

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE



## The 2024 Town Report is dedicated to Kathleen “Kay” A. Dunn Lyman



Kay was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Smith College in 1960 with a major in history, from Harvard with a Masters in Arts and Teaching, and from University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a doctorate.

A professor emerita of Simmons University in Boston, she rose through the faculty ranks at Simmons and chaired its Education Department for 15 years.

Kay first came to Sweden in 1965 and stayed at Charlie and Evelyn Bennett's Timberledge Camp on Keyes Pond. She returned for several summers until in the early 1970s, when she bought land on Webber Pond Rd and over several years, with her new husband, built a year-round cabin.

Kay's husband, Dick Lyman, was a historian and especially interested in the early history of Sweden. With Kay and other land owners in Sweden, Dick launched the Sweden Historical Society in 1978. Dick started history walks around the town and with Art Olsen created Sweden Days in the early 1990s. Kay has been a key organizer of Sweden Days ever since. The summer celebration includes an historic house tour, talent show, various exhibits and a town supper followed by a community-wide contra dance.

In 2011, the Lymans built a garage to complete their home and moved to Sweden full-time. That year, and for the next eight years, Kay served on the school board of SAD 72, and chaired its policy committee. And in the fall of 2012, Kay initiated a project to create a book about the historic buildings in Sweden to commemorate the town's 2013 centennial. She served as editor, writer and photographer, collaborating with five other residents over three years to produce *Living, Learning, and Worshipping: Buildings of Sweden, Maine 1813 -1913*.

Now in her 80s, Kay is still very active in our community. She volunteers as an election monitor, is a leader in the Sweden Community Church, an officer of the Sweden Historical Society, and a regular participant in Sweden's walking group. She is also a long-time member of the Lovell Library writing group.

Most recently, Kay has written a book, *Women's Work and Family in the Twentieth Century, Simmons College Alumnae- Educated to Work*, to be published in the spring of 2025. Now that this book is finished, she looks forward to writing articles on Sweden's rich history.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS'**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE**  
**TOWN OF**  
**SWEDEN, MAINE**  
**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024**

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## 2024 Select Board Report

Greetings all,

The past year was kind to Sweden and our roads, with progress being made towards some long anticipated objectives. Thanks to the hard work and documentation of Town staff, Sweden finally received FEMA and MEMA reimbursement funds for 2023 storm related damage, as well as mitigation funds that will be put towards repairing and improving Trull Brook and Marr Roads. It has been a lengthy process to receive these funds, which have now replenished the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) to its previous robust level. With this, we anticipate exciting developments for Sweden in 2025.

**ROADS:** Heavy spring rainfall impacted gravel roads, and work was done on Lee Gray Road to improve drainage and raise portions of the road. Nearly 2 miles of the most damaged sections of Hardscrabble Road were repaved, with ditching and drainage improvements. At the end of the year new asset management software was purchased. A new requirement for future disaster relief is that all roads and assets must be regularly inspected and records kept, and this software will keep the town in compliance should another weather related disaster strike. Trull Brook and Marr Roads will be repaired in 2025 using FEMA mitigation funds, and the sections of Webber Pond Road that were repaved in 2023 will get a final topcoat to protect the Town's investment.

**BUILDINGS:** The Town Meeting House interior was the focus of our improvements in 2024, using remaining ARPA funds to update the kitchen, implement more energy efficient lighting, and purchase new tables. We expect a new mini-split to be installed before the dog days of summer, which should make Sweden Days events *far* more comfortable for all. Check the calendar for Sweden Social events held at the Meeting House, where you can connect with other members of the community.

**FIRE STATION:** In the works for decades, 2025 will be the year we finally break ground on the Sweden's new fire station. Last year's government shut down caused a delay in receiving our \$1,115,000 T-HUD appropriation, causing us to miss the window to start construction. The Town voted during a January 25, 2025 Special Town Meeting to use money from our replenished UFB to pay for the remainder of the construction costs, avoiding the need to borrow money or raise taxes. The new fire station will be located next to the Town Office.

**MISC:** Other developments expected this year include Spectrum broadband coming to town. A large number of CMP poles had to be replaced which caused delays; Spectrum currently estimates service in place by the end of June. A new communication tower will be erected behind the town office, in partnership with Oxford County. This will eliminate dead zones, and first responders throughout the county will be able to communicate in times of emergency, leading to improved outcomes for all. It is anticipated that Oxford County will allow a cell provider to use space on the tower, which should result in regular citizens having cell service in Sweden.

As always, we want to thank our Town employees, board and committee members for their work and contributions to help our community. It is appreciated, and we are grateful for your service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Sweden Select Board

## Town of Sweden Officials

### **ELECTED:**

	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>	
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor, 3 years		
Selectman, Chair	Chris Chadbourne	2025
Selectman	Kerry Welton	2026
Selectman	Nils Johnson	2027
MSAD #72 Board Member, 3 years	Kathi Shorey	2025
MSAD #72 Alternate, 3 years	Alisa Karwowski	2026

### **APPOINTED:**

Town Clerk, 1 year	Mary E. McLaughlin	2025
Deputy Town Clerk, 1 year	Open	2025
Tax Collector, 1 year	Rose McKenzie	2025
Treasurer, 1 year	Amanda L'Heureux	2025
Deputy Treasurer, 1 year	Rose McKenzie	2025
Registrar of Voters, 2 years	Mary E. McLaughlin	2025
Deputy Registrar of Voters, 1 year	Rose McKenzie	2025
Deputy Registrar of Voters, 1 year	Open	2025
Administrative Assistant	Rose McKenzie	N/A
EMA Director, 1 year	Tommie McKenzie	2025
Fire Chief, 1 year	Tim Cook	2025
Road Commissioner, 1 year	Troy Morse	2025
Cemetery Sexton, 1 year	Open	2025
Animal Control Officer, 1 year	Cynthia Eaton	2025
Health Officer, 3 years	Kathi Shorey	2026
Constable, 1 year	William Graham	2025
Constable, 1 year	Open	2025
Code Enforcement Officer, 1 year	Peter Gordon	2025
Plumbing Inspector, 1 year	Peter Gordon	2025
Superintendent of Schools	Jay Robinson	N/A

## Town Officials

### Planning and Zoning Board

5 years

#### ELECTED:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
William Graham, Chair	2025
Melanie Ridlon Eldracher	2028
Gail deWildt	2027
Ian Biggers	2026
Alisa Karwowski	2029

#### Alternates, 1 year

Thomas Grant	2025
Daniel Noblet	2025

### Appeals Board

5 years

#### ELECTED:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Lynn Hopkins, Chair	2027
George Conly	2025
Open	2026
Open	2028
Open	2029

#### Alternates, 1 year

OPEN

### Conservation Commission

5 years Appointed

#### APPOINTED:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Miriam Gibely	2026
Cindy LeCroy	2025
Rebecca Buyers, Chair	2025
David Sears	2026

### Budget Committee

3 years Appointed

#### APPOINTED:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Alberta Ridlon, Chair	2026
Julie McQueen	2025
George Conly	2025

### Representative to Maine Waste to Energy

	<u>Term Expires</u>
George Conly	2025

**Road Advisory Committee**

**3 years Appointed**

George Conly, Chair	2026
Warren deWildt	2025
Kathleen Tynan	2025
Alan Sparn	2026
Tim Karwowski	2027

**Fire Station Building Committee**

**Appointed**

Frank Howell, Chair  
Julia McQueen

**Comprehensive Planning Committee**

**Appointed**

Bruce Taylor, Chair  
Abigail deWildt  
Julia McQueen  
Mary Sohl  
Nils Johnson



## **2024 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:**

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Nils Johnson	<a href="mailto:nilsjohnson@swedenmaine.org">nilsjohnson@swedenmaine.org</a>

<b><u>Administrative Assistant</u></b> , Rose McKenzie	<a href="mailto:adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org">adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>Tax Collector</u></b> , Rose McKenzie	<a href="mailto:taxcollector@swedenmaine.org">taxcollector@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> , Amanda L'Heureux	<a href="mailto:treasurer@swedenmaine.org">treasurer@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>Fire Chief</u></b> , Tim Cook	<a href="mailto:firechief@swedenmaine.org">firechief@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>CEO</u></b> , Peter Gordon	<a href="mailto:codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org">codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>Road Commissioner</u></b> , Troy Morse	<a href="mailto:roadcommissioner@swedenmaine.org">roadcommissioner@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>Animal Control Officer</u></b> , Cynthia Eaton	<a href="mailto:animalcontrolofficer@swedenmaine.org">animalcontrolofficer@swedenmaine.org</a>
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<b><u>EMA Director</u></b> , Tommie McKenzie	<a href="mailto:emadirector@swedenmaine.org">emadirector@swedenmaine.org</a>
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### **Budget Committee:**

Alberta Ridlon, Chair	<a href="mailto:aridlon@swedenmaine.org">aridlon@swedenmaine.org</a>
Julia McQueen	<a href="mailto:JuliaMcQueen@swedenmaine.org">JuliaMcQueen@swedenmaine.org</a>
George Conly	<a href="mailto:georgeconly@swedenmaine.org">georgeconly@swedenmaine.org</a>

### **Planning Board:**

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### **Appeals Board:**

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George Conly	<a href="mailto:georgeconly@swedenmaine.org">georgeconly@swedenmaine.org</a>

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Enhanced – 911 Addressing Officer</u></b>	Tommie McKenzie	2025
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<b><u>General Assistance Coordinator</u></b>	Rose McKenzie	2025
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### **Election Clerks – 2025**

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

## **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**

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

**Your State Senator is:**  
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**Your State Representative to the Legislature is:**  
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**District #81**

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Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
APPROPRIATIONS  
VICE CHAIR  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [collins.senate.gov](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

COMMITTEES:  
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CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other's successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

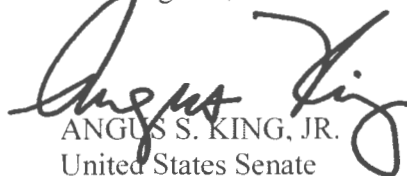
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine's combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senate

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Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

**Fisheries:** This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase would put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a letter to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

**Veterans:** The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

**Postal Service:** This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

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and *Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help 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 wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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December 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative for my first term. I am deeply honored that you have entrusted me to represent District 81 in Augusta. As we enter the first regular session of the 132nd Maine Legislature, I am committed to addressing the challenges ahead with diligence and integrity.

I am pleased to announce that I have been selected by leadership to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. I believe I can bring valuable insights and expertise to the important work of this committee. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the state in this capacity.

As the 132nd Legislature gets underway, we face significant challenges that require thoughtful and collaborative solutions. Maine is currently grappling with a nearly billion-dollar budget shortfall, and I am committed to ensuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively. Additionally, Maine's high energy costs remain a burden on families and businesses, and I am optimistic that bipartisan cooperation can lead to meaningful progress in this area. Another critical issue is property tax relief—our state has one of the highest property tax burdens in the nation, and I am determined to advocate for reforms that alleviate this strain on Maine residents.

My goal is to make Maine a better place to live, work, and thrive. I will continue working on common-sense legislation that benefits all Mainers, ensuring that your voices are heard in Augusta. Your feedback and input are essential to my work as your representative.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving you and the people of District 81. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your concerns, ideas, or questions. You can contact me at (207) 287-1440 or by email at Peter.Wood@legislature.maine.gov. If you'd like to receive email updates, simply send me a request to be added to my list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter C. Wood".

Peter C. Wood  
State Representative

House District 81 Norway, Sweden, Waterford, Albany Township, Greenwood, South Oxford,  
Stoneham, Stow, Mason Township & Locke Mills

*132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature*  
*State of Maine*  
*Senate District 18*

Senator Richard A. Bennett  
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Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
Office (207) 287-1505  
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Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I am grateful you have put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of western Maine.

The First Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine State Legislature began on December 4, 2024. As I return for my third consecutive term in the Senate, I intend to focus my work on advancing common sense policies aimed at protecting Maine's natural resources, lowering the costs of goods and services, increasing our housing stock and access to mental health and substance use treatment, and assisting our small businesses.

After years of inflation and economic uncertainty, the work the Legislature does at the State House directly affects the lives of every Mainer. When I cast votes in the Senate Chamber, I do so after thoughtful consideration about what is best for the people I was elected to represent.

I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. Many of you have reached out about the biggest concerns you face every day. I promise to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature has a great deal of work to do. However, I believe that if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Bennett  
Senator

## **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 22, 2025 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.

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## **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**

257 Main St, Suite 1  
Bridgton, ME 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 Lifeflight Foundation**

P.O. Box 859  
Augusta, ME 04332

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

PO Box 6  
Auburn, ME 04212

**Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine**

P.O. Box 263  
Norway, ME 04268

March 5, 2025

Selectboard  
Town of Sweden  
Sweden, Maine



*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

We have been 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, 2024. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed by management and have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office. Included herein are:

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## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,600,187	\$ -	\$ 2,600,187
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	75,424	-	75,424
Liens	1,099	-	1,099
Due from other governments	1,613	-	1,613
Tax acquired property	4,526	-	4,526
Due from other funds	-	1,304,669	1,304,669
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,682,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,669</u>	<u>\$ 3,987,518</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 7,246	\$ -	\$ 7,246
Due to other governments	945	-	945
Due to other funds	1,304,669	-	1,304,669
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,312,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,312,860</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	198	-	198
Deferred revenue	-	811,589	811,589
Deferred tax revenue	60,412	-	60,412
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>60,610</u>	<u>811,589</u>	<u>872,199</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	4,526	5,000	9,526
Restricted	1,508	165,551	167,059
Committed	652,450	322,529	974,979
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	650,895	-	650,895
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,309,379</u>	<u>493,080</u>	<u>1,802,459</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,682,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,669</u>	<u>\$ 3,987,518</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, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 1,738,431	\$ -	\$ 1,738,431
Excise taxes	127,255	-	127,255
Intergovernmental	161,387	453,534	614,921
Charges for services	8,907	-	8,907
Miscellaneous revenues	42,088	10,000	52,088
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,078,068</u>	<u>463,534</u>	<u>2,541,602</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	239,819	-	239,819
Health and sanitation	70,798	-	70,798
Public safety	72,901	-	72,901
Public works	394,405	-	394,405
Culture and recreation	10,356	-	10,356
Town property maintenance	10,320	-	10,320
County tax	140,666	-	140,666
Education	768,176	-	768,176
Unclassified	-	30,878	30,878
Capital outlay	-	357,553	357,553
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,707,441</u>	<u>388,431</u>	<u>2,095,872</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>370,627</u>	<u>75,103</u>	<u>445,730</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	389,064	446,373	835,437
Transfers (out)	(258,373)	(577,064)	(835,437)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>130,691</u>	<u>(130,691)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>501,318</u>	<u>(55,588)</u>	<u>445,730</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	806,397	576,398	1,382,795
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	<u>1,664</u>	<u>(27,730)</u>	<u>(26,066)</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED	<u>808,061</u>	<u>548,668</u>	<u>1,356,729</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,309,379</u>	<u>\$ 493,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,802,459</u>

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## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 808,061	\$ 808,061	\$ 808,061	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	1,755,797	1,755,797	1,738,431	(17,366)
Excise taxes	85,000	85,000	127,255	42,255
Intergovernmental	128,646	128,646	161,387	32,741
Charges for services	-	-	8,907	8,907
Interest income	-	-	35,731	35,731
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	6,357	6,357
Transfers from other funds	-	-	389,064	389,064
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>2,777,504</u>	<u>2,777,504</u>	<u>3,275,193</u>	<u>497,689</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	263,651	262,891	239,819	23,072
Health and sanitation	70,799	70,799	70,798	1
Public safety	84,411	84,411	72,901	11,510
Public works	435,000	396,627	394,405	2,222
Culture and recreation	10,356	10,356	10,356	-
Town property maintenance	11,000	11,760	10,320	1,440
County tax	140,666	140,666	140,666	-
Education	769,684	769,684	768,176	1,508
Unclassified	3,826	3,826	-	3,826
Transfers to other funds	220,000	258,373	258,373	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,009,393</u>	<u>2,009,393</u>	<u>1,965,814</u>	<u>43,579</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 768,111</u>	<u>\$ 768,111</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,379</u>	<u>\$ 541,268</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 39,950</u>	<u>\$ 39,950</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (39,950)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government:					
Salaries	\$ 109,261	\$ -	\$ 109,261	\$ 107,002	\$ 2,259
Town charges	102,215	-	102,215	101,603	612
Legal counsel	15,000	6,119	21,119	21,119	-
Planning Board	19,500	-	19,500	9,879	9,621
Contingency	15,000	(6,879)	8,121	-	8,121
Conservation Commission	225	-	225	216	9
General assistance	1,250	-	1,250	-	1,250
Interest on short term debt	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200
	<u>263,651</u>	<u>(760)</u>	<u>262,891</u>	<u>239,819</u>	<u>23,072</u>
Health and Sanitation:					
Solid waste	70,799	-	70,799	70,798	1
	<u>70,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,799</u>	<u>70,798</u>	<u>1</u>
Public Safety:					
Fire dept administration	29,400	-	29,400	27,600	1,800
Fire dept operations and maint.	11,750	-	11,750	8,095	3,655
Fire dept yearly inspections	8,825	-	8,825	8,247	578
Firefighting	20,750	-	20,750	20,633	117
Fire dept other	2,000	-	2,000	1,044	956
Ambulance	11,280	-	11,280	6,660	4,620
Animal control officer	406	-	406	622	(216)
	<u>84,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,411</u>	<u>72,901</u>	<u>11,510</u>



SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public Works:					
Summer roads	150,000	(38,373)	111,627	111,627	-
Winter roads	285,000	-	285,000	282,778	2,222
	<u>435,000</u>	<u>(38,373)</u>	<u>396,627</u>	<u>394,405</u>	<u>2,222</u>
Culture and Recreation:					
Seniors Plus	500	-	500	500	-
Historical Society	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Cancer Resource Center	50	-	50	50	-
Charlotte Hobbs Library	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
LEA	400	-	400	400	-
Sweden Food Pantry	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Lifefight Foundation	406	-	406	406	-
Recreation	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
	<u>10,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,356</u>	<u>10,356</u>	<u>-</u>
Town Property Maintenance:					
Cemetery care	5,000	-	5,000	3,560	1,440
Building and grounds maintenance	6,000	760	6,760	6,760	-
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>11,760</u>	<u>10,320</u>	<u>1,440</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
County Tax	140,666	-	140,666	140,666	-
Education	769,684	-	769,684	768,176	1,508
Unclassified: Overlay	3,826	-	3,826	-	3,826
	3,826	-	3,826	-	3,826
Transfers to Other Funds: Capital projects funds	220,000	38,373	258,373	258,373	-
	220,000	38,373	258,373	258,373	-
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 2,009,393	\$ -	\$ 2,009,393	\$ 1,965,814	\$ 43,579

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## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Due from other funds	\$ 49,703	\$ 1,248,320	\$ 6,646	\$ 1,304,669
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 49,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,320</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,669</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	12,614	798,975	-	811,589
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>12,614</u>	<u>798,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811,589</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	5,000	5,000
Restricted	-	163,905	1,646	165,551
Committed	37,089	285,440	-	322,529
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>37,089</u>	<u>449,345</u>	<u>6,646</u>	<u>493,080</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 49,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,320</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,669</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, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 14,748	\$ 438,786	\$ -	\$ 453,534
Other	10,000	-	-	10,000
TOTAL REVENUES	24,748	438,786	-	463,534
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	357,553	-	357,553
Other	23,659	7,219	-	30,878
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,659	364,772	-	388,431
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,089	74,014	-	75,103
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	20,000	426,373	-	446,373
Transfers (out)	-	(577,064)	-	(577,064)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	20,000	(150,691)	-	(130,691)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	21,089	(76,677)	-	(55,588)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	16,000	553,752	6,646	576,398
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	-	(27,730)	-	(27,730)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED	16,000	526,022	6,646	548,668
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 37,089	\$ 449,345	\$ 6,646	\$ 493,080

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## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Revaluation	King Grant	ARPA	Total
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,748	\$ 14,748
Other	-	10,000	-	10,000
TOTAL REVENUES	-	10,000	14,748	24,748
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	8,911	14,748	23,659
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	8,911	14,748	23,659
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	1,089	-	1,089
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	20,000	-	-	20,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	20,000	-	-	20,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	20,000	1,089	-	21,089
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	16,000	-	-	16,000
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,089	\$ -	\$ 37,089

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TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	LRAP	Roads	Comprehensive Plan	Town Buildings	Town Line Marking	Zoning Ordinance Updates	SVFD Building Committee
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	\$ 79,808	\$ 358,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>79,808</u>	<u>358,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Capital outlay	102,606	238,373	-	-	-	-	9,074
Other	-	-	78	4,098	-	3,043	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>102,606</u>	<u>238,373</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>4,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,043</u>	<u>9,074</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(22,798)</u>	<u>120,605</u>	<u>(78)</u>	<u>(4,098)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,043)</u>	<u>(9,074)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	238,373	-	-	-	-	188,000
Transfers (out)	-	(358,978)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(22,798)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(78)</u>	<u>(4,098)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,043)</u>	<u>178,926</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	186,703	-	9,590	45,268	1,000	14,138	-
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	-	-	-	(27,730)	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED	<u>186,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,590</u>	<u>17,538</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>14,138</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 163,905</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,512</u>	<u>\$ 13,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,095</u>	<u>\$ 178,926</u>

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Emergency Road Fund	State Aid to Roads	Haskell Hill Culvert	FEMA Mitigation	Capital Improvements	Capital Improvements Fire Equipment	Total
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 438,786
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-	-	-	-	438,786
EXPENDITURES							
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	357,553
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,219
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	364,772
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	(7,500)	74,014
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	426,373
Transfers (out)	-	(188,000)	(30,086)	-	-	-	(577,064)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(188,000)	(30,086)	-	-	-	(150,691)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	(188,000)	(30,086)	-	-	(7,500)	(76,677)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	35,475	188,000	30,086	-	11,182	32,310	553,752
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27,730)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED	35,475	188,000	30,086	-	11,182	32,310	526,022
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 35,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,182	\$ 24,810	\$ 449,345

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## TOWN OF SWEDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Heritage Funds	Ridlon Cemetery	Total
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES			
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	855	5,791	6,646
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 855	\$ 5,791	\$ 6,646

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.



## Sweden Town Clerk 2024 Report

### Vital Statistics:

Births	1
Marriages	2
Deaths	6

### Animal Welfare:

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	36
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### Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

Hunting	5
Jr. Hunting	2
Muzzleloader Hunting	1
Crossbow	0
Spring/fall turkey	1
Fishing	2
3 Day Fishing	0
Combo hunt/fish	3
Lifetime over 70	1

### Recreational Vehicles:

ATV	2
Boats	52
Resident Snowmobiles	8
Nonresident Snowmobiles	0
Nonresident ATV	0

Registered Voters:	Total	351
Democrats		103
Green Independents		24
Republicans		94
Unenrolled		128
No Label		2

Population Estimates: Source: NEILSBERG RESEARCH UPDATED 2/24/2025

2024 POPULATION 473      238 MALES/235 FEMALES

53.1 AVERAGE AGE

Dear Sweden Friends & Neighbors,

The Sweden Historical Society ended 2024 in a healthy financial position with a surplus of income over expenses and stable cash reserves. This was the result of continued strong membership dues and donations received as well as the sale of T-shirts, sweatshirts and books. We are grateful for the grant from the Town of Sweden which allowed us to install a new brick walkway from the parking area to the schoolhouse and blacksmith shop.

The highlights of the past year include the donation of important historical artifacts from the Sislane family, the historical house tour of the 1828 Farnum Stevens property (Jane Gibbons' Far Vista home) and the lighting of the Evergreen Tree held in conjunction with the Community Church on November 30.

In early 2025, we launched the first bi-annual newsletter to stay in touch with members over the year. This year, we plan to gather email addresses to improve communication with society members near and far. We will also seek to raise funds through sponsorships, events, grants and merchandising.

New for 2025 is our plan to recruit a student intern to work with Vice President Kay Lyman over the summer. This individual would be charged with cataloging archival material into our museum software, assisting with event planning, conducting research and leading museum tours.

Also in the works for 2025 is a plan to start digitizing the historical records of Stevens Cemetery, which will be the first among Sweden's 13 cemeteries to benefit from new municipal software that the Town acquired to track town assets.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, SHS docents will hold a tour of the recently restored 1805 Nevers farmhouse and tomb located at 316 Bridgton Road (Nils Johnson's & Becky Buyer's Red House).

We encourage all town residents and visitors to visit the SHS Schoolhouse on our Saturday open house days starting in June to see the new displays which will be illuminated by museum quality LED lighting installed by our Building & Grounds Manager, Doug Porter.

Sincerely

Nils Johnson  
President  
Sweden Historical Society

**School Board Report MSAD 72**  
**Town of Sweden Annual Report March 2025**

Sweden has the following student enrollment as of October 1, 2024. On that date these figures were submitted to the state for subsidy purposes. There was a significant increase (50%) in number of **preK-8** students (36) from last year (24). Both will translate into an increase cost to the town and should be accounted for in the annual budget.

**New Suncook - 20**

Pre-K (4 yo) - 3  
Kindergarten - 3  
Grade 1 - 5  
Grade 2 - 3  
Grade 3 - 2  
Grade 4 - 4

**Molly Ockett - 16**

Pre-K - 2  
Grade 5 - 5  
Grade 6 - 3  
Grade 7 - 3  
Grade 8 - 3

**Fryeburg Academy - 14**

Grade 9 - 2  
Grade 10 - 6  
Grade 11 - 3  
Grade 12 - 3

- 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. The first fifteen minutes of each Board meeting is designated for public participation. During this time, members of the public may express opinions and concerns related to matters regarding education or MSAD 72 schools. We welcome input however please note that this is not the venue to voice concerns concerning any individual employed by the school system or any particular student.
- In addition to the regular meetings, FY26 budget sessions are scheduled:
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Molly Ockett
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Molly Ockett
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Molly Ockett

Once the proposed budget is accepted by the Board, the Superintendent will visit multiple locations in May for presentation and discussion. These meetings are for a preview to disclose information and precede the public vote needed on May 28<sup>th</sup>. This time is also open for questions and comments. They are \*scheduled as follows:

- May 12<sup>th</sup> FY 26 Budget Presentation @ Molly Ockett School, 6:30 pm
- May 13<sup>th</sup> FY 26 Budget Presentation @ New Suncook School, 6:30 pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> FY 26 Budget Presentation @ Brownfield Denmark School, 6:30 pm
- May 28<sup>th</sup> District Budget Meeting/**VOTE –7:00 Molly Ockett School**

\*Please confirm by calling the Central office at 935-2600 or go to the District “Home” tab and scroll down to the “Calendar” to see meeting dates.

- Communication/contact Information  
Board members email [kathiann.shorey@msad72.org](mailto:kathiann.shorey@msad72.org)  
[alisa.karwowski@msad72.org](mailto:alisa.karwowski@msad72.org)

This 2025 report is submitted by  
*Kathiann Shorey*  
Elected Member, MSAD 72 Board of Education

## Sweden Fire Department

2024 proved to be a busy year for the Fire Department. We had an unprecedented 77 calls for service and were able to meet every call. There were multiple Structure and Grass Fires in our Response area in 2024.

In July we had the opportunity to upgrade our 1988 KME Pumper to a 1995 Spartan top mount Engine, thanks to the generous offer from Chief Young and the Town of Cape Elizabeth. The Engine was purchased, our fire personnel outfitted and had it in service in under 2 weeks.

The Fire Station continues to move forward toward reality. Through the diligent efforts of Asst. Chief McKenzie, we received a grant and put into service a state of the art Communications System for the Department. Again this year members participated in over 500 hours of training on multiple subjects.

Please make sure your residence/house number is clearly marked near the road, so we can quickly find you in an emergency.

The Department would like to thank our Mutual Aid Partners, Fire Station Building Committee, Selectboard and the Citizens of Sweden for their continued support. It is our Mission to provide the best possible service to our Community.

### 2024 Response Statistics

Structure Fire	1	Carbon Monoxide Incident	2
Motor Vehicle Crash	6	Chimney Fire	1
Utility Hazards	10	Storm	2
Trees Down	2	Assist Law Enforcement	1
Vehicle Fires	2	Lightening Strike (Residence)	1
Assist EMS	1	Brush/Grass/Woods Fire	2
Animal Rescue	2	Mutual Aid	37
Alarms	7		

Respectfully,

Tim Cook

Fire Chief

Sweden Fire Department Proposed Budget for FY 2025

<b>310 FD Administration</b>	Budgeted 24	Proposed for FY25
10 Payroll	18,000	20,600
12 Special/Contract Training	1,000	1,000
17 FD Insurance	6,000	6,240
20 Reporting System/Management	3,500	4,500
25 Members Dues	500	500
30 Other FD Supplies	400	400
<b>320FD Oper Maint</b>	0	0
30 Heating/Propane	4,000	4,000
31 Truck Fuel	4,000	4,000
35 Electricity	950	1,500
40 Phone	800	1,200
50 Porta Potty	1,600	0
55 Furnace	400	0
55 Building Maints	0	2,000
<b>325 FD Yearly Insp/testing</b>	0	0
10 Fire Extinguisher Maint/Insp	800	800
20 Hose Testing	3,500	4,000
30 Ladder Testing	625	625
40 Pump Testing	1,500	1,500
50 SCBA Flow Testing	1,500	1,500
51 Breathing Sir Compressor	900	1,000
<b>330 Firefighting Maint/Equip</b>	0	0
10 Apparatus Maints	8,000	10,000
20 Equipment Maints	3,000	3,000
30 Communication Maints	1,000	1,000
40 PPE Turnout Gear	6,000	5,576
50 General Equip	1,250	1,250
60 Hose Replacement	1,500	1,500
70 AED Maints	0	932
<b>340 FD Physicals/Exams</b>	0	0
10 Health/Safety/Exams	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>72,725</b>	<b>80,623</b>

**Town of Sweden Maine Report of the Code Enforcement Officer for 2024**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
New Single Family Homes	4	7	4	6	2
Replacement single family horns, seasonal conversion and new mobile homes	2	0	0	2	2
Used mobile homes	0	0	0	0	0
Additions, renovations residential	5		3	0	3
Additions, renovations, non- residential	0	9	0	0	1
Garages	2	2		3	3
Sheds, Barns, pools & misc. bldgs.	5	5	1	3	4
Decks & Porches	2	0	0	0	1
Tree Cutting Permits	11	5	7	1	1
Demolition	1	2	1	0	1
RV Permits	1	3	0	1	1
Certificates of Occupancy	4	3	8	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>
Permit Fees Collected	<b>\$4891.50</b>	<b>\$7,456.06</b>	<b>\$836.50</b>	<b>\$3,405.64</b>	<b>\$3,152.12</b>

# Town Warden's Report

Town Warden's Report for 2024, during the year there were a total of 43 Fire Permits issued using the online registration system. I am happy to report that because of your responsible burning none of the permitted burns got away from the permitted party.

The Fire Department did have occasion to respond to a total of 4 Wildland Fire Incident that were all minor in nature.

I'd like to thank all the Sweden residence for their safe practice of burning brush.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tommie C. McKenzie, Town Fire Warden

# Addressing Officer Report

As the Addressing Officer for Sweden, I am reporting that during 2024 a total of 11 new addresses were issued around Town for homes which increases our residents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tommie C. McKenzie, E 9-1-1 Addressing Officer

# EMA Director's Report

I am happy to report that during 2024 we did not experience any disaster within Town. Activity remained very busy with the continuation of working with FEMA over the past two years on weather-related incidents that totaled 9 different projects. To date, Town has received all the disaster funds that were applied for from State and Federal sources.

On the schedule to be completed this year, 2025, is the repair of Marr Road and Trull Brook Road. This Project is possible through the mitigation process working with the FEMA team and we look forward to its completion.

As we move forward, I shall continue to work with Oxford EMA for the improved safety of Sweden as well as Oxford County. I'd like to also plan for a table-top disaster exercise here in town so that we are better prepared should the need ever come to being. EMA shall continue to partner with all the various departments and boards for the success and safety of the community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tommie C. McKenzie, EMA Director

## **Sweden Planning Board Report**

Your Sweden Planning Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM. Our meetings are open to the public.

At the Town's Annual Meeting in March 2024, updates to the Zoning and Land Use Regulations and Subdivision Regulations were approved. Copies of these updates can be viewed on the Town Website. Hard copies are available at the Town Office.

Early in 2024 Oxford County Emergency Communications approached the PB concerning placing a communications tower behind the Town Office. A conditional use permit application for the tower was received at our December meeting. After reviewing the application, the PB declared it complete at our January meeting and scheduled a site walk and hearing.

At our February meeting, following the site walk and hearing, the application was approved. Minutes of all PB meeting and hearing can be found on the Town Website.

There are several openings for new members on the PB. If anyone is interested, please contact a PB member or the Select Board.

Finally, the board would like to thank several people who have helped us with our duties.

Our PB Assistant Beth Hennessy has revised and updated our PB Guide to answer members questions about requirements and procedures mandated by the State. She also maintains our record keeping and brings it up to date regularly. Her help has been invaluable to not only the PB but other Town Boards.

Laura Chadbourne stepped down last year after serving as PB Secretary for 13 years. During the year she has offered to help the board when questions of procedures or requirements arose. The board appreciates her willingness to help.

Julie McQueen put together a detailed guide to help the PB comply with mandated requirements when dealing with Conditional Use Permits. Julie donated her time and knowledge to put together this 20 plus page guide.

Respectfully submitted, Your Sweden Planning Board.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here is your annual update from the Town of Sweden Comprehensive Planning Committee, which is the advisory body that produces the Comprehensive Plan.

As a reminder, the Comprehensive Plan is the document that provides the "legal basis and rationale for any future ordinances or land use regulations that may be adopted by the town, as well as for all town governmental responsibilities and actions."

In practical terms, the Plan is the document that provides a road map for the Select Board, Planning Board and Municipal Officers to implement policies and ordinances that reflect the Sweden residents' wishes for their Town as expressed via a survey, town committees and public meetings.

The current Comprehensive Plan has been a work in progress since 2021. The Committee intends to conclude this year the work needed to update the previous 2004 Plan. The Committee consists of four active members; Bruce Taylor (current chair), Julie McQueen (secretary), Mary Sohl, Gail de Wildt and Nils Johnson.

To date the work has consisted of data collection and analysis of 12 topic areas, of which 10 are substantially complete. It is the Committee's plan to complete the remainder of the analysis and all the goals, policies and strategy recommendations by the summer of 2025.

Following the completion of our work, the Plan goes through a series reviews and consultations with various State agencies ending with submission of a final draft to the State of Maine, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) in the Fall of 2025.

Once approved, the Plan will be published on the Town's website as an official record.

Sincerely

Bruce Taylor

Chair, Comprehensive Planning Committee

# Sweden Town Office Hours for 2025

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

**FRIDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM**

**SATURDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) 9 AM TO 12 NOON**

## **Town Clerk**

### **Motor Vehicle Agent**

### **Registrar of Voters**

*Mary Ellen McLaughlin*

[townclerk@swedenmaine.org](mailto: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**

*Sandy Adams*

[taxcollector@swedenmaine.org](mailto:taxcollector@swedenmaine.org)

Questions concerning Real Estate Tax Information

## **Administrative Assistant to Select Board/ FOAA Officer/General Assistance Coordinator**

*Rose McKenzie*

[adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org](mailto:adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org)

## **Treasurer**

*Rose McKenzie*

[treasurer@swedenmaine.org](mailto:treasurer@swedenmaine.org)

## **Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector**

*Peter Gordon*

[codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org](mailto:codeenforcementofficer@swedenmaine.org)

**In Emergency contact: Selectman Christopher Chadbourne 207-647-3944**  
**Selectperson Kerry Welton**  
**Selectman Nils Johnson**

**OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES (DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND COSTS)**

**2024**

*ABBOTT, STEPHANIE S	\$ 7.58
ABBOTT, STEPHANIE S	\$ 959.64
BARITEAU, ANDREW R	\$ 616.12
**BARKER, JOLENE F	\$ 787.51
BOWLEY, PAULA H	\$ 1,731.84
**BRADLEY, ROBIN	\$ 1,050.97
*BUZZARD, MICHELLE L	\$ 2,179.65
CARL, BERNARD J	\$ 533.20
*COOK, PHILIP A.	\$ 136.26
DELMAN-EDWARDS, HEATHER LY	\$ 469.31
DISTEFANO, CHRISTIAN D	\$ 1,032.02
*DODGE, DAVID	\$ 528.04
*DOUGLAS, RONALD S	\$ 449.95
*FORBES, REBECCA L	\$ 882.70
GILMORE, REECE	\$ 2,309.56
GOLT, EDDY	\$ 4,742.71
GOODMAN THOMAS L REVOCABL TRUST	\$ 7.64
GRANT, SALLY S	\$ 6,189.85
*HACKER, CRAIG A	\$ 1,821.80
*HELM, WILLIAM M	\$ 1,366.55
*HERON HOUSING LLC	\$ 1,194.81
HICKS, CHARLES JR	\$ 454.08
HICKS, CHARLES JR	\$ 3,540.91
JEROME, JENNIFER A	\$ 761.99
*JOHNSON, JOSHUA N	\$ 299.97
LECROY, CINDY A	\$ 2,946.02
**MASCIA, MICHAEL F	\$ 1,517.30
**MASCIA, MICHAEL F	\$ 2,372.55
MCCARTHY, OWEN	\$ 440.15
*MCCUBREY, KIMBERLY A	\$ 1,601.13
*MEDEIROS, NUNO	\$ 1,833.07
MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 137.60
NOBLE, SCOTT A	\$ 1,323.91
*OLSEN, JAMES A	\$ 528.24
*PERREAULT, EMILE C	\$ 1,403.55
PIETREE LLC	\$ 5,860.26
PIETREE LLC	\$ 9,036.74
PIETREE ORCHARD LLC	\$ 3,180.86
*Piva, William J Jr	\$ 825.60
PREECE, JENNIFER E	\$ 696.37
ROBINSON, CRAIG JAMES	\$ 884.42
SANDERSON, ROBIN	\$ 549.78
SCANDINAVIAN REAL ESTATE TR	\$ 494.77
*SCOTT, ETHEL D	\$ 361.20

*SIMPSON, WILLIAM B	\$ 934.79
SMART, EMILY J	\$ 567.60
SMART, EMILY J	\$ 696.60
**TRIPP, CINDY L	\$ 1,375.14
*TRIPP, JEFFREY	\$ 865.37
TYNAN, SARAH A	\$ 1,946.52
*WARWICK, JAMES C	\$ 471.28

**2023**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 125.20
SMART, EMILY J	\$ 516.45
SMART, EMILY J	\$ 582.61

**2022**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 119.20
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**2021**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 110.40
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**2020**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 114.40
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**2019**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 108.80
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**2018**

MERRILL, HEIRS OF LINDON	\$ 102.20
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\* PAID IN FULL AFTER 12/31/2024  
 \*\* PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 12/31/2024

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Sheriff Christopher R. Wainwright*



*Chief Deputy James Urquhart*

*Major Dana Thompson*

**Annual Town Report**

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my seventh year as sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our Western Maine communities. At the heart of our success is the incredible team of professionals who dedicate themselves daily to keeping our county safe. From our deputies and corrections officers to school resource officers and civil personnel, each individual plays a vital role in fostering trust, providing support, and ensuring the well-being of all residents.

In 2024, our office responded to over 12,000 calls for service, a number that continues to grow both in volume and complexity. More and more, deputies are addressing calls involving mental health concerns—a trend that has steadily increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. This underscores the pressing need for greater funding for sheriff's departments across the state, ensuring we can connect individuals in crisis with the treatment and support they deserve.

We remain committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by partnering with organizations like the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. Through programs such as Project Save ME, our deputies connect eligible individuals struggling with substance use disorder to recovery coaches, advocates, and treatment services to support their path to recovery.

This year, we added a full-time school resource officer to serve RSU 10. Funded through a Department of Education grant, this position strengthens our ability to build stronger connections with schools, and students, and deliver the proactive support needed to foster safe and positive learning environments.

Since 2018, we've made significant strides in improving the Oxford County Jail, beginning with the priority of restoring it to a full-service operation. This was essential not only to enhance services but also to save taxpayer money. Over time, we've continued to invest in the facility's infrastructure to ensure it meets the evolving needs of our community.

In 2024, the inmate population grew from 43 at the beginning of the year to 88 by January 2025, with a peak of 96 inmates on some days. Throughout the year, we processed 1,683 new bookings and admissions. For most of the year, operations were temporarily relocated to the courthouse holding area while upgrades were made to the facility. A key accomplishment was the replacement of the jail's original HVAC system, funded primarily through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright  
Oxford County Sheriff



## Oxford County Sheriffs Office

### Town Of Sweden Calls for Service 2024

<u>Offense</u>	
911 hangup call	9
Alarm	9
Ambulance or Medical Assist	2
Animal Problem	3
Agency Assist	8
Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent	2
Citizen Dispute	3
Civil Issue	2
Citizen Assist	2
Disabled Vehicle	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Incident	3
Drug Info/Statistics	1
Illegal Dumping (trash,waste)	1
Fraud	6
Information	1
Intoxicated Person	1
K-9 Assisted	1
Misdialed Number to 911	4
Missing Person	1
Mental Subject	1
Mail Tampering	1
Peace Officer	1
Request Call	10
Request Officer	1
Subpoena Service	1
Suicidal Person/Welfare Check	1
Suspicion	6
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	3
Traffic Accident, Pers Injury	4
Telephone Harassment	1
Traffic Hazard	2
Threatening	2
Theft, Property, Other	4
Trespassing	2
Theft, Vehicle: Automobile	1
VIN	1
Violation of Protection Order	1
Welfare Check	7
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>112</b>

## Town of Sweden, Maine 2025 Budget Committee

It is the responsibility of the Budget Committee (BC) to make recommendations to the Select Board (SB) and to voters on all matters related to the Town's budget. The BC has done their best to collaborate with the SB again this year to recommend a thoughtful budget for 2025.

The recommendations for 2024 limited the use of the Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) in order to responsibly fund all necessary services and still maintain a minimum of three to four (3-4) months of the Town's expense budget as recommended by the auditor. Thanks to the efforts of the Emergency Management Director, SB and the Road Commissioner (RC) much of the cost to replace the bridge on Haskell Hill Rd. and make other emergency road repairs have been reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), replenishing the Town's unassigned fund balance (UFB). This has made funds available to supplement the \$1,150,000 federal grant to pay for the new fire station with little or no debt.

The only recommendation from the BC that differs from those of the SB is

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of future Town revaluation and allow the balance to carry over each year.

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

The State Constitution requires that a revaluation be done every ten (10) years. The last revaluation in the Town of Sweden was done 2017 and the assessor's agent is booking out to 2027, so the commitment was made in 2024 to get on the 2027 schedule. Raising some money and taking some from the UFB every year for several years is the standard method of appropriating funds for this expenditure. The current cost would be approximately \$70,000 and there is now \$36,000 in the fund. Since the expectation is that the cost will increase some by 2027 a little more may have to be raised in the last year; appropriating \$20,000 per year over the next 2 years is the responsible approach. A revaluation ensures that taxpayers are treated fairly, and failing to have the revaluation done puts the Town at risk of losing funding from the State.

The county anticipates a significant increase for 2025 but will not have final numbers until April; and the school budget will be unknown until June; so keeping spending down while continuing to pay employees fairly, supplement those organizations that benefit the town and provide all necessary services requires thoughtful consideration when making recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alberta Ridlon  
Julie McQueen  
George Conly

2/22/25

To: Sweden Taxpayers

From: The Sweden Road Advisory Committee

The Road Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed in Sept. 2021 by the Select Board to advise and make recommendations to improve the safety, quality and long-term maintenance costs of the town road system.

In 2024 portions of Hardscrabble Road were reconstructed as a major and much needed improvement. This reconstruction, as well as the portions of Webber Pond Rd. that were reconstructed in 2023 are examples of utilizing yearly funding to gradually improve our town roads, increasing safety, lowering vehicle maintenance repair costs and in the long term, lowering the "patch and make do" costs that the town has funded for many years.

While the Select Board has not endorsed all of our recommendations, we feel as taxpayers and users of town roads it is our charge to continue to make recommendations in an effort to inform taxpayers of practical and cost-effective solutions to maintain our roads.

At our January 6, 2025 meeting the RAC recommended:

**ARTICLE 8a: To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of roads and roadsides for the ensuing year.**

The RAC recommends keeping last year's amount of \$150,000.00 as necessary to continue the road maintenance and keep up with the rising cost of road construction.

VOTE (4-0)

**ARTICLE 8b: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the Capital Improvement Reserve Account for Roads, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S section 5801 and allow the balance to carry forward.**

The RAC feels that last year's funding of \$200,000.00 was a good first start but recommends raising additional funding of \$400,000 as necessary to continue the required road improvements. The RAC recommends these funds be dedicated to the completion of improvements to Hardscrabble Road that were started in 2024.

VOTE (4-0)

At our meeting of February 22, 2025, the RAC further recommended:

**ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of snow removal and sanding for the ensuing year.**

The RAC commends the efforts to the road commissioner and recommends approval of the \$329,445.00

VOTE (4-0)

**ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Select Board to use available LRAP funds in accordance with State Law if needed.**

The RAC recommends approval of this article and looks forward to collaborating with the Select Board and Road Commissioner in the utilization of these funds.

VOTE (4-0)

Sincerely;

The Sweden Road Advisory Committee

George Conly, Warren DeWildt, Tim Karwowski, Alan Sparr

2025 BUDGET WORKSHEET

Warrant	2024 Approved Budget				Select Board Proposed 2025 Budget			Budget Committee Proposed 2025 Budget			
2025 Warrant Article #	DESCRIPTION	RAISE	UNASSIGNED FUND balance	TOTAL 2024 Budget	RAISE	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	Total proposed 2024 Bdgt SB	Proposed Increase (Decrease)	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	Total proposed 2024 Bdgt BC	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
4a-4i	SALARIES	\$ 109,261.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 109,261.00	\$ 119,968.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 119,968.00	\$ 10,707.00	\$ 119,968.00	\$ 119,968.00	\$ 10,707.00
5	INTEREST ON BORROWING		\$ 5	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
6	TOWN CHARGES	\$ 102,215.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 108,515.00	\$ 116,814.00		\$ 116,814.00	\$ 8,299.00	\$ 116,814.00	\$ 116,814.00	\$ 8,299.00
7	PLANNING BOARD SUPPORT	\$ 19,500.00		\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00		\$ 19,500.00	\$ -	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ -
MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND											
8a	ROADSIDES	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 115,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)
8b	CAPITAL ROADS ACCOUNT	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 162,000.00		\$ 162,000.00	\$ (38,000.00)	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ (38,000.00)
9	WINTER ROADS	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 305,000.00	\$ 329,445.00		\$ 329,445.00	\$ 24,445.00	\$ 329,445.00	\$ 329,445.00	\$ 24,445.00
10	RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$ 70,799.00		\$ 70,799.00	\$ 82,434.00		\$ 82,434.00	\$ 11,635.00	\$ 82,434.00	\$ 82,434.00	\$ 11,635.00
11	GENERAL ASSISTANCE		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
12a	TOWN GROUNDS & BLDG MAINT	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
CAPITAL FUND FOR TOWN											
12b	GROUNDS & BLDG MAINT			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
13a	FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 72,725.00		\$ 72,725.00	\$ 74,807.00		\$ 74,807.00	\$ 2,082.00	\$ 74,807.00	\$ 74,807.00	\$ 2,082.00
13b	SVFD CAPITAL ACCOUNT		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
14	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 225.00		\$ 225.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00
15	MISC AG:AMBULANCE	\$ 11,280.00		\$ 11,280.00	\$ 11,280.00		\$ 11,280.00	\$ -	\$ 11,280.00	\$ 11,280.00	\$ -
16	HARVEST HILLS	\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ -	\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00	\$ -
17	MISC AG: SENIORS PLUS	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
18	MISC AG: SWEDEN HISTORICAL SOC	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
19	MISC AG:HOBBS LIBRARY	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
20	MISC AG:LOVELL REC	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
21	MISC AG: LEA	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
22	MISC AG: SWEDEN FOOD PANTRY	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00
23	MISC AG: COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
24	MISC AG: THE LIFELIGHT FOUNDAT	\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00		\$ 406.00	\$ -	\$ 406.00	\$ 406.00	\$ -
25	MISC AG: CANCER RESOURCE CTR	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
26	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
27	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
28	CONTINGENCY FUND		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
29	REVALUATION	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
SubTOTAL Warrant Articles		\$ 1,055,267.00	\$ 66,250.00	\$ 1,121,517.00	\$ 1,078,360.00	\$ 42,950.00	\$ 1,121,310.00	\$ (207.00)	\$ 1,078,360.00	\$ 1,131,310.00	\$ 9,793.00

Difference from Previous Year

2024 NON-WARRANT EXPENSES

OVERLAY	\$ 3,825.54	\$ 3,825.54	SB Determines	\$ -	SB Determines	\$ -
SCHOOL	\$ 769,684.00	\$ 769,684.00	Find out in June	\$ -	Find out in June	\$ -
COUNTY	\$ 140,666.00	\$ 140,666.00	Find out in April	\$ -	Find out in April	\$ -
SubTOTAL NON-WARRANT EXPENSE:	\$ 914,175.54	\$ 914,175.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Appropriations

30 Use of Excise Tax \$ (85,000.00)

31 Use of Tree Growth \$ (40,000.00)

\$ 1,969,442.54 \$ 66,250.00 \$ 2,035,692.54

\$ (85,000.00) \$ (85,000.00)

\$ (40,000.00) \$ (40,000.00)

\$ 23,093.00

\$ 23,093.00

\$ (13,300.00)

\$ 9,793.00

\$ 9,793.00

\$ 1,131,310.00



## 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 22nd day of March AD 2025, 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. One (1) Planning Board member for a period of 1 year;
  - d. Two (2) Planning Board alternates each for a period of 1 year;
  - e. One (1) Board of Appeals member for a period of 5 years;
  - f. One (1) Board of Appeals member for a period of 1 years;
  - g. One (1) Board of Appeals member for a period of 2 years;
  - h. One (1) Board of Appeals member for a period of 3 years;
  - i. Two (2) Board of Appeals alternates for a period of 1 year;
  - j. One (1) MSAD#72 School Board member for a period of 3 years;
- and any other necessary officers.

**Article 4a.** 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> Select Board members.**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	\$9,790.00	\$10,107.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$10,362.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$10,362.00

**Article 4b.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **Town Clerk.**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	\$15,048.00	\$17,919.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$18,200.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$18,200.00

**Article 4c.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **Deputy Town Clerk.**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$8000.00

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

**Article 4d.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Town Treasurer.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$8,103.00	\$8,363.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$9,100.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$9,100.00

**Article 4e.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Town Tax Collector.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$15,048.00	\$17,919.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$18,200.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$18,200.00

**Article 4f.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Administrative Assistant.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$27,780.00	\$28,670.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$31,200.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$31,200.00

**Article 4g.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Code Enforcement Officer.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$17,000.00	\$17,544.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$17,983.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$17,983.00

**Article 4h.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Fire Chief.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$3,180.00	\$3,282.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$ 3,365.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$ 3,365.00

**Article 4i.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Road Commissioner.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$3,180.00	\$3,282.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$ 3,365.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$ 3,365.00

**Article 4j.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the  
**Cemetery Sexton.**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$373.00	\$385.00

Select Board recommends raise (3-0) \$ 395.00

Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0) \$ 395.00

**Article 4k.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **Emergency Management Director.**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	\$1,25500	\$1,500.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$2,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$2,500.00

**Article 4l.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the compensation of the **E-911 Addressing Officer.**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	\$281.00	\$290.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$298.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$298.00

**Article 5.** 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 6.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for **Town Charges** for the ensuing year.

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	\$103,647	\$102,215
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)		\$116,814.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)		\$116,814.00

**Article 7.** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for support of the Sweden Planning Board.

Planning Board requested:	\$19,500.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$19,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$19,500.00

**Article 8a.** 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)	\$115,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (2-1)	\$115,000.00
Road Advisory Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$150,000.00

**Article 8b.** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance 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)	\$162,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (2-1)	\$162,000.00
Road Advisory Committee recommends raise (4-0)	\$400,000.00

**Article 9.** 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)	\$329,445.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$329,445.00
Road Advisory Committee recommends (3-0)	\$329,445.00

**Article 10.** 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)	\$82,434.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$82,434.00

**Article 11.** 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 12a.** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate **for grounds maintenance, upkeep, and repairs for town buildings.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$7,500.00
Budget Committee recommends (3-0)	\$7,500.00

**Article 12b.** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the **Capital Improvements Reserve Accounts for grounds maintenance, upkeep, and repairs for town buildings.**

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

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

SVFD requested	\$82,307.00
Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$74,807.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$74,807.00

**Article 13b.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of the **Sweden Fire Department Capital Improvements for Fire Apparatus.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$7,500.00
and take from unassigned fund (3-0)	\$7,500.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$7,500.00
and take from unassigned fund (3-0)	\$7,500.00

**Article 14.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Sweden Conservation Commission.**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$250.00
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Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$250.00
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**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)	\$11,280.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$11,280.00

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

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

**Article 19.** 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)	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$3,000.00

**Article 20.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the **Lovell Recreation Program.**

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

**Article 21.** 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 22.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Sweden Food Pantry**

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

**Article 23.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Community Concepts**

Select Board recommends raise (3-0)	\$350.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$350.00

**Article 24.** 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 25.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the support of **Cancer Resource Center**

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

**Article 26.** 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)	\$5,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$5,000.00

**Article 27.** 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)	\$5,000.00
and take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$10,000.00
Budget Committee recommends raise (3-0)	\$5,000.00
and take from the unassigned fund balance if needed (3-0)	up to \$10,000.00

**Article 28.** To see what sum the town will authorize the Select Board to raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2025.

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

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate and/or take from the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of **future Town revaluation** and allow the balance to carry over each year.

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

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$85,000.00 of the 2025 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2025 towards the amount appropriated in articles 4a through 29.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (2-1)

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$40,000.00 of the 2025 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2025 towards the amount appropriated in articles 4a through 29.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

**Article 32.** To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in article 30 and 31 through taxation.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

**Article 33.** 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 7.5% for 2025).

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

**Article 34.** 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 35.** 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 33 above by the State Treasurer, State of Maine.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

**Article 36.** 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 37.** 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 38.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and **accept grants and gifts 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 39.** 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 2025 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2026, to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2026. The exception is winter road maintenance. The municipal officers may spend more than 3/12ths of the 2025 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 40.** To see if the Town will authorize or direct the Select Board to use available **LRAP funds** in accordance with State Law if needed.

Select Board recommends (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends (3-0)

Road Advisory Committee recommends (4-0)


**Article 41.** 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)




Given under our hands this March 7 2025

Select Board   
Christopher Chadbourne

of   
Kerry Welton

Sweden   
Nils Johnson

**ATTEST:**

A true copy, attest:   
Mary Ellen McLaughlin, Clerk Town of Sweden

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 being at least seven days before the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
William Graham, 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	· #1 Plastic	· #2 Plastic, clear
	· #2 Plastic, colored	· Aluminum cans
	· Glass bottles	· Tin (steel) cans, including spray cans
	· Paper (including newsprint, magazines, catalogs, and phone books)	· Corrugated cardboard
Bulk Materials	· Lumber, clean	· Lumber, painted or stained
	· Lumber, pressure treated	· Tires
	· Brush (max dia of 4 inches)	· Demolition debris
	· Leaves	· Paint (hardened)
	· Cement	· Drywall (sheet rock)
	· Brick (clay)	· Porcelain
	· Refrigeration units	· Metal
	· Oil	· Antifreeze
Deposit Items (glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans)	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, across from Lovell Hardware.

The phone number for the Transfer Station is 925-1300.

# TOWN OF SWEDEN EMERGENCY NUMBERS MARCH 2025

## FOR MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

<b>FIRE</b>	EMERGENCY.....	<b>911</b>
Oxford County Regional Communications Center		
	NON-EMERGENCY.....	1(800)733-1421
<b>POLICE</b>	EMERGENCY.....	<b>911</b>
	NON-EMERGENCY.....	1(800)733-1421
<b>STATE POLICE</b>	.....	1(800)452-4664
<b>GAME WARDEN</b>	.....	1(800)452-4664
<b>MEDICAL</b>		
United Ambulance	EMERGENCY.....	<b>911</b>
Bridgton Hospital	.....	647-6000
Poison Control Center	.....	1(800)222-1222
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>		
Christopher Chadbourne.....		647-3944
Kerry Welton.....		647-3944
Nils Johnson.....		647-3944
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECT BOARD</b>		
Rose McKenzie email: <a href="mailto:adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org">adminassistbos@swedenmaine.org</a> .....		647-3944
<b>Town Office Hours:</b>		
Friday 9am-4pm/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4th Saturdays 9am-noon		
<b>TAX COLLECTOR....</b>		
Sandy Adams email: <a href="mailto:taxcollector@swedenmaine.org">taxcollector@swedenmaine.org</a> .....		647-3944
<b>TREASURER</b>		
Rose McKenzie email: <a href="mailto:treasurer@swedenmaine.org">treasurer@swedenmaine.org</a> .....		647-3944
<b>TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>		
Mary Ellen McLaughlin email: <a href="mailto:townclerk@swedenmaine.org">townclerk@swedenmaine.org</a> .....		647-3944
<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>		
Tim Cook .....		415-7966
<b>FIRE STATION</b>	NON-EMERGENCY.....	647-2781
<b>FIRE PERMITS</b>	<a href="http://www.wardensreport.com">www.wardensreport.com</a>	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>		
Tommie McKenzie .....		603-447-9176
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>		
Kathi Shorey .....		647-3944
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER</b>		
Troy Morse .....		890-1237
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>		
Cynthia Eaton .....		890-5313
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>		
Peter Gordon .....		298-6248

