

TOWN OF ORANGE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES March 14th, 2025

The **Special** Meeting of the Town of Orange Selectboard was called to order in person by SB Chair Steve Simpson at 6:32pm in the Town Clerk's Office at Orange, Vermont. In attendance were Selectboard Members Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, and Kristin Paya. Also in attendance were Eric Holmgren, Lisa Woodworth, Tim Stone, Sheila Stone, Michael Raboin, Jr., and Ginny Raboin.

Approve Agenda

* SB Chair Simpson addressed concerns regarding others named in legal correspondence not being provided legal counsel by the Town. Eric Holmgren stated that the previous Selectboard had requested representation in 2024. Ginny Raboin shared that in a previous meeting, others named had been told they could not receive legal representation from the Town's attorney. SB Chair Simpson shared with those present information that had been provided to the Board prior to the March 10th, 2025 meeting. Tim Stone expressed concern with the current Board making the decision on how to proceed without input from the named Board members.

SB Vice Chair Wilson moved to table a decision on the topic until all parties have received proper legal advice. SB Chair Simpson seconded.

* Eric Holmgren inquired if the Board was aware of what the charges are and what claims are against other named persons. SB Chair Simpson stated that he is only aware of what has been submitted to the Board.

* General discussion occurred regarding what manner of Legal Documentation the Board has received and what has been received for evidence, as well as the logistics of the appointment of the Town Clerk.

* Members of the Public expressed concern regarding what information on this matter has been disclosed to the Board and to the other named individuals.

* Lisa Woodworth inquired about transparency and who among the Board should be eligible to vote on this matter. SB Vice Chair Wilson stated that the Town Attorney informed him that no Board members have a conflict of interest.

* General discussion occurred regarding the options the Board has and what right the Public has to the information being discussed.

SB Vice Chair Wilson withdrew his motion.

**SB Chair Simpson moved to enter Executive Session, citing 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E).
SB Member Paya seconded.**

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

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SB Member Paya seconded.**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:06pm, and no action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm by motion of SB Chair Simpson, seconded by SB Vice Chair Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk