

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street**  
**March 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present were Jim Smith, Brenda Garland, Larry McHugh, Sharon Mellows, Leanne Dickey, Nancy Gove, Arty Lane and Stacy Beane.

1. Call meeting to order. Jim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Old business:
  - A) Review and approve the minutes of February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/24 and 3/2. Larry seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1-Leanne abstained.
  - B) Review and approve Treasurer warrants #21-#25. Brenda moved to approve the warrants as written. Larry seconded. Motion carried, 4-0-1-Leanne abstained.
3. New business:
  - A) Elect a chairman and a vice chairman for the ensuing year. Brenda made a motion to nominate Jim Smith as Chairman. Larry seconded. Vote 3-1-1 Jim abstained. Larry made a motion to nominate Brenda as Vice Chair. Jim seconded. Vote 3-1-1 Brenda abstained.
  - B) Review and approve draft Policy for Solid Waste Fees and Permits. Leanne made a motion to approve the policy as written. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0.
  - C) Discuss establishing safe zones within Town of Anson. Budget for funding signs was uncertain. Draft policy needs work and then legal review. Boat Landing in North Anson was suggested as a safe zone. Sign discussion – where placement of sign? Wording? Penalty?
4. Other business:
  - A) Discuss setting up meeting with Town of Starks to discuss future of KVRWC. Board would like to meet with them in April. Larry to set up.
  - B) Discuss setting up meeting with code enforcement and KVCOG to work on updating our fee schedules. Board would like to meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00. Nancy will set up.
  - C) Discuss closing office Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for mandatory staff training (CVR). State is rolling out new CVR2 system (Central Voter Registration). Training is mandatory. Nancy would like to close the office. Board agreed. Advertise closure on website and signs.
  - D) Town Meeting wrap up. Town meeting cuts were reviewed.

Administration: Leanne made a motion to cut \$73,000 from administrative wages and benefits lines as proposed by the town treasurer. Larry seconded. Vote 4-1 Sharon. Brenda made a motion to cut \$3,000 from equipment purchases and \$1,350 from the postage line. Sharon seconded. Vote 3-2 Jim, Leanne. It was noted that the utility budget for water includes town water. The employee water cooler was added last year.

Community Programs: Leanne made a motion to cut the fireworks line in the amount of \$4,000. Brenda seconded. Vote 5-0.

Debt Service: Sharon made a motion to cut \$4,000 from the excavator line. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0.

Regarding the **General Obligation Bond**, bond counsel needs the Select Board to approve the "Proposed Vote" and the "Declaration of Official Intent" as provided by them. Larry made a motion to adopt the proposed vote and declaration of official intent as written. Brenda seconded. Vote 5-0. Documents are attached to these minutes.

5. Department head reports: Road Commissioner – Arty reported that warm weather is affecting dirt roads causing him to post them. The crew is working on drainage issues;  
Fire Chief – Stacy reported that Lance had the compressor re-wired. Randy Butler said it's okay to change the water inlet. Propane leak fixed;  
EMA Director – Brenda has the sign in sheet for the emergency shelter. She's working on developing a disaster plan and would like to incorporate Hartland's plan;  
Administrative Assistant – Nancy reported that there's an elected officials webinar coming up 4/1. Newly elected board members need to take this class. Celebrations – Easter holiday was discussed. It was agreed that the Easter celebration will be at the Anson Town Office. Tentative date is 4/4. Free Masons of Madison would like to run a toll bridge in North Anson around Memorial Weekend. They haven't gone thru DOT for approval yet but will confirm dates with the town once they get approval.  
Vincent Nilo paid his 2023 taxes in full. Brenda made a motion to execute a quitclaim deed for Vincent Nilo. Larry seconded. Motion carried.
6. Selectmen concerns. Larry would like to see some harmony in the community.
7. Public session. Phil Turner asked if the successful bidder was going to provide a retainer/bond in the form of a guarantee of his work? Arty indicated that a performance bond was part of the bidding process. Daryel Partridge asked the board about employee evaluations and what goes into the review process. More specifically does attendance get reviewed? The board conducts an evaluation of their department heads.
8. Executive session to discuss a confidential matter/records pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (F). Brenda made a motion to go into executive session. Sharon seconded. The board went into executive session at 7:37 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 7:51 p.m. Brenda made a motion to abate sewer liens for account #133 in the amount of \$1,812.30. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0. Larry made a motion to execute a quitclaim deed for Michael Lescault. Brenda seconded. Vote 5-0.
9. Adjourn. Brenda made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

## PROPOSED VOTE

VOTED by the Select Board of the Town of Anson, Maine as follows:

- VOTED: (1) That a project consisting of the improvements to Town roads, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto, is hereby approved.
- (2) That the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board be authorized to issue a general obligation bond or bonds to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000, for the purpose of funding the project.
- (3) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate, place of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including the execution, sale, and delivery of said securities against payment, therefore.
- (4) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to execute a Loan Agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in such form as the Bank may require; that the Deputy Clerk is directed to affix the corporate seal thereto and attest the signatures of the Treasurer and Chair, and to file a copy of said Loan Agreement, when signed, although the attesting and affixing of the corporate seal thereto shall not be deemed essential to the validity of the Loan Agreement; and that the bonds are hereby sold to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank at par.
- (5) That the Select Board hereby confirms its determination that the term of the Bond does not exceed 120% of the economic life of the Project.
- (6) That the bonds are designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" of the Town under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (7) That the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and certificates, and to take any and all actions, including affixing the seal of the Town, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the full purpose and intent of the foregoing vote.

## DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Anson, Maine (the "Issuer") currently intends to proceed with a project consisting of improvements to Town roads (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Issuer intends to finance the cost of the Project through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds (the "Obligation");

WHEREAS, the Issuer anticipates making certain expenditures with respect to the Project prior to the issuance of the Obligation;

WHEREAS, the Issuer intends to allocate certain proceeds of the Obligation to reimburse the Issuer for any such expenditures made with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 requires that the Issuer declare its official intent no later than sixty (60) days after the payment of such expenditures to reimburse any expenditures with respect to the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer does hereby declare its official intent as follows:

1. Declaration of Intent. This declaration is a Declaration of Official Intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

2. Intention to Reimburse. On the date hereof, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse its expenditures made with respect to the Project from the proceeds of the Obligation. All expenditures to be reimbursed will be made prior to the date of the issuance of the Obligation.

3. General Description of Property to Which Reimbursement Relates. The following is a general functional description of the type of property for which the expenditures to be reimbursed are paid: design, engineering and construction.

4. Statement of Expected Debt. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is \$2,050,000.

5. Identification of Source of Funds. Expenditures made on the Project shall be paid from the Issuer's General or Capital Improvement Funds.

6. Public Availability of Official Intent. This Declaration of Official Intent shall be maintained as a public record of the Issuer and shall be maintained and otherwise supervised by the Clerk of the Issuer. This Declaration of Intent shall be continuously available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk during normal business hours of the Issuer until the date of the issuance of the Obligation.

7. Reimbursement Period. The Issuer intends to reimburse expenditures made with respect to the Project within three (3) years of the later of the date on which the expenditure was paid or the date on which the Project is placed in service. Moreover, the Issuer intends that any expenditure to be reimbursed will be a capital expenditure as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-(b).

8. Reasonableness Standard for Declaring Official Intent. The Issuer believes that this Declaration of Official Intent is consistent with its budgetary and financial circumstances. None of the revenues for the Project have been budgeted by internal funds by the Issuer or otherwise provided for by reserves or other long-term holdings established by the Issuer. Moreover, the Issuer has not developed a pattern of failing to reimburse expenditures subject to other Declarations of Official Intent.

9. Miscellaneous Restrictions. The Issuer intends that none of the proceeds from the Obligation shall be used directly or indirectly in violation of the "anti-abuse rules" set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(h).

10. Authority of Declaration. This Declaration of Official Intent is adopted pursuant to Project approvals duly adopted by the legislative body of the Issuer.

Adopted by vote of the Select Board at a duly noticed meeting at which a quorum was present on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.