

TOWN OF ORANGE, VERMONT
392 U.S. Route 302, Orange, VT 05641

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2025

Present:

Selectboard members Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, and Kristin Paya

Others Present:

Lister John McNeil, Interim Town Clerk Diane Waters, Road Foreman Matt Wadsworth, and residents Sheila Stone, Tim Stone, and Ian Dudley

1. Call Meeting to Order

Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Selectboard Minutes

- a) On a motion by Simpson, seconded by Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following minutes with noted changes: June 16, June 23, July 2, and July 8, 2025.
- b) On a motion by Simpson, seconded by Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following minutes as drafted: July 11, July 14, and two sets of July 21, 2025.
- c) On a motion by Simpson, seconded by Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following minutes with noted changes: July 25, July 28, August 4, and August 7, 2025.

3. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Simpson, seconded by Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

4. Town Clerk / Road Crew Update

Paya reported that the Board is entering negotiations with a Town Clerk applicant and will be conducting a background check.

Wilson stated that he and Wadsworth have identified a candidate for the Road Crew position, who will also undergo a background check.

5. Tucker Road Update

Wilson reported that culverts on Tucker Road have been installed and tamped. He will be revising the paving RFP and sending it out this week.

6. Road Commissioner Report

Wilson stated he will be preparing the roadside mowing RFP soon. He and Wadsworth plan to inspect a previously approved driveway permit on Bisson Road, which may present issues. Wadsworth has been working on Clement Road.

Wilson also hopes to obtain paperwork from VTrans requesting that the State pave up Reservoir Road to the State Garage.

Public Discussion:

Tim Stone asked whether the Board has made progress on the Clement Road issue. Simpson responded that there are no funds in the current year's budget for that project.

Stone also asked for an update on the sand truck repairs. Wilson stated he plans to speak with the mechanic about the type of warranty offered and will obtain a cost estimate to bring to the next meeting.

7. Town Clerk Report

Waters reported that property tax payments are coming in. Notices have been sent for a Board of Abatement meeting scheduled for August 25, 2025, just before the Selectboard meeting.

8. Warrants / Payroll

On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Simpson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Payroll Warrants for August 4 and August 11, 2025.

On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Simpson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant for August 11, 2025.

9. Public Comments

Ian Dudley reported a small washout by the retaining wall on Clement Road just before the cemetery. Wilson will inspect the area.

Tim Stone expressed concern about town expenses, specifically suggesting that the Road Foreman need not attend Selectboard meetings if that time must be paid. He also questioned whether the Board has considered having Town employees perform roadside mowing instead of contracting it out at higher cost. Simpson noted that the Board has not yet discussed that option.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Paya, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Waters

Interim Town Clerk