

Town of Orange
Selectboard Meeting – Minutes
June 9, 2025
Town Hall, Orange, Vermont

In Attendance:

Selectboard Members: Steve Simpson (Chair), Kevin Wilson, Kristin Paya

Public: John McNeil, Tim Stone, Sheila Stone, Chelsea Magwire

Call to Order

6:04 PM – Meeting called to order by SB Chair Steve Simpson.

Approve Minutes

Motion by SB Chair Simpson to approve the **May 27, 2025**, minutes, with the amendment regarding the Recreation Committee fundraising amount. Seconded by SB Vice Chair Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda

- SB Chair Simpson requested to add a **document regarding scam emails** and an **Executive Session** for personnel.
 - SB Vice Chair Wilson requested to move the **Appointment of Road Foreman** to after Executive Session.
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Scam Emails

- SB Chair Simpson noted residents have received scam emails in his name and suggested posting guidance on identifying these emails on the Town website.
 - Tim Stone expressed concern about being removed from the Orange Resident Chat Facebook page, which is **not Town-managed**.
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Selectboard Review/Sign

A. Fireworks Permit

- Permit received from David Otterman.
- Motion by SB Vice Chair Wilson to inspect the site **15 days prior to July 4th**; if conditions are met, approve permit. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Barre Town EMS Contract

- SB Chair Simpson recommended reviewing the contract and bringing it back at the next meeting; billing begins **July 1**.
- Sheila Stone asked about contract cost; Simpson stated **\$65 per capita**, detailing contingencies, participating towns, and payment breakdowns.

C. Tucker Road RFPs

1. Culvert RFP

- SB Vice Chair Wilson noted GPS locations are needed for the RFP and discussed plans to remove a third culvert.
- Motion by SB Vice Chair Wilson to approve work on three culverts, pending additions. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Reclaiming & Paving RFP

- SB Vice Chair Wilson recommended posting Reclaiming and Paving RFPs together, awarding to one company (listed as Part 1 and Part 2).
- Tim Stone inquired about pavement depth; Wilson explained up to 8" will be ground for a solid base.
- Funding: Town grant plus ~\$100,000 from the Town; total project estimated just under \$300,000.
- Board agreed **culvert work must be completed before paving**; disclaimer to be added to RFP.

D. Lawn Mowing Bid Status

- Budget approved: \$2,500.
- Discussion on budgeting and previous bids.

- Motion by SB Vice Chair Wilson to **temporarily halt mowing** until budgeting issues are resolved. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.
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Policy Review

- Revisions have not yet been made; item moved to next regular meeting.
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Road Commissioner's Report

- Hole on Reservoir Road patched; culvert inspected by Road Crew for damage.
 - Barre City offered assistance with trash trench installation for storm mitigation.
 - New "Welcome to Orange" sign installed on East Barre side of Route 302; Recreation Committee may fund painting remaining signs.
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Town Clerk's Report

- Chelsea Magwire will be on vacation **June 16–20, 2025**; office hours will be posted on the website.
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Fire Warden Re-Appointment

- Form signed; John Barnes' term extended through **2030**.
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Warrants/Payroll

- Motion by SB Vice Chair Wilson to approve Payroll for **June 7** and **May 31**. Seconded by SB Chair Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by SB Chair Simpson to approve Accounts Payable for **June 9** and **May 30**. Seconded by SB Vice Chair Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
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Public Comment

- SB Chair Simpson asked John McNeil about delinquent taxes; McNeil reported regular payments from two taxpayers and noted further follow-up is needed with two others.

Executive Session

- Entered at **7:30 PM**, exited at **8:19 PM**.
- Motion to adjourn made following Executive Session.
- **No action taken.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk