

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Anson Town Office, 5 Kennebec Street
October 14, 2025 (workshop begins at 5:00 p.m.; meeting starts no later
than 6 p.m.)

Attendance: Workshop attendees included Jim Smith, Larry McHugh, Brenda Garland, Sharon Mellows and Nancy Gove. Selectmen's meeting attendees included the full board, Nancy Gove, Stacy Beane, Arty Lane and Andrew Hupper.

The workshop was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **WORKSHOP:** Review and draft changes to Solid Waste Ordinance for the Town of Anson, Maine. The Board reviewed the current Solid Waste Ordinance and agreed to add a section for the issuance of Transfer station stickers. The Board was also in agreement to remove any fees from the ordinance and create a separate fee schedule policy. This policy will address the licensing requirements for commercial haulers, incorporate Waste Management fees for specialty items such as tires, etc. The Board agreed not to charge customers for landfill stickers nor regulate how many vehicles a resident can use to transport solid waste. Nancy will work on a draft ordinance.
2. Review and approve the minutes of September 16th and 23rd Select Board meetings. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16 & 23. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. Approve warrants #101 - #107 and September financials. Treasurer Gove reported that the warrants issued were as follows: 101- payroll \$110,301.92; 102 accts payable - \$3,054.53; 103 payroll - \$9,649.22; 104 accts payable - \$9,750.59; 105 payroll - \$7,853.20; 106 sewer accts payable - \$4,108.38; and 107 town accts payable - \$370,440.58. Sharon made a motion to approve the warrants and the financial reports. Larry seconded. Vote 4-0. Jim asked if the Treasurer would provide the board with a report that shows the percentage spent and/or remaining. Nancy will get the board a summary report with the desired information on it.
4. Approve commercial haulers license. There are three licenses to approve – Gregory's Disposal, Tim's Trash and Waste Management. Brenda made a motion to approve the licenses for the three haulers. Sharon seconded. Vote 4-0.
5. Review and approve real estate and sewer abatements and real estate and personal property supplemental taxes. Treasurer Gove said there were two abatements for the 2nd quarter sewer billing due to having private septic

systems. The total to be abated is \$71.60. Sharon made a motion to grant the sewer abatements. Larry seconded. Motion carried, vote 4-0. Roger Peppard, assessor's agent provided a list of real estate tax abatement requests, a total of 7 accounts with a total abatement of \$3,568.75. Sharon made a motion to grant the abatements for those 7 accounts at a total of \$3,568.75. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0. There were four supplemental bills to be approved, three of real estate and one was personal property. Sharon made a motion to approve the supplemental bills totaling \$8,783.42. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0. Nancy mentioned that the town received a letter from Maine Revenue Services stating that the declared certified ratio for 2024 was not correct and that, because of the error, the state wants to be reimbursed for an overpayment of \$16,000. Nancy spoke with Roger Peppard who will look into it when he comes October 15th. He instructed us not to pay the assessment from the state.

6. Approve sewer commitment for 3rd quarter billing (25-3). Treasurer Gove reported that the 3rd quarter billing was not yet available and would be processed on Thursday this week.
7. Discuss and approve Application to Register Beano/Bingo for Tardiff-Belanger American Legion Post #39. The board had the option of authorizing a one-year license to play bingo or with a letter of support, they may approve up to 5-year term. Sharon made a motion to approve a 5-year license for the legion to play bingo/beano. Brenda seconded. Vote 4-0.
8. Discuss youth sports recreation program. Nancy had attended a rec meeting in Solon with our new rec director for youth sports, representatives from Solon and Embden. The three towns have effectively agreed to share a single rec director; however, it became apparent that we need to structure the committee/organization with bylaws which establish the sharing of a person and how the program will function.
9. Department head reports:
Road Commissioner – Arty started with the sewer department. Pump stations 1 and 2 were down three times within a week. We had Steven's Electric come on Tuesday, Thursday and again on the Monday holiday (10/13). What they found was disposable wipes were being flushed into the sewer system. He can narrow down where it's coming from. He's asked Nancy to send a letter to sewer customers instructing them NOT to flush them and other items. He's looking into purchasing an electric crane which would allow the highway department the ability to lift the pumps to clean them when a pump goes down. The prices are between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

He's had his crew working on dirt roads and next week, they'll be doing brush cutting. Frank Martin has asked the town if they can take a short video of one of our operators running equipment purchased through them. The board

supports this.

Fire Chief – Stacy reported that #81 had a muffler replaced and has been inspected. They are doing truck checks and found that engine 84 has an air leak and some rust.

During Fire Prevention Week, Firefighter Rick is scheduled to come to the North Anson Station instead of the schools to work with the children on fire safety.

They've scheduled their open house up to the north station and agreed to do it on Halloween, 10/31 during the day and will serve refreshments to the public.

Hose testing will be done the end of the month.

Town received the safety grant for up to \$3,000 for the security cameras at the north station.

She's getting estimates to do the parking lot striping.

She asked the board for permission to order necessary supplies up to \$1,000 without their approval. The Board granted permission.

Administrative Assistant – Nancy indicated that the town didn't have anyone participate in the household hazardous collection event; because we agreed to participate, we were charged a percentage of the setup fee.

FEMA funds for the May 2023 storm came through. This completes the reimbursements for the disasters except for our management costs and the town's share up to 10%.

Computers have been installed at all locations and we're working out the glitches.

We've only received three applications for the administrative job position and none for the full-time seasonal highway position. Nancy will wait two weeks to see if anyone with municipal experience applies and will revisit the positions at the next meeting.

Nancy received a written animal control complaint from Animal Welfare with cited a specific location. She will work on the request for information.

Nancy asked Andrew to come to the meeting to discuss ACO calls received during the day. Andrew thought the sheriff's office would handle calls during the day but all they'll say is to contact the town. An alternate ACO was discussed. The board supports looking for some additional help with ACO needs.

10. Selectmen concerns. None.
11. Public session. Concerns with 45 Preble Avenue were mentioned, both with garbage and sewage.
12. Adjourn. Brenda made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.