteered to bake community suppers. In 1948, Stan was one of the four founding members of the Sweden Volunteer Fire Department. To this day he attends fire department functions, whenever possible. Stan met Alice in 1948, they were married in 1950, they ran a greenhouse in the 60's and had an obvious love for plants. Stan worked for many years for the Town of Sweden and the State of Maine Public Works. Stan always has a smile on his face and a cheerful greeting for all. One of his fondest memories of Alice is that without fail, every night before they went to sleep, they would gaze into each other's eyes and say, "good night, I love you."



Anne (Anna) Hommes

Fiercely independent, pragmatic, deeply involved in the community, and with a passion for education, Anne is remembered as a role model who truly lived her values and made space for people to show up. Originally from the Netherlands, she emigrated to Maine with her childhood sweetheart, Tjaard, who was latter named Senior Minister at Fryeburg Community Church. Anne began her career as a social worker, and she and Tjaard spent 20 years as missionaries in Indondesia, helping others through establishing education programs, and training and mentoring university students in pastoral theology and outreach. She enjoyed her community of lifetime Sweden friends, and was a faithful member of the Sweden Community Church, Lovell Library Page Turners Book club, and the Sweden ladies walking group. Understated about her accomplishments, she had an artistic aesthetic, and unconditional love for all. Anne passed away on March 16, 2022 at the age of 93, with her children by her side. Her ashes lie together with Tjaard's, under an apple tree in their field on the hilltop of Plummer Mountain. Her family is grateful to the community of Sweden that allowed her to "age at home" in a place she treasured.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS'

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF

SWEDEN, MAINE

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022

TOWN OF SWEDEN ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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2022 Select Board Report

To all Sweden residents and taxpayers,

2022 presented a number of challenges, but also a significant number of developments that we feel are helping to move us forward as a municipality focused on working with, and for our town's people, with the goal of preserving and improving the character of our historic town.

First we have to highlight our appreciation for those who work for the Town, and also all who volunteer their time and skills on committees and boards in service of the Town of Sweden. Volunteering can feel thankless at times, but it is through these efforts and diverse opinions that the best outcomes emerge.

After a long stretch of staffing issues, we finally have all positions filled with Alberta Ridlon serving as Town Clerk, Linda Moynihan as Tax Collector, Angela Thomas as Treasurer, Peter Gordon as CEO, and Rose McKenzie as our Select Board Administrative Assistant. Much gratitude to Rose for taking on so many of those tasks during a difficult period, and to Alberta for stepping down as Selectperson to keep the Town Office functioning. Alberta will be retiring this year, but will stay on to train her replacement. The Town elected new Select Board members Dan McQueen and Kerry Welton in the later part of 2022, and together we have worked toward completing a long list of objectives, including adopting a Town Purchasing Policy, Ethics Policy, Code of Conduct Policy, Solar Energy Ordinance, and a Boat Launching Policy for Keyes Pond.

Many will appreciate that we were able to complete the audit in time for printing this 2022 annual report, and have included financials. And, after many years in limbo, plans for the Fire Station were approved, and the town is moving forward to secure grant money and USDA funding for building. The Town Meeting Hall saw a complete exterior renovation in 2022, with budgeted plans for improvements to the Town Offices for 2023. Additionally, CEO Peter Gordon has worked through a backlog of permitting and enforcement issues.

Roads were a challenge in 2022, with multiple storms in December causing extreme damage and washing out the Haskell Hill Road culvert. Almost all residents were affected by multi-day power outages and loss of landlines. Addressing both of these critical issues in 2023, the Select Board is working on solutions to replace the temporary fix on Haskell Hill Road using Federal Emergency funds, create a timeline for permanent repairs to several town roads using capital improvement money, and establish a new communication system to alert all resident via either text message or landline of emergency notifications, town meetings, or other important notifications.

Through our participation with Eastern Slope Broadband (ESRB), we expect to have more information this year about bringing affordable high speed broadband to all town residents. By improving infrastructure and communications, our goal is to not only maintain but to improve the quality of life in our town. We look forward to serving the people of Sweden, and encourage our residents and taxpayers to get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Chadbourne



Daniel McQueen



Kerry Welton



Town of Sweden Officials

ELECTED:

	<u>Term Expires</u>	
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor, 3 years		
Selectman, Chair	Chris Chadbourne	2025
Selectman	Dan McQueen	2024
Selectman	Kerry Welton	2023
S.A.D. # 72 Board Member, 3 years	Kathi Shorey	2025
S.A.D. # 72 Alternate, 3 years	Open	2023

APPOINTED:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Alberta Ridlon	2023
Deputy Town Clerk, 1 year	Linda Moynihan	2023
Tax Collector, 1 year	Linda Moynihan	2023
Treasurer, 1 year	Angela Thomas	2023
Deputy Treasurer, 1 year	Rose McKenzie	2023
Registrar of Voters, 2 years	Alberta Ridlon	2023
Deputy Registrar of Voters, 1 year	Rose McKenzie	2023
Deputy Registrar of Voters, 1 year	Linda Moynihan	2023
Administrative Assistant	Rose McKenzie	N/A
EMA Director, 1 year	Tommie McKenzie	2023
Fire Chief, 1 year	Tim Cook	2023
Road Commissioner, 1 year	Troy Morse	2023
Cemetery Sexton, 1 year	Doug Porter	2023
Animal Control Officer, 1 year	Cynthia Eaton	2023
Health Officer, 3 years	Kathi Shorey	2025
Constable, 1 year	William Graham	2023
Constable, 1 year	Open	2023
Code Enforcement Officer, 1 year	Peter Gordon	2023
Plumbing Inspector, 1 year	Peter Gordon	2023
Superintendent of Schools	Jay Robinson	N/A

Town Officials

Planning and Zoning Board

5 years

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
William Graham, Chairman	2025
Melanie Ridlon Eldracher	2023
Laura Chadbourne	2024
Ian Biggers	2026
Jane Gibbons	2027
<u>Alternates, 1 year</u>	
Abigail deWildt	2023
Open	2023

Appeals Board

5 years

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mary Sohl, Chair	2023
Marilyn Smith	2024
Ardelle Foss	2025
Julie Crum	2026
Evangeline Hopkins	2027
<u>Alternates, 1 year</u>	
Kay Lyman	2023

Conservation Commission

5 years Appointed

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Linda Bradley, Chair	2025
Miriam Gibely	2023
Susan Ware	2023
Ardelle Foss	2024
Cindy LeCroy	2025

Budget Committee

3 years Appointed

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
James Popkin, Chairman	2023
Julie McQueen	2025
Shannon Slattery	2024
George Conly	2023

Representative to Maine Waste to Energy

Term Expires

2023

Communications Committee

3 years Appointed

James Popkin

2023

Perri Black

2023

Road Advisory Committee

3 years Appointed

George Conly, Chair

2023

Bill Centamore

2023

Warren deWildt

2025

Kathleen Tynan

2023

Fire Station Building Committee

Appointed

Frank Howell, Chair

Julia McQueen

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Appointed

William Graham, Chair

William Centamore

Abigail deWildt

Ardelle Foss

Lynn Hopkins

Julia McQueen

Mary Sohl

Bruce Taylor

2023 TOWN OF SWEDEN E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Listing of Elected, Appointed Officials and Committee Member e-mail addresses, please forward only
Town business to the addresses listed below.

Selectmen:

Christopher Chadbourne, Chair	chrischadbourne@swedenmaine.org
Daniel McQueen	danmcqueen@swedenmaine.org
Kerry Welton	kerrywelton@swedenmaine.org

Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Rose McKenzie	adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Town Clerk</u> , Alberta Ridlon	townclerk@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Treasurer</u> , Angela Thomas	treasurer@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Tax Collector</u> , Linda Moynihan	taxcollector@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Fire Chief</u> , Tim Cook	FireChief@swedenmaine.org
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<u>CEO</u> , Peter Gordon	codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Road Commissioner</u> , Troy Morse	roadcommissioner@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Animal Control Officer</u> , Cynthia Eaton	animalcontrolofficer@swedenmaine.org
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<u>Cemetery Sexton</u> , Doug Porter	cemeterysexton@swedenmaine.org
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Budget Committee:

James Popkin, Chair	jamespopkin@swedenmaine.org
Shannon Slattery	shannonslattery@swedenmaine.org
Julia McQueen	JuliaMcQueen@swedenmaine.org
George Conly	georgeconly@swedenmaine.org

Planning Board:

William Graham, Chair	williamgraham@swedenmaine.org
Melanie Ridlon-Eldracher	MelanieRidlonEldracher@swedenmaine.org
Laura Chadbourne	LauraChadbourne@swedenmaine.org
Ian Biggers	ianbiggers@swedenmaine.org
Jane Gibbons	janegibbons@swedenmaine.org
Abigail deWildt, Alternate	gaildewildt@swedenmaine.org

Appeals Board:

Mary Sohl	MarySohl@swedenmaine.org
Ardelle Foss	ArdelleFoss@swedenmaine.org

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Enhanced – 911 Addressing Officer Tommie McKenzie 2023

General Assistance Coordinator Select Board 2023

Election Clerks – 2024

Linda Bradley	Melanie Eldracher
Miranda Purinton	Jane Forde
Louis Clark	Abigail deWildt
Ardelle Foss	Sara Miriam Gibely
Charlotte Riley	Jane Gibbons
William Graham	Evangeline Hopkins
Kathleen Lyman	Julia McQueen
Mary Sohl	

NOTICES

All non-scheduled meetings will be posted at the Town Office, on the Town Website or in the Bridgton News.

Scheduled Meetings:

Selectmen – Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Board – Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office

Sweden Historical Society – Third Saturday of each month, time and place to be announced

SFD Training – Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at The Town Meeting House and as scheduled.

SFD Association Meeting – Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at The Town Meeting House

**Volunteers needed for Fire Department
Call the Town Office at 647-3944**

**Your State Senator is: Richard A. Bennett
District #18**

Home Mailing Address: 75 Bennett Lane
Oxford, ME 04270

Email: Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov

Telephone: 207-287-1505

**Your State Representative to the Legislature is:
Sawin Millett
District #71**

Home Mailing Address: 37 Golden Guernsey Drive,
Waterford, ME 04088

Telephone:(207)592-5398 Cell
(207)583-4842 Residence

E-Mail: Sawin.Millett@legislature.maine.gov

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2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

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Message Service: 1-800-423-6900

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STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of the highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES
APPROPRIATIONS
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

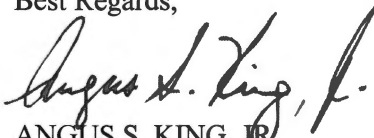
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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Waterford, ME 04088
(207) 583-4842

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Town of Sweden
147 Bridgton Road
Sweden, ME, 04040

January 11, 2023

Dear Neighbors,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of serving in the Maine State Legislature. Representing the interests of all citizens in our district has been a tremendous privilege and one that I have taken very seriously. I am proud to be the voice of the fine folks who call Western Maine home and am eager to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

I am happy to report to you that I have been reappointed as the Lead Republican on the Legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. In this role, I will work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to build a State Budget that reduces state spending, prioritizes efficiency, and that eliminates wasteful practices in state government. I remain committed to working in good faith for what is in the best interest of the people of our State.

It is through your input that I am better able to serve you. Please feel free to contact me at my home in Waterford at 583-4842 or at the State House in Augusta at 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my mailing address is 37 Golden Guernsey Drive, Waterford, Maine 04088; my e-mail address is Sawin.Millett@legislature.maine.gov. Additionally, I also send out regular updates via email and through my Facebook page (Representative Sawin Millett) with information about current state and legislative news.

Again, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I promise to continue working hard for you and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,

H. Sawin Millett, Jr.
State Representative

Maine House District 81

Norway, Sweden, Waterford, Albany Township, Greenwood, South Oxford,
Stoneham, Stow, Mason Township, and Locke Mills

NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS

Please inquire with the Select Board or Rose McKenzie, the Administrative Assistant to the Select Board prior to the Annual Town Meeting March 25, 2023 with questions that are technical or may require research.

You may still ask questions at the Town Meeting, but prior knowledge will assure a prompt and more detailed answer. This will help move the meeting along smoothly.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS

In a continuing effort to minimize the town's budget and its impact on its citizens the Board of Selectmen have chosen to carefully scrutinize the Town's contributions made to various organizations. The Town realizes the value of these organizations and wants to make the information accessible to its citizens for their private donations.

If you are interested, your donations may be mailed directly to:

L.E.A.

Lakes Environmental Association
230 Main Street
Bridgton, ME 04009

Community Concepts

17 Market Square
South Paris, ME 04281

Safe Voices

484 Main Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

Seniors Plus

8 Falcon Road
Lewiston, ME 04240

Greater Bridgton Lakes Region

Chamber of Commerce
101 Portland Road
Bridgton, Maine 04009

Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

227 Main Street
PO Box 105
Lovell, ME 04051

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, Inc.

1389 Bridgton Road
Fryeburg, ME 04037

Sweden Food Pantry

Sweden Community Church
137 Bridgton Road
Sweden, ME 04040

The Lifelight Foundation

PO Box 899
Camden, Maine 04853

**Sexual Assault Prevention
and Response Services (SAPARS)**

PO Box 6
Auburn, ME 04212

Community Health and Counseling Services

PO Box 425
Bangor, ME 04402-0425



February 27, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Sweden
Sweden, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Sweden, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Sweden, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
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Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

Certified Public Accountants

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,995,195	\$ -	\$ 1,995,195
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	77,966	-	77,966
Liens	32,459	-	32,459
Other	4,043	-	4,043
Tax acquired property	2,120	-	2,120
Due from other funds	-	795,597	795,597
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,111,783</u>	<u>\$ 795,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,380</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,705	\$ -	\$ 1,705
Due to other governments	2,414	-	2,414
Due to other funds	795,597	-	795,597
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>799,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>799,716</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	466	-	466
Deferred tax revenues	85,615	-	85,615
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>86,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,081</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	2,120	5,000	7,120
Restricted	-	366,349	366,349
Committed	15,193	424,248	439,441
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,208,673	-	1,208,673
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,225,986</u>	<u>795,597</u>	<u>2,021,583</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,111,783</u>	<u>\$ 795,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,380</u>

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TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 1,507,893	\$ -	\$ 1,507,893
Excise taxes	83,334	-	83,334
Intergovernmental	195,286	56,060	251,346
Charges for services	12,192	-	12,192
Miscellaneous revenues	8,318	34,000	42,318
TOTAL REVENUES	1,807,023	90,060	1,897,083
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	176,092	-	176,092
Health and sanitation	53,763	-	53,763
Public safety	57,959	-	57,959
Public works	316,389	-	316,389
Culture and recreation	10,305	-	10,305
Town property maintenance	21,091	-	21,091
County tax	101,752	-	101,752
Education	745,706	-	745,706
Unclassified	2,534	8,840	11,374
Capital outlay	-	84,208	84,208
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,485,591	93,048	1,578,639
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	321,432	(2,988)	318,444
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	-	224,000	224,000
Transfers (out)	(224,000)	-	(224,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(224,000)	224,000	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	97,432	221,012	318,444
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	1,128,554	574,585	1,703,139
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,225,986	\$ 795,597	\$ 2,021,583

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TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 1,128,554	\$ 1,128,554	\$ 1,128,554	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	1,505,850	1,505,850	1,507,893	2,043
Excise taxes	80,000	80,000	83,334	3,334
Intergovernmental	125,823	125,823	195,286	69,463
Charges for services	-	-	12,192	12,192
Interest income	-	-	7,775	7,775
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	543	543
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>2,840,227</u>	<u>2,840,227</u>	<u>2,935,577</u>	<u>95,350</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	227,868	237,892	176,092	61,800
Health and sanitation	53,763	53,763	53,763	-
Public safety	68,886	68,886	57,959	10,927
Public works	316,000	322,000	316,389	5,611
Culture and recreation	10,516	10,516	10,305	211
Town property maintenance	22,000	22,000	21,091	909
County tax	101,752	101,752	101,752	-
Education	746,979	746,979	745,706	1,273
Unclassified	12,859	12,858	2,534	10,324
Transfers to other funds	224,000	224,000	224,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,784,623</u>	<u>1,800,646</u>	<u>1,709,591</u>	<u>91,055</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,055,604</u>	<u>\$ 1,039,581</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,986</u>	<u>\$ 186,405</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 72,950</u>	<u>\$ 88,973</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (88,973)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government:					
Salaries	\$ 83,676	\$ 8,630	\$ 92,306	\$ 70,127	\$ 22,179
Town charges	80,742	-	80,742	79,967	775
Plumbing inspector	-	-	-	188	(188)
Legal counsel	15,000	-	15,000	6,280	8,720
Planning Board	16,000	1,394	17,394	16,313	1,081
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	3,217	6,783
General assistance	1,250	-	1,250	-	1,250
Interest on short term debt	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200
Grant cost share	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
	<u>227,868</u>	<u>10,024</u>	<u>237,892</u>	<u>176,092</u>	<u>61,800</u>
Health and Sanitation:					
Solid waste	53,763	-	53,763	53,763	-
	<u>53,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,763</u>	<u>53,763</u>	<u>-</u>
Public Safety:					
Fire dept administration	25,450	-	25,450	23,658	1,792
Fire dept operations and maint.	9,630	-	9,630	8,855	775
Fire dept yearly inspections	9,625	-	9,625	6,086	3,539
Firefighting	20,250	-	20,250	17,439	2,811
Fire dept other	1,500	-	1,500	510	990
Ambulance	2,040	-	2,040	1,020	1,020
Animal control officer	391	-	391	391	-
	<u>68,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,886</u>	<u>57,959</u>	<u>10,927</u>

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public Works:					
Summer roads	50,000	6,000	56,000	56,892	(892)
Winter roads	266,000	-	266,000	259,497	6,503
	<u>316,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>322,000</u>	<u>316,389</u>	<u>5,611</u>
Culture and Recreation:					
Seniors Plus	500	-	500	500	-
Sweden Conservation Committee	125	-	125	114	11
Historical Society	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Charlotte Hobbs Library	2,800	-	2,800	2,800	-
Lovell Food Pantry	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
LEA	400	-	400	400	-
Sweden Food Pantry	600	-	600	600	-
Community Concepts	300	-	300	300	-
Lifelight Foundation	391	-	391	391	-
Safe Voices	200	-	200	200	-
Comm Committee	200	-	200	-	200
	<u>10,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,516</u>	<u>10,305</u>	<u>211</u>
Town Property Maintenance:					
Cemetery care	8,000	-	8,000	7,316	684
Town property maintenance	8,000	-	8,000	5,275	2,725
Buildings and grounds maintenance	6,000	-	6,000	8,500	(2,500)
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>21,091</u>	<u>909</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
County Tax	101,752	-	101,752	101,752	-
Education	746,979	-	746,979	745,706	1,273
Unclassified: Overlay	12,859	(1)	12,858	2,534	10,324
	12,859	(1)	12,858	2,534	10,324
Transfers to Other Funds: Capital projects funds	224,000	-	224,000	224,000	-
	224,000	-	224,000	224,000	-
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 1,784,623	\$ 16,023	\$ 1,800,646	\$ 1,709,591	\$ 91,055

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TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Due from other funds	\$ 50,487	\$ 738,464	\$ 6,646	\$ 795,597
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 50,487</u>	<u>\$ 738,464</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 795,597</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	5,000	5,000
Restricted	-	364,703	1,646	366,349
Committed	50,487	373,761	-	424,248
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>50,487</u>	<u>738,464</u>	<u>6,646</u>	<u>795,597</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 50,487</u>	<u>\$ 738,464</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 795,597</u>

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TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 21,676	\$ 34,384	\$ -	\$ 56,060
Other	-	34,000	-	34,000
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>21,676</u>	<u>68,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,060</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	84,208	-	84,208
Other	8,840	-	-	8,840
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,840</u>	<u>84,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,048</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>12,836</u>	<u>(15,824)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	224,000	-	224,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>224,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	12,836	208,176	-	221,012
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>37,651</u>	<u>530,288</u>	<u>6,646</u>	<u>574,585</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 50,487</u>	<u>\$ 738,464</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 795,597</u>

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Sweden Town Clerk 2022 Report

Vital Statistics:

Births	2
Marriages	3
Deaths	9

Animal Welfare:

Total Number of Dogs Licenses	48
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Reminder: All dogs six months and older must be licensed annually by December 31st

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

Hunting	4
Jr Hunting	2
Muzzleloader Hunting	1
Crossbow	1
Fishing	3
Combo hunt-fish	4
Nonresident Fishing	0
Lifetime	0

Recreation Vehicles:

ATV	22
Boats	40
Resident Snowmobile	5
Nonresident Snowmobile	3
Nonresident ATV	4

Registration of Voters:

Democrats	112
Green Independent	25
Republicans	94
Unenrolled	134

Population Estimates Source: City-Data.com

- 2010 Population 391
- 2010 188 Males
- 2010 203 Females
- 2010 Median Sweden Resident Age 50.9
- 2019 Estimated Household Income \$46,085
- 2019 Estimated Income Per Capita \$23,522
- 2019 Estimated House/Condo Unit \$184,625

Alberta Ridlon

Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters



The Sweden Free Meeting House once known as the “Grange Hall” built in 1827.

The Sweden Historical Society is pleased to report that most historic documents, maps, photographs, and artifacts are now displayed or cataloged properly in the Sweden Center Schoolhouse. Many events are in the works for 2023 like being open on Saturdays starting in April, a June 3rd Yard Sale. Sweden Days August 3rd-6th, and the second annual Lighting of the Evergreen on Saturday, November 25th.

We are adding two new computers, a scanner, copy machine and internet service to better serve our community thanks to the Town of Sweden.

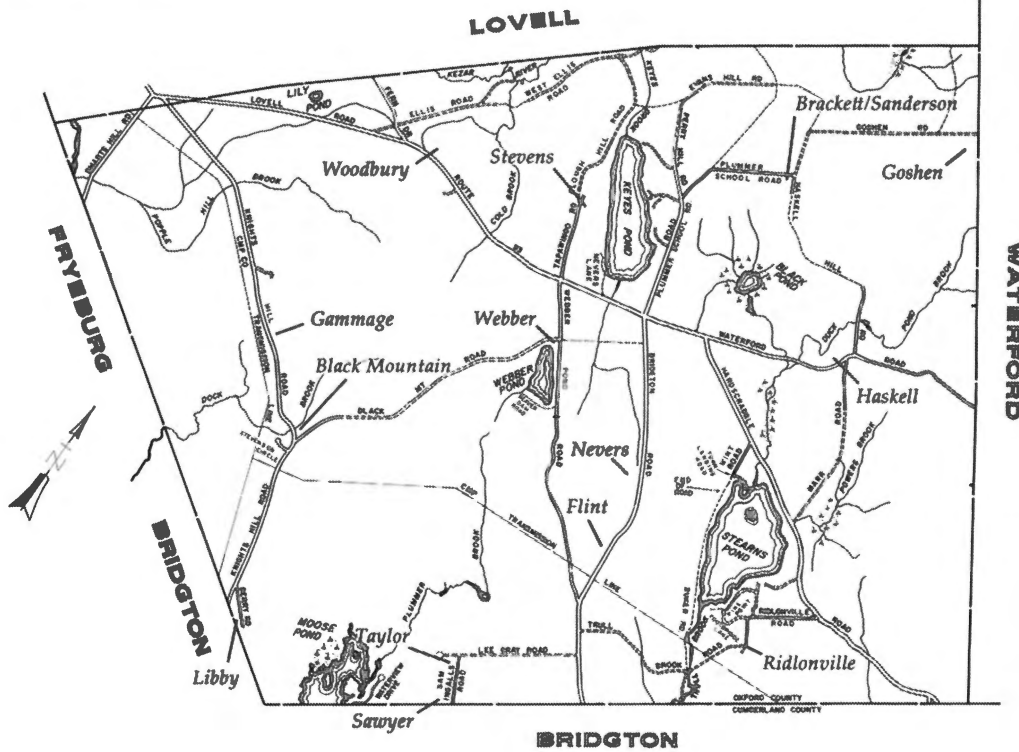
Please, stop in and tell us about your Sweden history.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Porter

Sweden Historical Society President

Locations of Sweden's Cemeteries



Sweden Cemetery Sexton Report

In 2022, all stones at Haskell and Stevens Cemeteries were restored. This Spring brackets will be placed where needed for leaning and broken stones. Trees toppled over during the December windstorm in Haskell and Black Mountain Cemeteries. Haskell's downed trees have been removed and once the snow disappears, the tree at Black Mountain will also be removed.

Scheduled for restoration in 2023 are Webber and Sanderson Cemeteries. Veteran flags will be placed well in advance to Memorial Day and removed late November. In the future, we will be restoring all stones with two cemeteries being done each year.

Respectfully,

Douglas J. Porter

Sweden Town Sexton

School Board Report MSAD 72
Town of Sweden Annual Report March 2023

STATISTICS

Sweden has the following student enrollment. This information is used to create the ED279 report and, to an extent, sets our state funding allocation.

New Suncook - 15

Pre-K (4 yo) - 2
Kindergarten - 0
Grade 1 - 1
Grade 2 - 4
Grade 3 - 4
Grade 4 - 4

Molly Ockett - 12

Grade 5 - 3
Grade 6 - 3
Grade 7 - 1
Grade 8 - 5

Fryeburg Academy - 12

Grade 9 - 2
Grade 10 - 3
Grade 11 - 4
Grade 12 - 3

HIGHLIGHTS

- Regular meetings of the MSAD 72 Board of Education are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Molly Ockett School gymnasium. Additional budget meetings commence in April. These are open to the public. Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the district website <https://www.msad72.org>.
- Administrators report that there are challenges with student and staff absences due to illness but coordination and cooperation from team members has assured coverage for classrooms.
- A survey went out to parents in the spring. Results were reported by school and were mostly positive. The scores showed that communication is good among parents and teachers/administrators. Children also report that they feel safe at school. Additional opportunities for parent feedback are in the very early stages. Soliciting opinions from families to help us plan and budget for improvements.
- The pandemic has had a significant impact on learning and social development of students. Several initiatives have been introduced to assure that schools are supporting students' academic, social and behavioral needs.
- The school District has a FB presence. The account is called "Maine School Administrative District 72".
- This is a relatively large Board with 22 members. A workshop on boardsmanship is offered regularly by Maine School Board Association (MSMA).
- **The position of School Board Alternate to represent Sweden is vacant.** Please email me, kathiann.shorey@msad72.org or contact a Sweden Selectperson if interested in either the alternate or the regular position.

This 2023 report is submitted by
Kathiann Shorey
Elected Member, MSAD 72 Board of Education

Sweden Fire Department

2022 was a challenging year for the Department. Our personnel put in 656 hours of training. The Department responded to an unprecedented 82 calls for service as outlined below. We ended the year with two major storm events.

A Fire Station is of the highest priority. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fire Station Building Committee for finalizing the Station plan. At this point we are waiting on financing and final Town approval. Over the last year Bridgton Fire has graciously housed our Engine 4 in their Central Station. They have a new truck scheduled for delivery this summer, so we will lose that space for our truck.

The Department was awarded three Grants this year: AFG Grant for radios which will increase agency interoperability, a Forestry Grant for Personal Protective Forestry Gear and a Traffic Control Equipment Grant.

Department members participated in Sweden Community Events. It was a pleasure working together with this Community.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and citizens of Sweden for their continued support. Our Mission continues to be to provide the best service possible for the Community.

2022 Response

Statistics

Mutual Aid	33
Motor Vehicle Crash	15
Utility Hazard	10
Trees Down	8
Assist EMS	3
Hazardous Materials	2
Citizen Assist	2
Severe Storm	4
Cancelled In Route	5

Respectfully,

Tim Cook

Fire Chief

SWEDEN FIRE DEPT

BUDGET

	2022 BUDGET		2023 BUDGET
FD ADMINISTRATION			
Calls/Training Stipends	\$ 15,000.00	\$	16,500.00
Special/Outside Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 6,500.00	\$	6,000.00
Member Dues	\$ 500.00	\$	600.00
Reporting System	\$ 2,050.00	\$	2,050.00
Other Supply	\$ 400.00	\$	400.00
FD ADMIN TOTAL	\$ 25,450.00	\$	26,550.00
FD OPERATING			
Heating Fuel	\$ 4,050.00	\$	3,500.00
Generator Propane	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
Truck Fuel	\$ 2,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Electricity	\$ 780.00	\$	800.00
Phone	\$ 700.00	\$	800.00
Furnace Maint.	\$ 400.00	\$	400.00
Porta Potty	\$ 1,200.00	\$	1,600.00
FD OPERATING TOTAL	\$ 9,630.00	\$	11,600.00
FD YEARLY INSPECTIONS			
Hose Testing	\$ 3,750.00	\$	3,500.00
Ladder Testing	\$ 625.00	\$	625.00
SCBA/Flow Test	\$ 2,000.00	\$	1,500.00
Pump Testing	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
Fire Extinguishers	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
SCBA Compressor Service	\$ 750.00	\$	850.00
FD YEARLY INSPECTIONS TOTAL	\$ 9,625.00	\$	8,975.00
FIREFIGHTING			
Truck Maint	\$ 8,000.00	\$	9,000.00
Equipment Maint	\$ 3,500.00	\$	3,000.00
Communications	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
General Equip	\$ 1,250.00	\$	1,250.00
PPE (Gear)	\$ 5,000.00	\$	6,000.00
Hose /Nozzles/Fittings	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
FIREFIGHTING TOTAL	\$ 20,250.00	\$	21,750.00
HEALTH & SAFETY			
Respiratory Clearance/Consentra	\$ 900.00	\$	900.00
Fit Testing	\$ 600.00	\$	600.00
HEALTH & SAFETY TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 66,455.00	\$	70,375.00
CAPITAL	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,000.00

Sweden Office of Emergency Management – Report

Greetings Sweden Residents,

I was elected at last year's Annual Town Meeting as your EMA Director, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve your community.

Generally, Sweden is a quiet community with some small emergency incidents that occur now and then. As part of my duties, I took to task the updating of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. This plan is now updated and in effect.

The Town was in the process to purchase a generator for the Meeting House, and I was able to secure a Grant from Maine Emergency Management Agency/FEMA to help fund this project. The Grant Fund of \$4,250.00 was for a 50% match which helped cover some of the expenses of the new generator. With that said, the project is complete, and the generator is on-line.

In late December, on the 23rd, Winter Storm Elliott occurred and hit us hard, with power outages, wind, snow, rain, and down trees. We experienced a huge amount of rain that filled the brooks. This flooding caused the culvert at Haskell Hill Road, Duck Pond Brook washout. As the wash out was occurring, the pavement over the culvert gave the appearance of the roadway being intact. One of the residents on the road was crossing over the brook and suddenly plunged in, her vehicle was washed downstream a short distance and then came to rest. She was able to call a neighbor for help and was assisted out without injury. The brook crossing was completely gone.

I'm happy to say that with the work of the Selectboard, roadcrew, fire department, and EMA a temporary bridge was in place in less than 24 hours and the roadway reopened. Outstanding work by all!

Many other roads were also impacted by the storm with some large washouts. The initial damage assessment to the town infrastructure totaled more than \$500,000.00. The declaration for Disaster is still pending. In January, Town Officials met with FEMA here in town to view the damage.

The Town of Sweden is working hard to mitigate the damage and make the town complete again. This is going to be a long-term project to recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommie McKenzie
EMA Director

Town of Sweden Maine Report of the Code Enforcement Officer for 2022

Description	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
New Single Family Homes	4	6	2	3	3	2
Replacement single family homes, seasonal conversion and new mobile homes	0	2	2	1	0	2
Used mobile homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions, renovations residential	3	0	3	2	1	0
Additions, renovations, non-residential	0	0	1	0	0	0
Garages	0	3	3	4	1	0
Sheds. Barns, pools & misc, bldgs.	1	3	4	7	7	10
Decks & Porches	0	0	1	2	1	2
Tree Cutting Permits	7	1	1	1	2	0
Demolition	1	0	1	1	0	3
RV Permits	0	1	1	1	2	0
Certificates of Occupancy	8	1	3	5	5	2
Planning Board Permits	1					
Total	25	17	22	27	22	21
Permit Fees Collected	\$836.50	\$ 3,405.64	\$ 3,152.12	\$ 4,703.73	\$ 2,212.60	\$ 3,277.54

Sweden Town Office Hours for 2023

147 Bridgton Road, Sweden, Maine 04040
Phone: 647-3944, Fax: 647-3946

THURSDAY 11 AM TO 6 PM SATURDAY TUESDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM

(1st four) 9 AM TO 12 NOON

**Town Clerk/
Motor Vehicle Agent/Registrar of Voters**

Alberta Ridlon

townclerk@swedenmaine.org

Registrations of Vehicles, Dogs, Boats, ATV's, Snowmobiles,
Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Vital Statistics: Birth, Marriage, Death Certificates
Reservation of Town Hall use, Preservation of Town Records
Voter Registration, Absentee Ballots, Elections

**Tax Collector/
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar**

Linda Moynihan

taxcollector@swedenmaine.org

Questions concerning Real Estate Tax Information

**Administrative Assistant to Select Board/
Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Registrar**

Rose McKenzie

adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org

Treasurer

Angela Thomas

treasurer@swedenmaine.org

Code Enforcement Officer –

Peter Gordon

codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org

In Emergency contact: Selectman Christopher Chadbourne 207-647-3944
Selectman Dan McQueen
Selectman Kerry Welton

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes

2022		2021	
ABBOTT, STEPHANIE S	174.84	ALDRO, CLAY W	883.78
ABBOTT, STEPHANIE S	755.28	BUKER, TRUSTEES, HOWARD and JOAN and THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	2,449.53
ALDRO, CLAY W	2,412.67	CARL, BERNARD J	438.18
AMESBURY, SPENCER	2,414.43	DOUGLAS, RONALD S	230.92
BAILEY, MELISSA L	493.34	GILMORE, REECE	1,756.45
BARITEAU, ANDREW R	1,078.18	JEROME, JENNIFER A	624.48
BARKER, JOLENE F	295.32	LECROY, CINDY A	2,374.04
BEAUDETTE MARGARET MAINEY	443.67	MCCARTHY, OWEN	374.70
BOWLEY, PAULA H	1,479.03	MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	120.78
BRYANT, LAWRENCE R	1,237.71	SMART, EMILY J	569.28
BUKER STEARNS POND NOMINEE REALTY TRUST	6.60	SMART, EMILY J	465.78
BUKER, TRUSTEES, HOWARD and JOAN and THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	2,633.58	SULLIVAN MAINE TRUST	383.50
CARL, BERNARD J	461.90	THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	6,041.89
CROHAN, THOMAS D	329.65	WEEKS, JOHN	<u>898.41</u>
DEIESO, DEBORAH ANN	491.70		18,174.61
DELMAN-EDWARDS, HEATHER LYNN	408.26	2020	
DOUGLAS, RONALD S	389.78	BUKER, TRUSTEES, HOWARD and JOAN and THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	2,765.44
GILMORE, REECE	1,903.88	GILMORE, REECE	1,991.07
HERON HOUSING LLC	1,191.28	JEROME, JENNIFER A	726.33
HOWE, GAIL A	763.06	5 LECROY, CINDY A	2,681.09
JEROME, JENNIFER A	663.05	MCCARTHY, OWEN	439.96
JOHNSON, NILS S	471.21	MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	163.55
JOHNSON, NILS S	1,784.73	SMALLEY, MARK	562.47
JOHNSON, NILS S	220.68	SMART, EMILY J	549.01
LECROY, CINDY A	2,552.07	SMART, EMILY J	664.65
MCCARTHY, OWEN	393.36	THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	<u>6,779.13</u>
MCCUBREY, KIMBERLY A	10.58		17,381.72
MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	119.20	2019	
Moody, Kenneth D	1,170.02	BUKER, TRUSTEES, HOWARD and JOAN and THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	2,818.63
PREECE, JENNIFER E	519.44	GILMORE, REECE	2,145.79
REED-JEGREUS, LINDA	243.15	JEROME, JENNIFER A	737.64
ROWLINGS, DIANE K	2,195.37	LECROY, CINDY A	2,789.02
SCANDINAVIAN REAL ESTATE TRUST	429.12	MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	147.04
SESSLER, JAN PETER	6,086.11	SMART, EMILY J	551.56
SMALLEY, MARK	615.18	SMART, EMILY J	672.91
SMART, EMILY J	491.70	THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	<u>7,023.20</u>
SMART, EMILY J	603.45		16,885.79
SMITH, CYNTHIA	408.26	2018	
SONNENSCHNEIN, IRIS	5,025.81	JEROME, JENNIFER A	663.06
SORRENTINO, SHEILA	368.03	LECROY, CINDY A	2,387.26
TAYLOR, ETHAN KIM	21.18	MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	166.65
THE SWEDEN REALTY TRUST	6,530.91	SMART, KEVIN R. & EMILY J.	<u>132.48</u>
THOMPSON, CHRISTIAN	376.48		3,349.45
TSONIS, ARTHUR J	<u>574.30</u>	2017	
TOTAL	57,094.62	JEROME, JENNIFER A	275.57

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright

Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright



Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2022 Annual Town Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my fifth year as Sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our western Maine communities, and I am motivated about the momentum our office has heading into the New Year. This would not be possible without the dedicated team of men and women who have continued to serve our mission and protect our communities, with professionalism, integrity, and leadership. It is their work that keeps our agency moving forward.

As I have mentioned in previous years, our calls to service have continued to increase in volume as well as their complexity. Our patrol division handled nearly 14,000 calls to service this past year, with more calls regarding mental health concerns since 2020. This speaks to the need for state funding for services for our communities and our sheriff's departments throughout the state, to keep individuals needing help, and others around them, safe.

We have continued to improve our visibility and response times by utilizing our substations in Dixfield, Brownfield, Rumford, and Bethel. As promised, over this past year, our office successfully completed the plans to convert the jail facilities from a 72-hour holding facility back to a full-service operation. The jail received its full accreditation this past October, and with this accomplishment completed, this improvement has restored local control and has already saved taxpayers money. In 2022, our corrections officers and jail administrators processed 1,795 bookings.

We have continued our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by supporting local organizations such as the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative by referring eligible individuals, afflicted by substance use disorder, to Project Save ME. The program is a police-assisted initiative designed to connect those burdened by substance use disorder with recovery coaches, advocates, and other treatment services to assist them with their recovery journey.

On behalf of the deputies, correctional officers, and support staff, I want to thank and acknowledge the continued community support we have received. Our deputies and staff have gone above the call to service, and I am happy to hear and see that their work has not gone unnoticed.

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-743-9554 or follow us on Facebook: Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Wainwright".

Sheriff Christopher Wainwright



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

2022 Calls For Service by Location

Sweden

Reported Offense	Total Incidents
911 hangup call (911H)	12
Abandoned Vehicle ++++ (ABAN)	5
Alarm (ALAR)	7
Ambulance or Medical Assist (AMAS)	4
Animal Problem (ANPR)	4
Agency Assist (ASST)	1
ATV Problem (ATV)	1
Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent (BRUE)	1
Civil Issue (CIIS)	5
Citizen Assist (CITA)	1
Criminal Mischief (CMIS)	1
Domestic Incident (DOME)	2
Fraud (FRAU)	3
Harassment (HARS)	2
Intoxicated Person (INTP)	1
Misdiald Number to 911 (MISD)	7
Parking Problem (PARK)	1
Peace Officer (PEOF)	3
Inspection/Towing Permit (PERM)	1
Service Of Papers (PSVE)	1
Protection From Abuse Order (PTAO)	4
Protection Harassment Order (PTHO)	1
Request Call (RCAL)	7
Sex Offense (SOFF)	1
Suicidal Person/Welfare Check (SUDL)	1
Suspicion (SUSP)	5
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage (TAPD)	10
Traffic Accident, Pers Injury (TAPI)	8
Telephone Harassment (TELO)	1
Traffic Hazard (THAZ)	1
Threatening (THRE)	2
Theft, Property, Other (TPOT)	1
Violation of Protection Order (VIPA)	1
Welfare Check (WELF)	11
Weapons Offense (WOFF)	1
Total	118

Town of Sweden, Maine 2023 Budget Committee

According to the Town of Sweden Budget Committee Ordinance, it is the responsibility of the Budget Committee (BC) to make recommendations to the Select Board (SB) and to the Town on all matters related to the Town's budget. The BC has done their best to support the budget for 2023 as proposed by the Select Board.

Articles 9 and 9a. Maintenance of roadsides and the Capital Improvement Reserve Account for Roads. The Town has a legal obligation to maintain public roads and we all agree that funds must be raised to make that possible. Due to the instability of material and fuel costs, one budget committee member would like to see some additional funds raised specifically for maintenance.

Article 13a. Capital Account for Town buildings. For health and safety reasons and to maintain the Town's assets, funds are required for the repair and maintenance of Town buildings. In addition, the Town office requires some upgrades to accommodate 5 staff members where only 2 staff members were working in the office when the Town office was first inhabited in 2006.

Where the budget committee votes were not recorded in the warrant, it was only because the Committee was unable to meet on the Select Board's recommendations prior to the warrant being signed for the Town report. However, the Committee was able to vote prior to the Town report going to the printer as follows:

Article 9a. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Improvement Reserve Account for Roads**, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S Section 5801 and allow the balance to carry forward.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$177,000.00
Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)		
	up to	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$177,000.00
Budget Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)		
	up to	\$ 10,000.00

The Capital Reserve Account was established to allow the Town to properly prepare and plan for long term solutions to Town roads that are in disrepair. Occasionally emergency situations arise, such as the washout of the Haskell Hill culvert; and the town is fortunate to have the resources available to manage them. Efforts that are being made to obtain funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ease the financial burden on town resources are greatly appreciated. If the Town can recoup the expenses for the Haskell Hill culvert, the Capital Account will be available for the repair of other roads. If not, the Capital Fund is available to replace the washed-out culvert, which has temporarily been replaced with a logging bridge.

Article 45. To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Select Board to use up to \$186,000 of **LRAP funds** if needed.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$415,000 for engineering and to replace the Haskell Hill Bridge with a box culvert.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (2-1)

One member of the Budget Committee who is also a member of the Road Advisory Committee, recognizes that the bridge needs to be replaced, but thinks that another option may be less expensive.

Article 48. To see if the Town will take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$50,000 for emergency road work.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Emergency road work was required after several severe winter storms, including the installation of a temporary bridge at Haskell Hill Rd. Again, the efforts being made to recoup some or all of these expenses if at all possible, are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Jamie Popkin
Julie McQueen
Shannon Slayton
George Conly

	2022 APPROVED BUDGET				Select Board 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET				Budget Committee 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET			
	RAISE	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	TOTAL		RAISE	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	TOTAL	Proposed Increase (Decrease)	RAISE	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	TOTAL	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
SALARIES	\$ 83,676.90	\$ 8,630.00	\$ 92,306.90		\$ 101,038.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 101,038.00	\$ 8,731.10	\$ 101,038.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 101,038.00	\$ 8,731.10
INTEREST ON BORROWING		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00	\$ -			\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
TOWN CHARGES	\$ 80,742.00	\$ 1,394.00	\$ 82,136.00		\$ 106,647.00	\$ 106,647.00	\$ 25,905.00		\$ 103,647.00		\$ 103,647.00	\$ 22,905.00
PLANNING BOARD SUPPORT	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 22,000.00		\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ (894.00)		\$ 16,500.00		\$ 16,500.00	\$ (894.00)
SUMMER ROADS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 56,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)		\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)
CAPITAL ROADS ACCOUNT	\$ 187,000.00		\$ 187,000.00		\$ 177,000.00	\$ 187,000.00	\$ -		\$ 177,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 187,000.00	\$ -
WINTER ROADS	\$ 266,000.00		\$ 266,000.00		\$ 285,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 285,000.00		\$ 285,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
WINTER ROAD CONTRACT FUEL AMENDMENT												
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$ 53,762.85		\$ 53,762.85		\$ 63,279.00	\$ 63,279.00	\$ 9,516.15		\$ 63,279.00		\$ 63,279.00	\$ 9,516.15
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 7,250.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ -
TOWN GROUNDS & BLDG MAINT												
CAPITAL FUND FOR TOWN GROUNDS & BLDGS	\$ 17,000.00		\$ 17,000.00			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 33,000.00			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
GENERATOR FOR TOWN MEETING HOUSE		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00				\$ (8,000.00)					\$ (8,000.00)
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 66,455.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 76,455.00		\$ 70,375.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,920.00		\$ 70,375.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 80,375.00	\$ 3,920.00
COST SHARE FOR FIRE DEPT COMMUNICATIONS GRANT												
SVFD CAPITAL ACCOUNT												
MISC AG: AMBULANCE	\$ 2,040.00		\$ 2,040.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
MISC AG: HARVEST HILLS	\$ 391.00		\$ 391.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00	\$ 15.00		\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 15.00
MISC AG: SENIORS PLUS	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ -
MISC AG: CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ -
MISC AG: SWEDEN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -
MISC AG: SWEDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
MISC AG: HOBBS LIBRARY	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 2,800.00		\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -		\$ 2,800.00		\$ 2,800.00	\$ -
MISC AG: LOVELL REC	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
MISC AG: LEA	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ -
MISC AG: SWEDEN FOOD PANTRY	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	\$ -
MISC AG: COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 330.00		\$ 330.00	\$ 30.00
MISC AG: SAPRS					\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
MISC AG: THE LIFEFLIGHT FNDTN	\$ 391.00		\$ 391.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00	\$ 15.00		\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 15.00
MISC AG: SAFE VOICES	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -
CEMETERY CARE	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
LEGAL COUNSEL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
GRANT COST SHARE		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ -			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
ST AID ROAD CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ -			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
CONTINGENCY FUND		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
HASKELL HILL RD. BOX CULVERT						\$ 415,000.00	\$ 415,000.00			\$ 415,000.00	\$ 415,000.00	
EMERGENCY ROAD WORK						\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 850,083.75	\$ 88,974.00	\$ 939,057.75		\$ 899,446.00	\$ 622,450.00	\$ 1,521,896.00	\$ 582,838.25	\$ 896,446.00	\$ 622,450.00	\$ 1,518,896.00	\$ 579,838.25

Difference from Previous Year \$ 49,362.25 \$ 533,476.00 \$ 582,838.25 \$ 46,362.25 \$ 533,476.00 \$ 579,838.25

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To William Graham, 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 the Town Meeting House, **on Saturday, the 25th day of March AD 2023, 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 Select Board 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 (3-0)

Article 3. To elect all Town Officers:

- a. One (1) Member of the Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a period of 3 years;
- b. One (1) Planning Board member for a period of 5 years;
- c. Two (2) Planning Board alternates each for a period of 1 year;
- d. One (1) Appeals Board members for a period of 5 years;
- e. Two (2) Appeals Board alternate for a period of 1 year;
- f. One (1) SAD #72 Board Member alternate for a period of 3 years; and any other necessary officers.

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.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 5a. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Select Board members.

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$9,245.00	\$9,790.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$9,790.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$9,790.00

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

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$10,520.00	\$14,196.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$15,048.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$15,048.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$5,260.00	\$7,644.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$8,103.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$8,103.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$10,520.00	\$14,196.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$15,048.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$15,048.00

Article 5e. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **Administrative Assistant to the Select Board at an average of 24 hours per week for 52 weeks per year .**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$10,483.00	\$26,208.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$27,780.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$27,780.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$12,000.00	\$12,600.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$17,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$17,000.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$1,990.00	\$3000.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$3,180.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$3,180.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$2,511.00	\$3,000.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$3,180.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$3,180.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$332.00	\$352.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$373.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$373.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$500.00	\$750.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$1,255.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$1,255.00

Article 5k. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **E-911 Addressing Officer.**

	<u>2022</u>	
	\$265.00	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$281.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$281.00

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

Select Board recommends take from unassigned fund balance (3-0) up to	\$1,200.00
Budget Committee recommends take from unassigned fund balance (3-0) up to	\$1,200.00

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$76,700	\$80,742	
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)			\$106,647.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)			\$103,647.00

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for support of the Sweden Planning Board.

Planning Board requested:	\$16,500.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$16,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$16,500.00

Article 9. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the **maintenance of roads and roadsides** for the ensuing year.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$50,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (2-1)	\$50,000.00

Article 9a. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Improvement Reserve Account for Roads**, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S Section 5801 and allow the balance to carry forward.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$177,000.00
Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	
up to	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise ()	
Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed ()	

Article 10. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of snow removal and sanding for the ensuing year.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$285,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$285,000.00

Article 10a. To see if the Town will take from the unassigned fund balance \$5,500.00 for payment of additional fuel charges for plowing and sanding for the 2022-2023 season.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 11. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate to pay for Lovell Transfer Station contract and to pay for any additional usage charges from the unassigned fund balance monies.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$63,279.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$63,279.00

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Select Board to draw upon the unassigned fund balance account for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Select Board recommends (3-0)	up to \$1,250.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	up to \$1,250.00

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for grounds maintenance, upkeep, and repairs for town buildings.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$6,000.00
Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$12,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$6,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$12,000.00

Article 13a. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from the unassigned fund balance for the Capital Improvement Reserve Account for grounds maintenance, upkeep and repairs for town buildings pursuant to 30-A M.R.S Section 5801 and allow the balance to carry forward each year.

Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$50,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$50,000.00

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

SVFA requested	\$70,375.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$70,375.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$70,375.00

Article 14a. To see what sum the town will take from the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of **Sweden Fire Department capital improvements for fire apparatus** and allow the balance to carry forward

SVFA requested	\$10,000.00
Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0)	\$10,000.00
Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0)	\$10,000.00

Article 14b. To see if the Town will take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$5,000.00 for cost share for the Fire Department Communications Grant

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 15. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for support of the **ambulance service** for the ensuing year.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$2,040.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$2,040.00

Article 16. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$406.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$406.00

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Seniors Plus.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$500.00

Article 18. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Sweden Conservation Commission.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$125.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$125.00

Article 19. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of supporting the Sweden **Communications Committee.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$200.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$200.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for support of the **Sweden Historical Society.**

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 21. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$2,800.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$2,800.00

Article 22. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the **Lovell Recreation Program.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$2,500.00
Budget Committee recommend raise (3-0)	\$2,500.00

Article 23. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Lakes Environmental Association (LEA).**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$400.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$400.00

Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Sweden Food Pantry**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$600.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$600.00

Article 25. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Community Concepts.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$330.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$330.00

Article 26. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$100.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$100.00

Article 27. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **The Life Flight Foundation.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$406.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$406.00

Article 28. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Safe Voices.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$200.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$200.00

Article 29. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of **Cemetery maintenance** that is the responsibility of the Town.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$8,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$8,000.00

Article 30. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of legal counsel.

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$ 2,500.00
Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$ 12,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$ 2,500.00
Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$12,500.00

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$80,000.00 of the 2023 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2023 towards the amount appropriated in articles 5a through 30.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$30,000.00 of the 2023 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2023 towards the amount appropriated in articles 5a through 30.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 33. To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in article 31 and 32 through taxation.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 34. To see if the Town will accept the highest interest rate set by the Office of the State Treasurer, State of Maine for delinquent taxes committed in the current year. (Rate cannot be greater than the State rate of 8% for 2023).

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 35. To see if the Town will determine the date from and after which interest shall accrue on delinquent taxes committed for the current year.

Select Board recommends (3-0)	60 days after the date of commitment.
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	60 days after the date of commitment.

Article 36. 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 34 above by the State Treasurer, State of Maine.

Select Board recommends (3-0)
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take such sums from overlay as may be necessary for the purpose of funding tax abatements.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board 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. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept grants on behalf of the Town, and to expend the proceeds thereof for the purposes for which they are received, provided that the terms of the grants do not require the Town to expend other funds which have not been appropriated by the Town.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$34,487.63 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a.k.a. ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the Federal Government for the following project: Capital Improvements to the Town Office and Town Meeting House

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to take from the unassigned fund balance for the "Grant Cost Share" account as needed.

Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0) up to \$20,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (3-0) take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$20,000.00

Article 42. 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 2023 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2024, to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2024. The exception is winter road maintenance. The municipal officers may spend more than 3/12ths of the 2023 annual budget amount for winter road maintenance to facilitate proper administration of the winter road maintenance contract. In no case shall the total expenditures for the year exceed the annual budget as approved by vote of the municipal legislative body (town meeting vote). Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to take from the unassigned fund balance \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding **capital projects on State Aid roads** and allow the balance to carry over each year.

Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (2-1)

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$20,000.00 for the **Contingency Fund**.

Select Board recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends take from the unassigned fund balance (3-0)

Article 45. To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Select Board to use up to \$186,000 of **LRAP funds** if needed.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends ()

Article 46. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept and spend **FEMA** money where appropriate.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Article 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$415,000 for engineering and to replace the Haskell Hill Bridge with a box culvert.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends ()

Article 48. To see if the Town will take from the unassigned fund balance up to \$50,000 for emergency road work.

Select Board recommends (3-0)


Budget Committee recommends ()

Article 49. To see if the Town will recommend that the Maine State Legislature prohibit the operation of personal watercraft on Stearns Pond in Sweden, Maine.

Given under our hands this MARCH 4, 2023

Select Board 
Christopher Chadbourne

of 
Daniel McQueen

Sweden 
Kerry Welton

ATTEST:

Constables Return for 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 named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me, at the Town Hall a public and conspicuous place on _____ 2023 being at least seven days before the meeting.

_____ Constable

Waste Disposal and Recycling

The Lovell Transfer Station is to be used for the disposal and recycling of wastes generated by Sweden property owners and residents. All materials must be taken to the Transfer Station. You may be asked to show proof of residency at the Transfer Station. The Town of Sweden supplies the Transfer Station with a current copy of all taxpayers in Sweden on an annual basis.

Waste Materials Accepted at the Lovell Transfer Station

The Lovell Transfer Station allows for the disposal of a wide variety of household and special wastes **including waste oil, refrigeration units, and tires** as shown below. Note that each of the acceptable items has its own special location and wastes must be sorted by the delivering party.

Wastes must be taken to the Lovell Transfer Station during the hours shown below. Disposal of Sweden wastes is allowed on the honor system. No stickers are required.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS		
Recyclable Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · #1 Plastic · #2 Plastic, colored · Glass bottles · Paper (including newsprint, magazines, catalogs, and phone books) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · #2 Plastic, clear · Aluminum cans · Tin (steel) cans, including spray cans · Corrugated cardboard
	Bulk Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lumber, clean · Lumber, pressure treated · Brush (max dia of 4 inches) · Leaves · Cement · Brick (clay) · Refrigeration units · Oil	· Lumber, painted or stained · Tires · Demolition debris · Paint (hardened) · Drywall (sheet rock) · Porcelain · Metal · Antifreeze
Deposit Items (glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A space will be provided should you wish to dispose of these items at the Transfer Station; however, there will be no refund of deposit.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Asbestos
- Propane Tanks
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline and other flammable liquids
- Explosives
- Unlabeled chemicals
- Mixed papers: including junk mail and cereal boxes (not recyclable)

Hours of Operation

⇒ Wednesday	8 am – 5 pm	⇒ Thursday	8 am – 5 pm
⇒ Saturday	8 am – 5 pm	⇒ Sunday	8 am – 5 pm

Feel free to ask Transfer Station attendants for any information needed to make sorting of materials easier. Aid for the handicapped, elderly, and mobility-restricted is available on request.

The Lovell Transfer Station is located on Route 5, north of the Wicked Good Store and across from Lovell Hardware. The phone number for the Transfer Station is 925-1300.

**TOWN OF SWEDEN EMERGENCY NUMBERS MARCH 2023
FOR MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

FIRE	EMERGENCY.....	911
Oxford County Regional Communications Center		
	NON-EMERGENCY.....	1(800)733-1421
POLICE	EMERGENCY.....	911
	NON-EMERGENCY.....	1(800)733-1421
STATE POLICE	.....	1(800)452-4664
GAME WARDEN	.....	1(800)452-4664
MEDICAL		
United Ambulance	EMERGENCY.....	911
Bridgton Hospital	.....	647-6000
Poison Control Center	.....	1(800)222-1222
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Christopher Chadbourne.....		647-3944
Daniel McQueen	.....	647-3944
Kerry Welton	.....	647-3944

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECT BOARD

Rose McKenzie email: adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org.....647-3944

Town Office Hours:

Thursday 11am-6pm and 1st four Saturdays 9am-noon

TAX COLLECTOR

Linda Moynihan email: taxcollector@swedenmaine.org647-3944

TREASURER

Angela Thomas email: treasurer@swedenmaine.org647-3944

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Alberta Ridlon email: townclerk@swedenmaine.org.....647-3944

FIRE CHIEF

Tim Cook415-7966

FIRE STATION NON-EMERGENCY.....647-2781

FIRE PERMITS www.wardensreport.com

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Tommie McKenziE647-3944

HEALTH OFFICER

Kathi Shorey647-5687

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Troy Morse890-1237

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Cynthia Eaton890-5313

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Peter Gordon298-6248