

TOWN OF ORANGE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES February 24th, 2025

The Meeting of the Town of Orange Selectboard was called to order in person at 7:14pm in the Town Hall at Orange, Vermont. In attendance were Selectboard Members Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, and Wayne Symonds. Other Town staff present were Lister/Delinquent Tax Collector John McNeil and Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire. Members of the public present were Lisa Woodworth, Tim Stone, Sheila Stone, Eric Holmgren, Michael Raboin, Jr., and Gary Eggleston.

Approve Agenda

* SB Chair Simpson requested to add Executive Session after Public Comment.

SB Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve the agenda. SB Member Symonds seconded.

Approve Minutes

SB Member Symonds moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 10th, 2025. SB Vice-Chair Wilson seconded.

Road Commissioner's Report

- A. SB Vice-Chair Wilson shared that in order to grade the snowbanks back, the Town has been waiting on a part from United, as the current part is unsafe for use.
- B. Wilson stated that the truck has come back from the garage and is running, and the other truck is to be taken back to McLeod's to be looked at again.
 - a. SB Member Symonds inquired about the borrowed State truck.
 - i. Wilson stated that it worked, but not with the new sand, and the State took it back on Friday to give to another town in need.
- C. Wilson had opened the Air Compressor bids, and it was awarded to Eric Holmgren for \$150.

Town Clerk's Report

- A. Town Clerk Magwire presented copies of the Orange County Sheriff's Department contract for review.
 - a. SB Member Symonds stated that he feels the Board should wait until after Town Meeting to better evaluate policing contracts.
 - i. Mrs. Stone inquired as to if we have a current contract with the Sheriff's Department.
 - 1. The Board clarified that the contract has expired.
 - b. A Sheriff's Deputy present stated willingness to meet with the Board and discuss logistics.

- B. Mrs. Magwire gave an update on preparations for Town Meeting.
- C. Mrs. Magwire restated the formatting error with the Budget in the Town Report, and offered to bring more clear copies to Town Meeting.

Warrants/Payroll

SB Member Symonds moved to approve the Accounts Payable warrant dated February 24th, 2025.

Sb Member Symonds moved to approve the Payroll warrants for February 15th, 2025 and February 22nd, 2025.

Public Comment

- * Gary Eggleston inquired as to if the Town was still looking for a new Treasurer.
- * Eric Holmgren shared that he was upset with a Public Records Request that had gone unanswered.

Executive Session (1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1))

SB Member Symonds moved to enter executive session at 7:46pm. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

No action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk