

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
5 Kennebec Street
August 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

Present: Sharon Mellows, Brenda Garland, Larry McHugh and Jim Smith. Arnold Luce was absent. Dept heads: Arty Lane, Stacy Beane and Nancy Gove.

1.A. Nancy Gove read a letter of resignation, dated 8/10/25, submitted by Chairman Arnold Luce who was resigning from the Select Board effective immediately. Jim made a motion to accept Arnold resignation. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. Larry nominated Jim Smith as Chairman. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0. Larry made a motion to nominate Brenda Garland as Vice Chairman. Jim seconded. Vote 4-0.

1. Review and approve the minutes of July 22nd and July 28th Selectmen's and Board of Assessor's meetings. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
2. Approve Warrants (#78-PR \$11,393.85, #79-AP \$3,203.55, #80-PR \$8,821.66, #81-AP \$10,207.71, #82 PR - \$7,238.52, #83 Sewer AP \$2,020.21 and #84 – Town AP - \$303697.11) & Financials (July). Brenda made a motion to approve warrants #78 - #84. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. Approve three-year Memorandum of Agreement with Eagle Creek Madison Hydro, LLC. The Town was able to secure a new three-year agreement at a value of \$19,300,000 (value to remain flat for next three-year period). Sharon made a motion to approve the agreement. Brenda seconded. Vote 3-0.
4. Discuss Audit Engagement Letter with RHR Smith and Company. Brenda made a motion to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with RHR Smith. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
5. 2nd Quarter 2025 Sewer Commitment. This billing is for water consumed from April to June 2025. Commitment totaled \$37,984.80. Sharon made a motion to approve the sewer commitment. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0.
6. Discuss Municipal Quitclaim Deeds – if any. None.
7. Department head reports: Road Commissioner – Adam's truck is back in service. Arty's truck is in garage. FEMA work has started. Rec'd one applicant for seasonal position.

Fire Chief – been dry, Inspection of #81, conduit issue at North station, bowman fix valve leak, Chuck Taylor set propane tank at N. station; K-Tronic estimate on security camera was \$6,770, Northeast to come do pump test. Engine #84 has valve leak, Stacy submitted a list of supplies needed, if wells go dry, may fill tote's if animals need water. Boots necessary when

responding to a call, chief to bring up at meeting. Payroll for 2nd quarter was approved on a motion by Jim, seconded by Brenda. Vote 4-0..

Administrative Assistant – Anson Madison Water District public hearing notice mentioned, internet phones and email services may be interrupted as of 8/14, Household Hazardous Waste event scheduled for 10/4/25. Sharon made a motion to join the event, Jim seconded. Vote 4-0. Nancy took 144 2024 tax liens to Registry today, MMA Executive Committee ballot available to Selectboard for voting; Somerset County Assessment received – no need to schedule multi-payment option; M-A Days is 8/28 – volunteers needed. Rec Director position – no one has applied, Nancy approached by Solon to share a Rec director. Workshop needed to discuss Selectman position and new hire for town office – 8/28 at 3 pm tentatively set as workshop date.

8. Selectmen concerns. Preble Ave camper complaints, trash, sanitation and burning reported – Nancy to speak to Jeff Drew, CEO about the matter. Brenda said EMA meeting scheduled for 9/23/25 at 6 pm.
9. Public session. Leanne Dickey inquired about the website and timely updates to it; 2024 audit, hope to have before town meeting. Daryl Partridge asked if town office will be permanently closed on Thursdays – we will reopen on Thursdays at a future date. Rail trail – when does it become a health hazard with all this dust?
10. Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). Sharon made a motion to go into executive session, Brenda seconded. Board went into executive session at 7:15 pm. Jim made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Larry at 7:40 p.m. Sharon made a motion to hire David Hupper as a seasonal plow driver, laborer, equipment operator at a pay rate of \$23/hour subject to a background check and a drug test. Jim seconded. Vote 4-0. The Board asked the Administrator to send a letter to highway employee Deven Libby regarding his job.
11. Adjourn. Jim made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.