

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
February 23, 2026  
Town Office**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Select Board: Andrea Treadway, Chair  
Mike Christian  
Joe Pouliot  
Les Wood, Vice Chair, Virtual**

**Hans Tudhope  
Chris Mongeur  
Tom Purdy, Sr.**

**Diane Jackson  
Richard O. Buxton, Jr.**

**Julia Beamish, Virtual  
Bryan Young, Treasurer**

**Betty Walker, Clerk**

**The Regular Select Board Meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M., by Andrea Treadway, Select Board, Chair, immediately following the 6:30 PM Warned BCA Meeting.**

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Tom Purdy, Zoning Administrator, was in touch with Jane Robie this afternoon and worked things out for an informal violation. A Change of Use was turned in in October and a Building Permit in November and it is now February and Tom hasn't been able to complete them. Due to a lack of Wastewater Permits, neither could be approved. A slab was poured at their building site on Route 73W causing a violation to occur as the Building Permit has not been approved yet. Jane has agreed to pay the violation.

Diane Jackson commented on how great the Gazebo lights look. Diane also mentioned that this is the Clerks last official night taking minutes.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

Road Foreman Report – Andrea Treadway gave the Road Foreman Report. The Road Crew continues plowing, sanding, winging back the snow and making rows in the fields to stop drifting. Still no salt to be had. Rick Buxton asked if the sand and salt can be mixed to make it go farther. Andrea replied that they have been mixing it. Rick asked if this can continue in the future. Andrea replied they have been mixing it and it will continue.

**3. MINUTES.**

**Mike Christian moved to approve the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of February 9, 2026. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**4. SEWER REPORT.**

**5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.**

**6. TREASURERS REPORT.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS.**

a. MERP – Andrea Treadway met with Jason McNolty, All Points Construction and Restoration and Shelly Pottorf, Architend, on February 19th. The Town Office work is scheduled to be completed by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Anticipating starting the work at the Town Garage between April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to start work at the Firehouse the second week of March. At the Sewer Plant the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June for lighting and for possibly a heat pump if there is funding left. The Town Office needs trim work completed, a window installed, heat pumps, exterior components, clean the carpet and install a new bathroom light. The Town Office had new wires run for the new outlets. Dundons came in and removed the boiler exhaust and installed the point of source water heater.

b. Resignation Ratification – At the Select Board meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the board accepted the resignation of Rob Barnes. The motion was made and seconded but it was not asked for “all in favor” for it to pass.

**Mike Christian moved to ratify the acceptance of the resignation of Rob Barnes. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

c. Salt Shed Stamped Plan Approval – The Salt Shed plan was received from BCI and looked over by the board.

**Joe Pouliot moved to accept the Salt Shed Stamped Plan Approval. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Select Board Member Letter of Interest – Andrea announced that we have received two letters of interest from Hans Tudhope and Chris Mongeur. Andrea explained to them that the Select Board meetings are held twice a month on the second and fourth Monday. Budget Meetings are about four times a month from August to December. You are also members of the BCA (Board of Civil Authority) and need to be available for grievances. You need to be committed and willing to put in the time.

b. Sewer Allocation Increase Request – The Select Board and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, received a sewer allocation request letter from Elias Erwin, Landmark Engineering & Design, requesting a unit increase for Robco Trucking, LLC at 318 VT Route 22A, for a two-bedroom accessory living unit at 210 gallons per day. Edward Tracey, WWTP Operator, replied that the Orwell WWTP does have enough reserve capacity to accommodate this project and to also be sure to keep the Town Sewer Commissioners (Select Board) in the loop as they ultimately address allocation requests.

After approval from the Select Board, this will get sent to ANR who will then issue the Wastewater Permit.

**Joe Pouliot moved to approve the increase request and have the sewer rate set at \$1.75. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS.**

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

**Joe Pouliot moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$9,417.73, Sewer Orders in the amount of \$278.24, and the Town Payrolls. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4Yes 0 No.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mike Christian moved to go into Executive Session at 7:24 PM for the appointment or employment of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting, per Title 1 §313(a)(3). Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

**Les Wood moved to appoint Hans Tudhope for the open Select Board position for the next year. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Mike Christian moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Walker,  
Clerk of the Board

**Next Select Board Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
Organization of Officers  
Orwell Town Office  
7:00 PM**