

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street
November 12, 2025, at 6 p.m.**

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

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Review and approve the minutes of October 28, 2025. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
2. Approve warrants #113 - #117 and financial reports for month of October. Brenda made a motion to approve the warrants. Larry seconded. Discussion: Treasurer Gove reported that the warrants approved were as follows: #113 – payroll - \$9,544.84; #114 – Accts Payable - \$3,656.50; #115 – Payroll - \$18,412.40; #116 – accts payable - \$1,154.24; and #117 - accts payable - \$256,918.70. Financial expense reports for administration, highway and fire departments were reviewed. Jim asked if the November expense reports could show the percentage spent on each budget. Nancy will generate the desired reports for the board. Revenue budgets were reviewed. Vote 4-0.
3. Discussion with Paul Frederick, candidate for District 2 County Commissioner. Both Paul Frederick and Donald Skillings were present to speak on their skillset and interest in being a county commissioner. Anson will have one vote at the caucus on November 19th.
4. Discussion with EMA and RSU 74 for Emergency Shelter Plan for Carrabec Community School. Mark Campbell had a scheduling conflict and couldn't attend the meeting. It is postponed until November 25th.
5. Approve sewer abatement requests. Sharon made a motion to approve two sewer abatement requests totaling \$157.40. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
6. Set budget schedule for 2026 budget: start thinking about 2025 Town Report dedication. The budget meetings will start at 5 p.m. on December 9th and 23rd. Any unfinished budget reviews will be held the following Tuesday (December 16th and 30th) beginning at 5 p.m. The board agreed to invite the Advisory board to these budget meetings. Board to consider dedication of annual report.
7. Department head reports: Road Commissioner: Arty reported that Stevens Electric provided a quote to repair the backup pump for Pump Station #1 at a cost of \$2,964.62. Madison Street repair work has now created a duck pond. Arty said we need to grate up to the manhole and keep the manholes clear of dirt to take care of the stormwater. They've also been working on putting gravel down and brush cutting – they've cut 16 miles of paved roads. A couple of trucks are down for repairs. Arty said logging/twitching on our gravel roads is damaging them and would like to pass that cost onto the landowner/woodcutter so he drafted a letter to give to landowner/wood cutters for damages and asked the board for approval.

Fire Chief: Stacy reported that the North Station open house held on December 31st was successful; however, combining it with Halloween was not. They've decided to stop giving out candy because of school Halloween functions and the popular trunk or treating. Fine Line finished crack-sealing the south station parking lot. Engine 84's air tanks need to be replaced - general maintenance was done. Lance Arsenault looked at the exterior outlets that were tripping the breakers; he said water was getting into the outlet and dried it out. Lance is also updating the generator quote. No word yet from Lucas striping to paint the north station parking lot – wait until spring at this point.

Administrative Assistant: Nancy reported that the signed Accts Payable warrants will now be uploaded to the website for public viewing. Anson applied for a Somerset county Matching Grant to remove the railroad ties on town roads. BTS quoted 6 new battery backups to protect our new computer investment from power surges. The town attorney would like to schedule a meeting with the Selectboard to discuss the Viles case. Nomination papers for our local election seats will be available later this month to be taken out.

8. Selectmen concerns. None.

9. Public session. Harriet Bryant wanted to follow up on the water drain issue on Madison Street as the water is now dumping into her field. She had pictures to show the board. Arty is working on repairing the drainage issue.

Animal control concerns. Lack of response from our ACO for dogs at large, dog attacks, etc. ACO is not responding to citizens' calls for service/complaints. The Board will address it.

Hiring a Customer Service Representative for Administration was questioned. There has been no action to date primarily due to the lack of resumes received to date. It was noted that interviews have yet to be scheduled. The Board asked that the Administrator put it back out to the municipal group.

10. Adjourn. Brenda made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.