

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
February 9, 2026  
Town Office**

**NOT APPROVED**

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

**Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman  
Chris Mongeur**

**Hans Tudhope**

**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.**

Hans Tudhope stated that he was made aware that there was going to be an opening on the Select Board and he is here showing interest in serving out that one year term. Chris Mongeur stated that he was here for the same reason. The next step is to accept the resignation. This Select Board opening will be put on the next Agenda so it will go out to the whole town. We are asking for a letter of interest. These interested persons will be interviewed by the Select Board.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report – Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman, stated that there isn't any salt anywhere. He has talked to Barretts Trucking Co. and Cargill and neither has any. No salt is being shipped to the State so towns can maybe get some. Last week there was a hydraulic problem with the 2019 Mack Truck. We think it is finally fixed. It was an expensive ordeal. We just kept changing parts until we ended up finding it being on the front of the pump. They plowed and sanded with it today. There is a bill on tonight's orders for Champlain Valley Equipment for \$4,000 for the mower. This was ordered back in June, and it just finally came in.

b. FY27 Town Highway Grant – This gets done after Town Meeting and the budget passes. We have Brian Sanderson, VT AOT Project Manager, come in and make sure everything's together and done.

c. Town Road and Bridge Standards and Certificate of Compliance/Network Inventory – This inventory is saying what we have for roads and bridges.

**Mike Christian moved to approve the Town Road and Bridge Standards and Certificate of Compliance/Network Inventory. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**3. MINUTES.**

**Les Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of January 27, 2026 with the changes that Les Wood did not second the motion on the ATV Ordinance, Mike Christian did and under Payment of Bills, the motion passed should say 4 Yes, not 5 Yes. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.**

**4. SEWER REPORT.**

Sewer Report – "I am pleased to report that the Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to perform without incident. To date the extremely cold weather has had little impact on the process. As is usual, icing in the effluent chamber is being controlled via a heat lamp. As is normal, all is well at the WWTF. Respectfully, Edward Tracey."

Also, a Sewer Allocation Increase Request was received from Elias Erwin, from Landmark Engineering, on behalf of the Robco Trucking property at 318 VT Route 22A. Ed Tracey, WWTP Operator, replied that there is enough reserve capacity to accommodate this project. The Robies have a Zoning Permit in and it could not be approved until the wastewater permit was updated. The Select Board are the Sewer Commissioners and they will be the ones to adjust the user fee.

#### 5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.

BCA Meeting will be held on February 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM, before the warned Select Board Meeting.

#### 6. TREASURERS REPORT.

Select Board members received the Financial Budget from Brian Young. Andrea stated we will be over in the Salt Budget because of the weather. We will need to be mindful of that. At Town Meeting discuss the need to plan for a new town truck.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. MERP – Andrea Treadway met with Jason McNolty, All Points Construction and Restoration and Shelly Pottorf, Architect, last Thursday. The garage doors had come in but the tracks were wrong. The front and back doors for the Town Office were installed. Dundon's is to deal with the hot water heater at the Town Office. They came in to move the pipes for attic work. Ed Poljacik, Master Electrician, is to run the electrical in the attic, to a ceiling outlet in the conference room, as well as the CAT6 communication wire before the insulation goes in. We received another bill from All Points Construction and Restoration for another \$66,000 without an itemized breakdown. The Select Board will approve it on the bills but hold the check until the itemized breakdown is received. The first \$66,000 was for the Town Office roof, front and back door, insulation and the Garage doors.

b. Salt Shed – Les Wood asked the Road Foreman how many tons of salt does he go through in a year. 500 to 800 tons. Les wanted to make sure we could have at least a year's worth ahead. The plan is to pour walls and put the 40' x 60' Lester Building on top of it.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Select Board Member Resignation – We received a letter from Rob Barnes that says I am resigning from the Select Board, all my friends know why.

**Mike Christian moved to regretfully accept his resignation from the board. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion.**

Andrea will send him a letter. It was stated that Rob spent a lot of time on the Salt Shed. We need to post a sign looking to fill an open seat. All parties to submit a letter of interest.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS.

#### 10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Les Wood moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$105,024.72 and the Town Payroll, withholding the \$66,000 check until we receive the itemized breakdown. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT.

Joe Pouliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Walker,  
Clerk of the Board

**Next Regular Select Board Meeting  
Monday, February 23, 2026,  
Orwell Town Office  
7:00 PM  
Immediately following the  
Warned 6:30 PM BCA Meeting.**