

TOWN OF ORANGE
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2025
Orange Town Complex

The Special Selectboard meeting of the Town of Orange was called to order at 8:31 AM.

In Attendance: Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, Matt Wadsworth

Periodically Present: Darlene Kelly, Bill Crowther

Approve Agenda

Motion: Kevin Wilson

Second: Steve Simpson

Vote: All in favor

Budget Discussion / Planning

- Equipment Loans: Only the backhoe loan remains, with two payments left. The small truck payment status to be confirmed. Two vehicle loans were paid off during the current year.
- Road Projects: Discussed prior paving for Tucker Road and unclear work on Lords Road. Steve Simpson will contact Ashley at the State for clarification; Ashley and Dan may have supporting documentation.
- Grants: BBR Grant (\$20,000) for Bisson Road/culvert submitted in 2023; extension granted in October 2025. Culvert purchased but not installed. No further extension has been given. Board will meet with Dan and Ashley in February to confirm timelines.
- Flood-related Financial Tracking: Accurate timecards needed specifying road and work performed.

Equipment and Tools

- Welder Unsafe: Replacement needed. Estimated \$3,000 for tools, total \$10,000 within budget.

Financial Guidance (Darlene)

- Grants are not part of operating budgets; only our portion is budgeted.
- Unused funds roll into fund balance and may be used in future years if budgeted.
- Reserves for highway projects and equipment discussed.

Tucker Road

- \$100,000 set aside. Payment not made for recent paving project due to concerns about quality of work. Contractor's proposed fix not acceptable. Awaiting guidance from Town Attorney.

Equipment Replacement / Capital Planning

- Discussion of capital plan; many towns lease equipment.

- Matt Wadsworth to research leasing options for grader, including maintenance and practices used by other towns.
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Additional Highway / Operations Topics

- Highway budget and line-item review
 - Garage operations
 - Septic system maintenance (last pump date)
 - Drug testing policy
 - Truck review
 - Salt and sand usage
 - Road conditions
 - Guardrails
 - Road signage
 - Roadside mowing
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Adjournment

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Time: 10:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hallenbeck, Town Clerk