

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**November 24, 2025
Town Office**

NOT APPROVED

**Select Board: Rob Barnes
Mike Christian
Joe Pouliot, Absent
Andrea Treadway, Chair
Les Wood, Vice Chair**

Present: Diane Jackson

Betty Walker, Clerk

The Special Select Board Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Andrea Treadway, Chair.

The Board continued where they left off at their last meeting.

Sheriff's Contract will be going up to \$64.00 an hour starting July 1, 2026. We need to figure how we want to budget this. Stay at \$30,000?

Town Clock \$1,000 in case there is an issue.

Town Green

Bandstand budget has money left and we need to show the Town's appreciation for all the Bandstand work. We can use \$5,000 to put in the sidewalk and plan a ribbon cutting for the Bandstand.

Grounds has \$1,000 for the Town Green. Drop it down to \$500. Ballfield put at \$2,500. Discussed not using Round-Up for weed control.

Maintenance and Improvements put \$1,000 from \$5,000. Mowing put at \$7,000.

Electricity \$350.

Sanitary Services \$500. Used for porta-lets for games at the Ballfield.

Programming for Events \$500.

Town Garage

Electricity \$3,200.

Heat-Propane \$2,000.

Garage Repairs \$1,000.

Salt/Sand Shed \$107,805. We will go back to this for discussion.

Sewer Rent \$745. Not planning on raising it this year.

Waste Removal \$600.00. Went with JR & Sons Junk Removal. Will cost less.

Town Office

Book Restoration Reserve \$3,815. Book Restoration \$500. Books-Land Records \$1,000. Books – Microfilm.

Building Repair \$2,500. Copier \$2,500. Electricity \$1,600. Equipment Purchase \$5,000 in case a new computer or other office equipment is needed. Equipment Repair \$1,000. Heat-Propane \$1,300. Postage \$3,800. Sewer Rent \$760.00. Supplies \$2,500. Telephone \$4,250. Waste Removal \$720.00, also went with JR & Sons.

Lawyers fees will increase hourly next July 2026.

Andrea Treadway and Mike Christian to set up Evaluations for next week.

ADJOURNED .

Mike Christian moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58. Les Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**
November 24, 2025
Town Office

NOT APPROVED

Select Board: **Andrea Treadway, Chair**
Rob Barnes
Mike Christian
Joe Pouliot, Absent
Les Wood, Vice Chair

Diane Jackson

Betty Walker, Clerk

The Regular Select Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Andrea Treadway, Select Board, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Diane Jackson inquired about the lights on the Bandstand. It was stated that we haven't figured how to set them yet to not be on all the time. We could hook up a timer. Rob Barnes stated that he has one. We could use LED rope lights. Diane also stated that she would like to see the people that worked on the Bandstand get compensation. The Select Board agreed. Discussion ensued.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

Road Foreman Report – Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman is on vacation. The Road Crew has been grading and hauling. Andrea Treadway purchased a trailer from Harbor Freight for \$499.00 (to be reimbursed) for the Radar Speed Sign. This needs to be assembled and registered.

3. MINUTES.

Les Wood moved to accept the minutes of the Budget Meeting and the Select Board Meeting of November 10, 2025. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

4. SEWER REPORT.

Waiting for the electrician to hook up the solar panels.

5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.

6. TREASURERS REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. MERP – Andrea met with Jason McNolty, owner of All Points Construction and Restoration, asking for a schedule and to let us know of any changes as this makes it hard for the Clerk's Office to do their work and to schedule title searchers to come in not knowing when/what kind of work is being done. New lights have been installed. The standing seam roofing is scheduled to be worked on the end of this week and should be done prior to the clerks office re-opening after the holiday break. Front and back fiberglass out-swing doors have been ordered. Due to a lack of space in the vault, there will be no dehumidifier installed. Instead, a replacement of an on-demand hot water heater will be installed in lieu of the dehumidifier. Heat pumps will be installed at some point. Thank you to Mike Christian and GMP for installing safety wrapping on the overhead power entrance prior to roofing being started. Ski Door will be installing the new Garage doors. Jim Crawford will be setting screws for the solar behind the Firehouse.

b. Salt Shed-Concrete Bids – Andrea recently spoke with Bud Carpenter about concrete bids. No bids have been received as of this meeting.

c. Town Health Officer – The Select Board needs to appoint a new Health Officer, whose term is up. Kent Anderson has agreed to continue to serve in this position.

Les Wood moved to appoint Kent Anderson to the Town Health Officer position. Rob Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

d. VT 22A Reconstruction Project Update – A response regarding the VT Route 22A roadway project was received from Matthew Bogaczyk, P.E., Program Manager, Highway Division, Highway Safety and Design, VT Agency of Transportation. A copy is attached to these minutes.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Request for Fuel Bids – No fuel bids came in. Champlain Valley did state that they were going to send a bid.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Addison County Sheriff's Department Report/Invoice for October – The Sheriff's report was received with 49.25 Officer Hours, 373 Cruiser Miles, and .25 Traffic Court Hours.

b. Petition from T-Mobile Northeast, LLC for Certificate of Public Good – T-Mobile does not need a permit according to Orwell's Telecommunications Bylaw.

Luke Vadnais sent in his final mowing invoice for the year with a message saying “Please pass along to the Select Board that we greatly appreciate having had the opportunity to maintain these properties throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall. We took great pride in that responsibility”.

The Select Board received a Ratification from the Town's Lawyer. This will be on the next Select Board Agenda of December 8, 2025.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Les Wood moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$48,899.31, Line Items Orders in the amount of \$18,890.00 and the Town Payroll. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Andrea Treadway abstained from motioning on the Select Board Orders.)

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Mike Christian moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Rob Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Walker,
Clerk of the Board

**Next Select Board Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025,
Orwell Town Office
7:00 PM.**



**State of Vermont
Highway Safety & Design Section**

RECEIVED FOR RECORDING

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Orwell Town Clerk

*Agency of Transportation
Project Delivery Bureau*

TO: TOWN OF ORWELL SELECTBOARD
FROM: MATT BOGACZYK, P.E., HIGHWAY SAFETY AND DESIGN PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2025
SUBJECT: VT-22A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Dear Chairperson Treadway,

I am sharing some updates regarding the VT-22A reconstruction projects in the Towns of West Haven, Benson, and Orwell. As you are aware, VTrans has been working diligently on the design, permitting, and Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisitions to advance these projects through the development phase. As we continue this work VTrans must build budgets which (1) accurately reflect available funding and (2) provide an accurate forecast, when possible, on the project's construction schedule based on funding realities.

The fiscal constraints we are facing as an Agency have required us to take a rigorous look at the sequencing of the projects we have on the books. VTrans will be advancing projects that address immediate needs for existing infrastructure on the State System as a priority, and budgeting for larger investments as they fit within our means. This means that we will be constructing a limited number of large-scale reconstruction type projects in any given year due to their significant financial impact on our programs.

Through this project sequencing process, the VT-22A corridor has been reviewed and compared with other projects in the program and it has been determined that the Agency has others at a more advanced point that will be built ahead of VT-22A. Currently, the precise slide in schedule and construction window is not accurately defined. We will continue to monitor our program constraints and adjust as they change over time.

This process reflects only a pause in the development phase until the budget picture shows availability for these projects to advance into construction. While we understand the communities' desire to see these projects expedited, and appreciate town leaders' advocacy, the funding constraints are expected to remain a defining scheduling factor in the short to mid-term.

I know that this is difficult news; and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached by email at matthew.bogaczyk@vermont.gov or by phone at (802)793-5321.

Thanks,
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