

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
5 Kennebec Street
August 26, 2025 at 6:00pm

Present were Jim Smith, Chair; Brenda Garland, Vice Chair; Larry McHugh; Sharon Mellows. Department heads present were Arty Lane, Road Commissioner; Stacy Beane, Fire Chief; Nancy Gove, Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Review and approve the minutes of August 12th Select Board meeting. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0.
2. Approve Warrants (#85 P/R - \$8,796.20; #86 A/P - \$5,551.65; #87 P/R - \$8,732.28, #88 P/R - \$9,468.58, #89 A/P - \$3,071.72, #90 A/P - \$310,728.73). Brenda made a motion to approve warrants #85 thru 90. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. Discuss annual appointments: CEO, LPI, Addressing Officer, ACO, Advisory Board, Planning Board and Appeals Board.
ACO – Brenda made a motion to appoint Andrew Hupper for a one-year term as Animal Control Officer. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0
Advisory board – Brenda made a motion to appoint Daniel Savage, Janice Miller and Thomas Poirier for a one-year term as Advisory Board members. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. There is one vacancy to be filled.
Appeals Board – Brenda made a motion to appoint Daniel Savage for a three-year term (2028) as an Appeals Board member. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. There are two vacancies to be filled.
Planning Board – Brenda made a motion to appoint Ron Richardson for a three-year term (2028) as a Planning Board member. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. There is one vacancy to be filled.
CEO, LPI, Addressing Officer – Nancy read a letter of resignation from Jeff Drew who has accepted a position as a regional code enforcement officer through KVCOG. KVCOG would like to enter into an agreement with the town for code enforcement duties. There is a planning workshop scheduled for September 10th at 9 am. Larry agreed to attend this meeting with the Administrator.
4. Discuss fee for licensing of Commercial Haulers. Nancy reached out to neighboring Madison and Skowhegan to see what they charge their commercial waste haulers. Skowhegan charges \$350 annually and is looking to update their fee. Madison said they charge between \$250 to \$300. Nancy was in hopes of increasing the fee charged by Anson however there is a Solid Waste Ordinance which sets the fee for the commercial hauler's license at \$25. This rate has been in effect since 2001. We will need to amend the ordinance at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. A workshop for this purpose will need to be scheduled.
5. Discuss sewer abatements. Nancy said there were 7 sewer abatements totaling \$616.56. Brenda made a motion to approve the sewer abatements as presented. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0. Nancy indicated that Roger Peppard, Assessor's Agent, had submitted a list of Real Estate Abatements for approval. There are four

abatements totaling \$2,223.38. Brenda made a motion to approve the real estate abatements. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.

6. Department head reports:
Road Commissioner – Arty reported that highway has finished hauling gravel for repair work from the “grinch” December 2023 storm. He said that they may grade roads next week. Crews are rebuilding plow. The Madison Street job has started.
Fire Chief – Stacy reported the they’ve received a total of 123 calls of which 26 calls were to Embden. There is a crack in the pavement at the south station; she will reach out to Brad Peters. The conduit to the generator at the south station has cracked and requires an electrician to repair it before winter comes. Fire permits are necessary if you’re burning in your backyard and the pit area/fire height doesn’t exceed 3’ by 3’ by 3’ in height. She will photocopy flyers to have at town office for residents wishing to burn. Stacy would like to move forward with the purchase of cameras for the north station but she also needs to get the hoses tested. She will look at her budget before moving forward with work.
Administrative Assistant – Nancy reported that the town office is still without telephone service. The Anson carnival was a success again this year. Madison Anson Water District will be holding a public hearing on their rate increases at OPA School in Madison on Thursday, 9/4 at 6 pm. There are petitions circulating to ask the PUC to reconsider the requested increases. Petitions need to be submitted within 30 days of the public hearing to Jack Ducharme. 270 signatures from Madison and Anson ratepayers is needed to move forward. Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th from 9 to noon. 2025 real estate and personal property taxes are due 8/27/2025. There is a Select Board workshop scheduled for 8/28/2025 at 3 pm.
7. Selectmen concerns. None.
8. Public session. Clarence Ayotte indicated that anyone can sign the M-A Water District petition that is circulating. A request was made to schedule workshops at the end of selectboard meetings.
9. Adjourn. There being no other business, Brenda made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.