

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025

@ 5 Kennebec Street

6:00pm

Chair Arnold Luce, Vice Chair Jim Smith, Brenda Garland, Larry McHugh, Sharon Mellows (All Present)

Executive Session Consultations with legal counsel at 6:00 PM – Jim motion, Brenda second, passed 5-0 came out of Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. - Jim motion, Brenda second, passed 5-0 – No action taken

1. Minutes of May 27, 2025 Board of Selectmen meeting – Brenda motion, Larry second, needed correction on #6 Selectmen concerns, figures incorrect and total – passed with corrections 5-0
2. Warrant & Financials – Brenda motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
3. Department Head
 - a. Highway – Arty
 - started working on May storm and will finish after Arty comes back from vacation
 - Been ditching and the Mayhew Road at the culvert has a Beaver problem – they opened and placed screening to prevent Beaver's from blocking again
 - one road left to grade
 - North Station Fire Station parking lot is graded and ready for paving
 - Tractor parts came in and it has been repaired
 - sprayed frames of trucks to help preserve
 - Fire Chief will give out information regarding the generator for North Fire Station
 - b. Fire Chief – Stacey
 - Two vehicle accidents
 - 69-69 total calls this includes 19 for Embden – 6 more and they will have met their max of 25 calls
 - Rescued an abandon boat in Embden Pond
 - Air compressor was used but not hooked back to fire truck. When checked the nipple on air hose was broken. Once fire truck is started the fill time is approximately two minutes to fill and then the auto disconnect happens
 - County Line Electric, North Anson, ME felt after they consulted with Ben Grover, Service Manager at Mid Maine

Generator regarding the generator needs for the North Fire Station. They felt the 48KW Kohler propane generator for \$33,800.00 which would require a concrete pad – factory pad is not available. If the air tank filling compressor is needed during power outages this may be a better option but is not needed during power outages than the 26KW Kohler generator would suffice and cost is \$11,254.20 plus the 400A Automatic Transfer Switch

- Payroll for quarterly payroll was presented tonight for Board to review
- Cameras are needed for North Fire Station because someone has been entering the building who is non fire, playing with grade stakes. The code needs to be changed and cameras installed.
- For cameras, Tammy had received an estimate from computer Improvements. Ed McDonald Grant was received for \$3,000 and this could be put towards new cameras for North Fire Station. The cameras report into Administration office computer and if view would be viewed with Administrator
- There is \$133,766 left in Fire budget and this does not include the quarterly payroll for this year
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors - the new ones are on each fire truck and will detect propane now.

c. Treasurer: Nancy Gove

-the small matching grant for flooring was denied. The town will still proceed with the installation of flooring in Town Office. Rugs are very stained and cleaning does not help

-Spectrum is purchasing Bee Line Cable. Nancy has spoke with Spectrum and the transition date is 8/14/2025 and office will have no phone or internet (go dark) for a period of time. New phones and internet will need to be set up. Nancy would like to review the Beeline Franchise and other quotes from other vendors before finalizing. Cable companies cannot have multiple franchise agreements within the same town. Will do more research on this. There will be new emails with all this as well.

4. Finalize Special Town Meeting Warrant – Jim motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
 - Nancy read and explained the Articles
 - Wednesday, June 18th at Garret Schenck, time 7:00 PM
 - post warrant Wednesday, June 11th, 2025
 - Nancy indicated up to 4 days prior to meeting, minor changes can be made
 - Jeff Ireland asked that on the access road list the Solon Rd be retracted, but leave the Patterson Bridge Road. He needs to think about a new route to Patterson Bridge Road

5. Appoint Tax Collector – Nancy Gove
 - This is open ended
 - Jim made a motion to Appoint Tax Collector Nancy Gove, Larry second, passed 5-0
 - Nancy Gove asked to have the 2024 tax commitment recommitted to her so lien process can begin – uncollected is \$217,304.26 – Jim motion, Larry second, passed 5-0
6. Selectmen concerns: NONE
7. Public session
 - can branches be cut back in North Anson on the sidewalk by bridge
 - Will 1st quarter of on call fire fighters pay be paid out and if so when – Response by Nancy Gove – will wait till after Special Town Meeting
 - Lance Maginnis his purchase of diesel tank and two transmission and town paid for these – Chair Arnold Luce responded and said these were not purchased by the Town of Anson
8. Adjourn – 7:11 PM, Brenda motion, Larry second, passed 5-0