

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025
@ 5 Kennebec Street
6:00pm

**Chair Arnold Luce, Vice Chair Jim Smith, Brenda Garland, Larry
McHugh (absent), Sharon Mellows**

**Executive Session Legal Matters 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (E) In session
at 6:00 pm Jim motion, Larry second, 5-0 – Chair declared out of
session at 6:34 pm**

**Executive Session Personnel matters 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) –
Person did not show**

1. Minutes of January 14, 2025 Board of Selectmen meeting – Brenda motion, Jim second, passed 5-0
2. Warrant & Financials – Brenda motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
3. Department Head
 - a. Highway – Artie
 - Old Fire Station in North is down, cleaned and just have beams to move
 - They have been doing maintenance on trucks
 - Treating the roads
 - b. Fire Chief – Stacey
 - '83 has been in and out of shop
 - Forestry had general maintenance
 - Have had 1 or 2 chimney fires
 - Stacey said their expenses are already \$5,000 for 2025
 - Everything seems to be going well with the New North Station
 - c Admin/Treasurer/Clerk – Kim Moody and/or Nancy Gove
 - Sewer Commitment will be ready for next meeting. The bills will need to be redone or another billing go out as the first only had the base

rate w/o the water reading. Nancy will correct the billing.

- Banking issues: Nancy would like to set up a Fire Equipment Reserve Account and a Highway Capital Reserve Account at Cambden National Bank. They need the minutes before setting up account. Sharon motion, Larry second and passed 5-0
- Credit Card issued under Tammy Murray's name. Need to cancel this card and have a new one issued to the Town of Anson/Nancy Gove. The bank requires a person be on the account, but they do not pull the person's credit nor is the person responsible for charges. Jim motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
- Budget – will review later in meeting
- FEMA – received a letter and there has been a hold placed on spending out the FEMA money while the process is reconstructed. Nancy Gove will follow closely
- Kim Moody said the Absentee ballots will be available for February 5, 2025
- BUDGET REVIEW: Nancy Gove read the Articles and each one was voted on – See copy attached. Article #4 set interest rate at 7.5% and property tax shall become due and payable as August 15 annually or 30 calendar days after commitment, whichever is greater. Sharon motion, Jim second – passed 5-0. Article 6 was removed because by law allows the Board of Selectmen to pay for abatements out of the Overlay Account. All other Articles passed 5-0. This will be given to the Advisory Board for their recommendation
- Authorize to pay the remaining ¼ of the budget till Annual Town Meeting. Sharon motion, Jim second – passed 5-0
- Nancy Gove will give Chair Arnold Luce names for Assessor's – they need to be contacted to see if they will consider the Town of Anson/

- Spectrum still has not contacted anyone regarding the installation a North Fire Station. Stacy Bean will call Fidium to see how much and when they would be able to install. Stacey will get back to Selectmen.

4. Selectmen concerns

- 6:00 PM Workshop meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2025 to finalize budget was cancelled.
- Freeze on spending unless it is an emergency. Jim motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
- Department Heads MUST sign all request for purchases/invoice, if not signed the invoice will NOT BE PAID. All purchases must have the name of the person purchasing items. Sharon motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
- Assessor – Chair Arnold Luce will make contact. Nancy Gove will be giving him a list of recommendations.

5. Public Session

- Mr. Ayotte said the doors at the Town Office should have sand and ice melt.

6. Adjourn 7:36 PM – Jim motion, Larry second, passed 5-0