

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street
October 28, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Smith.

1. Review and approve the minutes of October 14, 2025. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded. Vote 4-0
2. Approve warrants #108 - #112. Brenda made a motion to approve warrants 108-112. Larry seconded. Nancy reported that warrants issued since the last meeting were as follows: warrant #108 – payroll - \$28,728.60; #109 A/P - \$4,072.29; #110 – Payroll \$8,321.24; #111 A/P - \$3,592.46; #112 – A/P \$437,750.29.
3. Discussion with EMA and RSU 74 regarding establishment of a warming shelter. Mark Campbell had prepared a draft Disaster/Emergency Shelter Plan for use of the Carrabec Community School. The flow chart of command was discussed. EMA director will make initial request to open shelter. Superintendent of schools will either approve or deny requests depending on whether school is in session. Superintendent to call Daryl Partridge or designee to organize staffing, shelter supplies etc. Rooms available for shelter include front entrance, lobby, gym, kitchen. Fees for use of building were discussed, propane, electricity, oil and staffing. Select Board would like to see a daily rate for known costs as well as an actual to compare the two. Current staffing contract to be added as an addendum to the plan once approved. Mark agreed to go back to his team to get the desired cost information.
4. Approve sewer commitment for 3rd quarter billing (25-3) and sewer abatements. The third quarter commitment is \$38,879.80. Sharon made a motion to approve the sewer commitment. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. There are 6 abatement requests due to billing consumption in error when ratepayer has own septic. Total abatements \$483.88. Sharon made a motion to approve the abatements totaling \$483.88. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
5. Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Catherine Cabral Savage. Catherine has paid all of the real estate and sewer liens in full. Brenda made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
6. Department head reports: Road Commissioner – Arty had to call Stevenson as pump station #1 was plugged again.

Grading roads done. Brush cutting is done on Pease Hill, Horseback to be done tomorrow. Leaves are being picked up. They are mixing some sand in preparation of winter weather.

Fire Chief – Stacy said their hose testing was performed. NE came to test trucks (pumps) and did maintenance. Crack sealing estimate at the south station came in at \$985ish. Lucas Striping gave an estimate of \$500 for striping the parking lot at the

north station. Security cameras are up and running. Firefighter Rick event with the children went well. Turned heat on at the north station and the breaker tripped the outlets on the north wall. Electrician (Lance Arsenault) to assess. Daryel Partridge asked what to do with the trees that need to be cut off from the north station lot. Board told him to get rid of the wood as he sees fit.

Administrative Assistant – Nancy noted that the next board meeting is a scheduled holiday. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 12th. The Board agreed to be open to the public on Thursday, November 13th and to be closed to the public on Friday, November 14 to allow the staff to either work or take personal time on the one-year anniversary of Tammy Murray's passing. The Town Office will be open on Thursday, October 30th for absentee voting purposes only. Nancy discussed the opportunity for municipal employees to take classes through the University of Maine system or through the Maine Community College at a discounted rate. Update on lawsuits: legal action involving the incident with the forestry truck has been denied by MMA; Bernstein, Shur has been notified of Glenn Viles passing. The legal invoice for services rendered in 2024 with Tammy Murray was reviewed by Bernstein, Shur. They have agreed to adjust that invoice to \$9,781. Sharon made a motion to approve the adjusted attorney invoice for payment. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. Somerset County will be holding a caucus on November 19th at 5 pm to fill a vacancy in District #2. The auditors will be coming back to Anson on November 20 & 21st to try to finalize the 2024 audit. We are told that we will have the audit by 12/31/25. RHR Smith will not schedule our 2025 audit until the 2024 draft is ready. There's a Cobra Rec meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 5pm at the Embden Town Office. Nancy will be meeting with Madison's rec director to discuss the summer rec program for 2026. Code enforcement and assessing emails have been established. Regarding Spectrum, all locations still need to have our one TV installed. Cable boxes have been requested.

7. Selectmen concerns. None.
8. Public session. Daryel asked if there was a job description for the EMA Director. Brenda hasn't seen one, just an Emergency Management Ordinance. Matt Rice asked if Nancy could locate the passwords for security cameras at the south station and public works garage. She will try to find them. Kari asked if the security cameras were working at the north station; there needs to be a notice of surveillance. Any generator grants? Nancy said the only grant she knows of is the Somerset County matching grant up to %15,000. Kari asked about coffee and donuts for the open house. CEO pay through KVCOG – it's the same as this year, \$17,700ish. They will keep this rate through 2026.
9. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion by Brenda, seconded by Larry.