

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street**  
**April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call meeting to order. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Old business:
  - A) Review and approve the minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes. Leanne seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
  - B) Review and approve Treasurer warrants #26- current. Brenda made a motion to approve the treasurer warrants numbers 26 through 38. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
3. New business:
  - A) Discuss scheduling a "Spring Clean Up" at the Anson Town Office and staffing/volunteers to direct and oversee the roll off containers. The Board agreed to try to schedule a spring cleanup effort for Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - B) Discuss General Obligation Bond Debt Service Schedule. Brenda made a motion to award the 2026 paving work to Nate Manzer at a bid of \$2,043,211. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent. Nancy to draw up a contract for signatures. Nancy reported that the first payment, an interest payment, is due this November. We were not told that a payment would be due this year. The board agreed to take what we can from the bond with the balance to come from the Highway operating budget.
  - C) Review and approve supplemental tax certificate and sewer abatement. Sharon made a motion to approve the supplemental tax to Norman Luce for removing some acreage from tree growth. Leanne seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent. Brenda made a motion to grant a refunded abatement to Heidi Vicneire for a meter reading error. Leanne seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
  - D) Execute Municipal Quitclaim Deeds. There are four properties that have paid their tax acquired property bills (real estate and one sewer lien): Dawn Parker, Leah May, Vincent & Amanda Nilo and David Ellis. Sharon made a motion to approve all four municipal quitclaim deeds. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
  - E) Discuss draft Penny Discontinuance Policy. Nancy discussed her draft policy. After some brief discussion, the board agreed not to adopt the policy. The Board would like to see a penny discontinuance notice on the website and town office door. If we run out of pennies, we're to contact the Select Board for a penny supply replenishment or other action.

4. Other business:
  - A) Items from the Board. Leanne suggested that the Board formally accept Nancy's letter of resignation. Leanne made a motion to accept Nancy Gove's resignation. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
  - B) Items from the Administrator. Nancy has the Sewer Commitment ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026. Sharon made a motion to accept the sewer commitment for quarter 26-1. Leanne seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.

The first quarter fire payroll is ready for payout. Nancy indicated that the hourly rate of pay for firefighters needs to be updated from \$19/hour to \$19.57/hour. Once the board has reviewed the fire payroll, approval needs to be given to the administrator. Payout will most likely be April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Highway: two bids were received for the two old sidewalk machines with attachments were opened. Both bids were from Chris Roy; he bid \$7,800 for the machine, angel plow, snowblower, sander and flail mower and he bid \$3,200 for the 1998 trackless snowblower, finish mower and v plow. Arty said the offers are too low, he thinks he can get a better price. Brenda made a motion to reject the two bids from Chris Roy. Leanne seconded. Vote 4-0-1 absent.
5. Department head reports:

Road Commissioner-Arty reported that his crews are cutting stubs (from the brush cutting effort last fall) on Horseback Road. The two new sewer pumps are installed. Highway will start street sweeping and doing leaf cleanup next week. New excavator was delivered on Monday. Town of Madison would like to store salt in our salt shed temporarily while they're fixing their shed. New Highway full-time position has not yet been posted on the town's website;

Fire Chief-Stacy reported that Engine 83 is having some issues and needs repairs, along with Engine 84's deck gun. Tires need to be rotated on the Forestry unit. The boat needs to be serviced and licensed. She also indicated that portable lighting in all vehicles needs to be replaced. Stacy sent out 5-6 letters to existing firefighters who have missed BLS training and they haven't been to meetings, which may lead to termination. She would like to have the parking lot sealed at the new north station. The compressor for the south station needs to be replaced as the tank is rusted through. They need an air dryer at the north station;

EMA Director-Brenda reported that there's a Somerset county EMA meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 11 am at Old Point Avenue; and

Administrative Assistant-Nancy sent out 30-day lien notices for 2025 unpaid taxes. Commercial hauler licensing was sent out. The Attorney General's Office is about to issue a Motion to Enforce on the Viles matter. Nancy sent the draft Safe Zones policy to MMA for comments. Nancy reported that Bob's Cash Fuel will be installing the heat pump and propane heat monitor in the meeting room next week.
6. Selectmen concerns. None.
7. Public session. Maryanne Ayotte inquired about the KVRWC meeting. Jim responded that it went fairly well, they'll meet again next month. Kari provided

information on the 2024 spring clean-up effort. Kari asked about minutes and warrants on the website. Nancy said once minutes are approved, they are uploaded. With the March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes being approved this evening, the March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes are the most current available. She will ask Kim to upload the A/P warrants.

8. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion by Sharon, seconded by Brenda. Vote 4-0-1 absent.