

TOWN OF ORANGE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES November 13th, 2024

The Meeting of the Town of Orange Selectboard was called to order in person by Selectboard Chair Steve Simpson at 6:13pm in the Town Hall at Orange, Vermont. In attendance were: Selectboard Members Steve Simpson, Wayne Symonds, and Kevin Wilson. Other Town Staff in attendance were Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire, Lister/Delinquent Tax Collector John McNeil, and Cemetery Commissioner Michael Raboin, Jr. Residents in attendance were Tim Stone, Sheila Stone, and Lee Youngman.

Approve Selectboard Minutes

Motion moved by SB Member Symonds to approve the Selectboard Minutes for October 28th, 2024 as written. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Motion moved by SB Member Symonds to approve the Selectboard Minutes for November 1st and November 8th, 2024 as written. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Approve Agenda

* SB Chair Simpson presented information from Vermont Declaration of Inclusion to the Board. This was not added to the agenda.

Motion moved by SB Member Symonds to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Road Commissioner's Report

- A. Riddel Pond Culvert
 - a. Work on the culvert replacement has begun.
- B. Tree Cutting
 - a. A qualified professional in town has quoted the Town \$2,800 or less.
- C. Winter Sand
 - a. The cost will be approximately \$38,000 for 3,000 yards.

Motion moved by SB Chair Simpson to approve purchase of sand – 3,000 yards at \$38,000. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Town Clerk Report

- A. The election went well, with 73% of voters casting ballots.
- B. RC Brayshaw is to be contracted to print the Town Report.
- C. Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire requested the Selectboard review a packet of information on an online payment processing system.

FEMA Disaster Declared 7/10-11/2024 Flood

- A. The Site Visit planned for 11/14/2024 was cancelled.

Warrants/Payroll

SB Member Symonds moved to approve Accounts Payable Warrants dated 11/13/2024, with the exception of a \$20 check to Washington Electric Cooperative. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson.

SB Member Symonds moved to approve reimbursement to Kevin Wilson for \$20 to Washington Electric Cooperative, dated 11/12/2024. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson.

SB Member Wilson moved to approve Payroll Warrants. Seconded by SB Member Symonds.

Awarded 2024 PACIF Grant

- A. The Town is anticipating a check for \$743.22 from Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to help with upgrades to the Town Clerk's Office.

Recreation Committee Policy

- A. Recreation Committee member Lee Youngman presented a Governance Document, under the guidance of VLCT, which was amended to fit the Town of Orange.
- B. Youngman and SB Members reviewed the document for potential amendments.
- C. Youngman announced a Tree Lighting event to take place outside of the Town Hall on December 6th.

Listers E&O

- A. Lister John McNeil presented errors and omissions in order to request a change to the Grand List.

Motion moved by SB Member Wilson to accept changes that McNeil mentioned to Mr. Tremblay's property. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson.

Establish Delinquent Tax Policy

- A. Delinquent Tax Collector John McNeil presented a revised policy with amendments pertaining to the Tax Sale timeline.
- B. The Board discussed holding two public readings of the Policy to be held during the Selectboard Meetings on November 25th and December 9th.

RFP For Tax Reappraisal

- * The Board discussed a deadline to receive proposals.
- * The Board discussed a potential budget for the project.

Sb Member Symonds moved to approve the RFP, changing the deadline to receive RFPs to February 1st, 2025. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Public Comment

- * SB Member Symonds reiterated Mike Raboin's idea to speak with Emergency Management about putting a water tank above the school.

Adjournment

SB Member Symonds moved to adjourn at 8:08pm. Seconded by SB Member Wilson.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25th, 2024.

The open portions of the meeting were recorded via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk