

# TOWN OF ANSON

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To Madison M. Murray, a citizen of the Town of Anson in the County of Somerset and State of Maine.

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Anson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Garret Schenck School, Anson on the 8th day of March, 2025, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, to elect all town officers and to transact all other business as herein enumerated in the articles of the warrant. For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a moderator and remain open until 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. The transaction of the other business as herein enumerated will begin at 2:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1) To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2) To elect the following officers: 2 Selectmen (3-year terms), 2 School Board Directors for RSU/SAD #74 (3-year terms), 1 Trustee for the Anson-Madison Sanitary District (3-year term), and 1 Trustee for the Anson & Madison Water District (3-year term). Polls located at Garret Schenck School will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 3) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budgets for 2026 between January 1, 2026 and the date of the regular 2026 Town Meeting with the exception of the Highway and General Assistance budgets. *By law are allowed.*

Request:

Selectmen Recommendation:

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried

Vote

Motion carried

Vote

*5-0 SM 2*

ARTICLE 4) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to set the date that property taxes shall become due and payable as August 15 annually or 30 calendar days after commitment, whichever is greater, and to authorize the Tax Collector to charge an rate of interest (7.5%) after that date if not paid until thereafter.

*SM 2*

Selectmen Recommendation:

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried

Vote

Motion carried

Vote

*5-0*

ARTICLE 6) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to permit the Board of Selectmen to pay for abatements out of the Overlay Account.

*By law true to,*

Request:

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Advisory Board Recommendation

Motion carried

Vote 5-0

Motion carried

Vote 3-0

*Removal  
5-0*

*SM-L2*

ARTICLE 7) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the budget of **Administration (includes Selectmen wages)**.

Administration \$ 492,495  
Selectmen \$ 14,705 - add'l \$200 for Training

Request: \$ 507,200, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

J-M  
L-2

ARTICLE 8) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the budget of **Special Officers** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the officials for the ensuing year.

Special Officers \$ 21,395

Planning Board

\$ 1,640

M 33

Request:

\$ 23,035, from Taxation and ACO fees

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

J-M L-2

ARTICLE 9) To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$7,918 for the **Kennebec Regional Development Authority aka First Park Assessment**.

Request: \$ 7,918, from First Park Revenues

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried -5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried

J-M L-2

ARTICLE 10) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Anson Fire Department**.

Request: \$400,445, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote -5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

Combined  
operation  
+  
fuel time.

J-M  
L-2

ARTICLE 11) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate a match for the **Maine Forest Service Grant**.

Request: \$ 4,800, any match to be used to offset this expense

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

J-M  
L-2

Comes w/ 50% match - reimbursement from state of ME  
can spend up to \$4,800

ARTICLE 12) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate on behalf of the Town to provide fire protection to the Town of Embden.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

ARTICLE 13) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for subsidy to the **AMS Ambulance Service**.

Request:    \$ 50,402 from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 4-0-1  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

ARTICLE 14) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for **Emergency Management** Services.

Request:    \$ 3,455, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 4-0-1  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

ARTICLE 15) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Street Lights** budget.

Request:    \$ 32,000, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

ARTICLE 16) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying the **Storm Drain Services**.

Request:    \$10,000, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

ARTICLE 17) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Hydrant** budget.

Request:    \$ 145,000, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes                      Motion carried    Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation:                      Motion carried    Vote

J. M.  
L-2

50,000 Grant  
Spend just under 50,000  
State will reimburse  
up to 5,000

ARTICLE 18) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for the Town's share of the **ATV Rail Grant**.

Request: \$ 5,000, from Surplus

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation: Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 19) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Highway** budget.

Request: \$697,636  
Reduced by: \$640,748 (2024 Excise Taxes/LRAP)  
To Be Raised by Taxation: \$ 56,888

From State of ME

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation: Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 20) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation** budget.

Request: \$ 36,240, from Taxation

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation: Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 21) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **After-School Program** for Anson students.

Request: \$7,885, from Taxation

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation: Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 22) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate franchise fees received from Spectrum and Bee Line Cable for support of **CATV-11**.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Advisory Board Recommendation: Motion carried Vote

J-m  
J-2

ARTICLE 23) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Shelter**.

Request: \$ 6,186, from Taxation

J-m  
L-S

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 24) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Library** budget.

Request: \$ 8,500.00 - Stewart Public Library  
\$ 7,500.00 - Madison Public Library  
\$16,000.00, from Taxation

J-m  
S-L

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 25) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Food Cupboard** budget.

Request: \$13,000, from Taxation

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 26) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for the **General Assistance** budget.

Request: \$ 3,150, from Surplus

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 27) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Madison-Anson Days Celebration**.

Request: \$ 6,000, from Taxation

J-m  
L-2

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Motion carried Vote 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 28) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of supporting the following **charitable organizations**:

Requests: \$ 16,489, from Taxation

Madison-Anson Senior Citizens	\$ 700
Family Violence Project	\$ 4,375
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 800
Spectrum Generations	\$ 3,012
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 3,227
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$ 1,000
KVCAP Transportation	\$ 1,275
KVCAP – Child & Family	\$ 1,500
Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 600
Sea Cadets - \$500 here???? <i>Remove.</i>	
Total	\$ 16,489

*correct amount*

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*J-m  
L-2*

ARTICLE 29) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Cemetery, Monument, Decorations**, Windmill repair and North Anson Pond Property (**River Road Fountain**) budget.

*Removed*

Request: \$ 14,900, from Taxation

*J-m  
L-2*

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 30) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for subsidy to the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation (**Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**).

Request: \$ 50,510, from Taxation

*J-m  
L-2*

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 31) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the disposal of **Solid Waste** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for same.

Request: \$ 150,000, from Taxation

*J-m  
L-2*

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

ARTICLE 32) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service**.

Request: \$ 424,291, from Taxation (\$288,403) and Fire Capital Reserves (135,888)  
Road Bond (Pmt 4 of 5) \$124,176  
Loader (Pmt 1 of 3) \$ 23,427  
Grader (Pmt 1 of 6) \$ 72,302  
One Ton (Pmt 1 of 5) \$ 9,414  
Western Star (Pmt 1 of 5) \$ 59,084  
Fire Truck (Pmt 2 of 6) \$135,888, from Fire Capital Reserve Fund

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 33) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for **Flooring at the Town Office**.

Request: \$ 11,000, Funded by: <sup>electronic</sup> \$5,000 CTCL Grant; \$6,000 Surplus

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 34) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for **Fire Capital Reserves (Embden)**.

Request: \$ 65,000, from Town of Embden Fire Protection

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

place into Fire Reserve

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 35) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate into the **Fire Capital Reserve for SCBA tank replacement and Carbon Monoxide Detector**.

Request \$ 6,000, from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion Carried Vote 5-0  
Motion Carried Vote

Remove  
Replace in 2032

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 36) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate to repair the parking lot at the North Anson Fire Station

Request \$40,000, \$25,000 from parking lot revs; \$15,000 Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board recommendation:

Motion Carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

grewed + seal  
this year

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 37) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **North Anson Sewer Line Repair** project. *North Main St.*

Request \$121,194 from Taxation

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board recommendation:

Motion Carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*J-M  
L-2*

ARTICLE 38) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's Share of the FEMA – DR4696 (Dec 2022 storm).

Request \$ 20,235 from Taxation *is the 550.*

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board recommendation:

Motion Carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*J-M  
L-2*

ARTICLE 39) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to transfer the entire balance of the snowmobile reimbursement fund to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club.

Request: Yes

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*J-M  
L-2*

*Language changed*  
ARTICLE 40) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*J-M  
L-2*

ARTICLE 41) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to designate which budgets with balances will be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote

*S-M  
J-2*



ARTICLE 42) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to maintain a five-member committee (Advisory Board), and two alternates with voting rights when necessary to fulfill a quorum, to serve as consultants to the municipal officers, members to have names placed on a list ranked according to date of call to the Administrative Assistant.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote 3-0

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 43) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and administer grants including RPA and all other Federal Grants, gifts of money, equipment or other articles for the Town as the Selectmen deem advisable.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote 3-0

S-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 44) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend departmental revenues received during the year.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote 3-0

J-m  
L-2

ARTICLE 45) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts, if necessary, and pay any incurred interest from the Overlay account.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes  
Advisory Board Recommendation:

Motion carried Vote 5-0  
Motion carried Vote 3-0

J-m  
L-2

Given under our hands this day of February, 2025.

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Arnold P. Luce, Chairman

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~~Brenda L. Garland~~, Vice Chairman  
James Smith.

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~~James Smith~~  
Brenda L. Garland.

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Larry McHugh

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Sharon Mellows

Citizens Return:

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Anson of the time and place of the town meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the following locations:

All being conspicuous public places.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Madison M. Murray

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attested Copy, Kimberly J. Moody, Town Clerk