

Town of Orange, Vermont
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026
Orange Town Hall

In Attendance

Steve Simpson, Carmella Tucker, Diane Hallenbeck, John McNeil, Ginny Raboin, Sue Perreault, Michael Raboin Jr., Kevin Wilson, Eric Holmgren, David Gomo

Absent: Kristin Paya

Call to Order

Steve Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Steve Simpson proposed the following changes:

- Add Granite City Group (formerly Computer Barn) contract after Public Comment
- Correct “Fire Warden” to “Tree Warden”

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Steve Simpson, seconded by Carmella Tucker.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes / Selectboard Rules

Prior meeting minutes were not available. Steve Simpson reviewed a summary of Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) public comment guidelines, including time limits, decorum, and procedures.

Public Comment

Kevin Wilson referenced established public comment procedures, including time limits for individual speakers.

Payroll Approval

Payroll dates: 03/28/2026, 04/04/2026, and 04/11/2026

Motion to approve by Steve Simpson, seconded by Carmella Tucker.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Warrants Approval

Warrant dated 04/13/2026

Motion to approve by Steve Simpson, seconded by Carmella Tucker.

All in favor. Motion carried.

FEMA Funds Transfer

The Board considered transferring \$27,317.67 of unspent 2023 FEMA recovered funds to the 2026 Highway Fund. Discussion included whether FEMA notification was required.

Steve Simpson confirmed that records are sufficient, and the transfer is allowable.

Motion by Steve Simpson, seconded by Carmella Tucker.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Tree Warden

Isaiah Belloir was nominated following the resignation of George Wild.

Motion by Carmella Tucker, seconded by Steve Simpson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Commissioner Discussion

Carmella Tucker moved to eliminate the Road Commissioner position. Seconded by Steve Simpson.

Discussion included acknowledgment of Kevin Wilson’s performance, concern regarding his non-reappointment, and a suggestion to expand the Board to five members. It was also noted that without a Road Commissioner, direction to the road crew must come from the Board as a whole rather than individual members.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Residents were advised to contact Matt with road-related concerns.

Town Clerk Report

- MERP RFP distributed
- Town Clerk search update: original candidate withdrew; process ongoing

NEKCV Governing Board Appointment (Annual Renewal)

Siobhan (serving since 2018) expressed interest in continuing.

Motion by Carmella Tucker, seconded by Steve Simpson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Granite City Group Contract (formerly Computer Barn)

Motion to approve and sign the contract by Carmella Tucker, seconded by Steve Simpson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

At 7:05 PM, the Board entered Executive Session for:

- Personnel (1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3))
- Legal Matter (1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1))

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:23 PM.

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carmella Tucker, seconded by Steve Simpson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.