

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street
April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Call meeting to order. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
2. Old business:
 - A) Review and approve the minutes of April 14th and April 16th. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14 and 16. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0.
 - B) Review and approve Treasurer warrants #39- current. Brenda made a motion to approve the warrants. Larry seconded. Treasurer read the details: #39 payroll - \$10,422.39; #40 AP - \$6,716.37; #41 payroll - \$20,746.26; #42 AP - \$61,041.36 and #43 AP - \$1,648.40. Vote 5-0.
 - C) Review financial reports with the Treasurer. Nancy reviewed the expense summary report, revenues and the general ledger reports with the board. Brenda made a motion to approve the financials (January through April). Sharon seconded. Vote 5-0.
3. New business:
 - A) Discuss 2026-2027 school budget with RSU #74 Superintendent. Mark Campbell discussed the upcoming 2026-2027 budget and the comparison of summary accounts. The proposed budget accounts for a reduction in staff (one at CCS and a bus driver vacancy that won't be filled) and a new bus. The expenditure budget is 2.45% over last year. Total revenues anticipated for 2026-2027 are 2.45% higher than the current fiscal year. With a decrease in local funds and an increase in special education revenues, Anson's share of the assessment is down \$49,904 over this year or -1.88%.
 - B) Approve Commercial Solid Waste Hauler's License for Tim's Trash and Gregory's Disposal. Brenda made a motion to approve the Commercial Solid Waste Hauler's License for Tim's Trash and Gregory's Disposal. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0.
 - C) Execute Paving Contract. Arty noted that when they measured the amount of shim needed to pave both Pease Hill Road and Campground Road, the cost was prohibitive, therefore, both Arty and Nate agreed that grinding and reclaiming the existing pavement would be the better option. Sharon made a motion to execute the Paving Contract with Manzer's Fine Grade. Larry seconded. Vote 5-0.
 - D) Discuss 2022/2023 foreclosed property list for potential sale. Benjamin Sharum has paid his 2023 taxes for two properties on County road. Sharon made a motion to execute a Municipal Quitclaim deed to Benjamin Sharum. Brenda seconded.

Vote 5-0. Steven & Lisa Siconio who reside at 50 Four Mile Square road have signed a Land Purchase Installment Contract whereby they'll make an initial payment of \$250 and will pay \$929 monthly for 5 months, until the taxes are current. Sharon made a motion to approve the contract with Steven & Lisa Siconio, to re-purchase their property located at 50 Four Mile Square Road in accordance with the provisions of the contract. Brenda seconded. Vote 5-0. Rachel Beane's mobile home which is taxes separately from the land, is being used for storage. Roger Peppard, assessor's agent, recommended we write off the taxes as uncollectible. He will update the property card that the mobile home is sitting on to include the "storage unit" moving forward. Sharon made a motion to write off the trailer taxes for 2022 through 2025, a total tax of \$447.67. Brenda seconded. Vote 5-0. The Board discussed the tax acquired parcels for Estate of Victor Carrigan (in flood zone and building may be uninhabitable; town to tear down and keep was suggested), Jessica Conant, who is still residing at 24 Front Street (go to house to notify of potential tax sale), Karen Mattingly, who may be residing in Embden on West Shore Road (write another letter).

E) Appoint new Town Administrator, Tax Collector and Treasurer. Larry made a motion to appoint Angelica (Angel) Aguirre as Administrator, Tax Collector and Treasurer effective May 26, 2026. Leanne seconded. Vote 5-0. Nancy noted that Camden National Bank will need a letter and minutes to remove Nancy Gove as an authorized signer on town accounts and add Angelica Aguirre effective May 26, 2026 and another letter to Sheri Quatrala, government manager for Camden, to authorize Nancy to set up another account to deposit via wire transfer, the bond proceeds upon closing. Sharon made a motion to authorize the letters as written. Larry seconded. It was noted that after 5/26/2026, Angel will need to contact the bank to have Nancy's name removed from the bond account. Vote 5-0.

4. Other business:

A) Items from the Board. None.

B) Items from the Administrator. Just a couple of reminders: 1) selectboard workshop scheduled for 4/30 at 3 p.m.; and KVRWC (interlocal recycling program) meeting on May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

5. Department head reports: Road Commissioner; Fire Chief; EMA Director; Administrator.

Arty – the crew has been sweeping streets in preparation for the paving projects. Arty has graded 4 roads. He's pulled the heavy weight limit posters on all paved roads and will pull posters on dirt roads probably next week. They've also been chipping brush along roadsides. Arty indicated that there's one applicant for the full-time vacancy in the highway department.

Stacy – engines 82 & 83 have passed inspection. The Boat has been serviced. There were two fires, one was a trash fire and the other was a grass fire. Stacy indicated that there will be restitution for both homeowners. Lance will start working on the new generator the first or second week of May.

Brenda – went to the EMA meeting this week put on by Sara Bickford regarding warming shelters and cooling centers. It was a good meeting. They plan to work

with the surrounding areas to assess what we all have and don't have. The county has some emergency portable generators and some road signs available at the EOC on a first come first served basis. Communication is an issue, weather knocks out service, internet, telephones, etc. making it difficult to get information out to the public. They are trying to recruit some Ham Radio operators. Sara has a list of just a couple operators in this area.

Nancy-Spring Clean-up went well as long as we had an attendant available on site. Thank you to both Larry and Brenda for overseeing the cleanup event, they did a fabulous job making sure the grounds were picked up and that materials were properly sorted. Metal wasn't picked up until Monday and left unattended on Sunday; trash was thrown into the container causing the town to pay to haul off instead of getting some revenue from the metal. Nancy's not sure Skowhegan Metal will come next year as this is the second year in a row, where there are problems with the metal bin. Nancy is communicating with Cheyenne Stevens, Interim town Manager of Madison, regarding the summer rec program. Currently neither town has a summer rec director. Cheyenne is reaching out to Skowhegan Outdoors to see if they have someone to run the program. A decision will be reached in the next week as to whether we can offer a program for the children this summer. Liz Caruso, through a SEDC grant, is giving the town a free 65"-70" smart TV for our meeting room. The Somerset County budget meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 6 p.m. at the courthouse in Skowhegan. The proposed county budget is \$35,634 over last year's assessment.

6. Selectmen concerns. Sharon asked what the board wanted to do about the ant problem. The board suggested spray/pest control measures.
7. Public session. None.
8. Adjourn. Sharon made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.