

TOWN OF ORANGE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES March 24th, 2025

The Meeting of the Town of Orange Selectboard was called to order in person by SB Chair Steve Simpson at 6:48pm in the Town Hall at Orange, Vermont. In attendance were Selectboard Members Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, and Kristin Paya. Also in attendance were Carmella Tucker, Susan Childs, Lisa Woodworth, Lee Cattaneo, John McNeil, Gary Eggleston, Edward Coniff, Alexia Voitle, Jo-Ellen Coates, Sabrina Farrar, Sheila Stone, Tim Stone, Ginny Raboin, Michael Raboin, Eric Holmgren, Adele Blaisdel, and Aaron Blaisdel.

Approve Agenda

* SB Chair Simpson recommended that the Board consider a motion to add the ratifying of a severance agreement to the agenda, and to remove the 6:20, 6:30, and 6:45 timeslot items to be reconsidered at the April 14th, 2025 meeting.

SB Chair Simpson moved to approve the agenda as amended. SB Member Paya seconded.

Ratify Severance Agreement

SB Chair Simpson moved to ratify the severance agreement, seconded by SB Member Paya. The motion passed on a 2/3 vote.

Approve Selectboard Minutes

SB Chair Simpson moved to approve the Selectboard Minutes from March 10th, 2025. SB Vice-Chair Wilson seconded.

* SB Chair Simpson requested that the motion to add Selectboard Rules of Procedure be stricken from the March 10th minutes, as the item was not discussed during the meeting.

SB Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve the Selectboard Minutes from March 14th, 2025. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

Approve Town Meeting Minutes

SB Vice-Chair Wilson moved to table this item. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

Approve MPG Grant

SB Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve and sign the Grant. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

Approve/Discuss Audit

- * SB Chair Simpson shared that the estimated cost for the 2024 audit would be ~\$25,000.00, and that the Board has received an agreement for review. The Auditors have recommended to the Board that they audit the most recent year and move backward, with a similar cost for each year to be audited.
- * General discussion occurred between the Board and the Public regarding reconciliation, clarification on if all funds are accounted for, the timeline of the audit, and budgeting for multiple years audits.
- * The Board agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

Road Commissioner's Report

- * SB Vice-Chair Wilson gave an update on mud season work being done on the roads, as well as an update on the paving grant that is to be submitted in April.
- * Lisa Woodworth gave praise for the Town's Road Crew for working on Richardson Road until late at night.

Public Comment

- * Jo-Ellen Coates shared that her pig was killed by loose dogs, the circumstances and history surrounding the dogs, and how Alexia Voitle was of assistance to her.
- * General discussion occurred regarding animal control and leash laws.

Warrants/Payroll

SB Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve the Payroll Warrants presented. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

SB Member Paya moved to approve Accounts Payable. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

- * SB Chair Simpson requested a motion to appoint Lee Cattaneo as Representative to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

So moved by SB Vice-Chair Wilson, seconded by SB Chair Simpson.

- * The Board heard an inquiry from the Public regarding fees for the severance agreement. SB Chair Simpson clarified that the Board has signed an agreement, and that once the agreement is ratified it will become Public Record.
- * General discussion took place between the Board and the Public regarding candidates for the Animal Control Officer position, as well as the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk position openings and listings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm on motion by SB Chair Simpson, seconded by SB Member Paya.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk