

TOWN OF ORANGE  
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2024

Present: Eric Holmgren, Sheila Stone, Kevin Wilson  
Town Clerk Ginny Raboin, Assistant Clerk Diane Waters

Guests: Sue Perreault, David Childs, Lee Youngman, Tim Stone, John McNeil

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chair Holmgren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda: Stone requested Item 3 (OCSD Contract) be moved to after Item 4 (Consider Budget).
4. Discuss/Consider 2024 Budget: The General Fund and Highway Fund proposed budgets were reviewed. Youngman requested the town hold a Budget Forum prior to Town Meeting. The board agreed to meet for a final budget meeting on Thursday, January 25 at 5:00 pm.
3. Discuss/Consider Orange County Sheriff's Contract: Holmgren explained the OCSD was concerned that the town was budgeting only \$8,000 for their 2024 contract. The board feels there will be no problem canceling the contract if they want to increase it to \$15,000 after the budget is finalized. Stone will call the OCSD and explain.
5. Discuss/Consider Town Meeting Warning: Last year's warning was reviewed and new items added for this year. A draft warning will be typed for review at the January 25 budget meeting. Moderator Childs requested a copy be sent to him for his review.
6. Discuss/Consider Appointing Listers: Holmgren explained the Vermont Tax Department needs our Grand List information sent to them as soon as possible. Because the town presently has no Board of Listers, the selectboard can appoint two who can submit the necessary information to the Tax Dept. On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to appoint Town Clerk Raboin and Assistant Clerk Waters as listers until Town Meeting.
7. Discuss/Consider Upcoming Grants: Some of the town's pending grants were discussed. Wilson suggested the town consider solar lighting at the Park & Ride.
8. Discuss/Consider Approving Warrants – Payroll and Accounts Payable: Wilson stated he spoke to the former ACO and she will continue to board dogs for the town at the same rate as previously. On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to approve the Payroll and AP warrants.

9. Discuss/Consider Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes for December 21, 2023, December 28, 2023, and January 8, 2024 were reviewed. Holmgren advised the minutes need to be posted on the town website; if unable, it should be documented why. On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 21 as presented, and the minutes of December 28 and January 8 as modified.
10. Adjourn: On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Waters, Assistant Town Clerk