

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

NOT APPROVED

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

**Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman
Jess Krol, Zoom Host
Alex Kansky
Michael G.
Thomas Purdy, SR, Zoning Adm.**

**Julia Beamish, Virtual
David Lambert, Virtual
Bryan Young, Treasurer
Sandy Korda, Emergency Manager**

Betty Walker, Clerk of the Board

The Regular Select Board Meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M., by Andrea Treadway, Select Board Chair.

Executive Session: Title 1 §313(1)(A) Contracts.

Mike Christian moved to go into Executive Session to discuss “Contracts” at 7:09 PM. Hans Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM. No action was taken.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Julia Beamish asked what the process was for the ATV Ordinance vote. Andrea replied to be at the Firehouse for 10:00 AM on April 18th. The question will be asked and the vote will proceed. The ballots will be counted immediately to find out the results.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

Road Foreman Report – Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman, reported that they moved the sand pile and most of the blocks. Some were still frozen to the ground. Next he would like to get Joe Pouliot and Les Wood to help measure for the Salt Shed. Scott Hendy has offered to help tear down the old salt shed. Les stated that he has dumpsters for scrap if needed. Once the building is gone, Joe Pouliot will contact Myron Concrete.

Andrea Treadway and Allen Alger are going to meet with Brian Sanderson, Project Manager at VTrans, to help complete Orwell’s Annual Financial Plan needed to qualify for any of the Agency’s grant-related programs.

3. MINUTES.

Les Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of March 9, 2026. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

4. SEWER REPORT.

Sewer Report – “I am pleased to report that the Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to perform without incident. All is well at the WWTF. Respectfully, Edward Tracey”.

5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.

The Rabies Clinic is this Friday, March 27, 2026, at the Orwell Firehouse from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Clerks will also be there to license dogs.

6. TREASURERS REPORT.

Bryan Young, Treasurer, stated that there are two new Sewer Notes that need to be signed tonight. One is the 2nd 5 yr Lagoon Note in the amount of \$262,500. The second note is in the amount of \$63,717.52 which gets whittled away a little at a time when there is extra money in the Sewer Account.

Les Wood moved to sign the Sewer Notes. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. MERP – Les Wood and Andrea Treadway spoke with Jason McNolty, All Points Construction and Restoration and Shelly Pottorf, Architend, going over with them what needs to be changed or finished at the Town Office. The HVAC systems changes/corrections will be on All Points, not us. We will discuss the next steps with him. Building and General Services will schedule a meeting shortly. Next is the Firehouse and the Town Garage. Thomas Purdy, Sr., has agreed to be the Clerk of the Works for the remainder of the work.

b. Standing Committee Appointments – Andrea stated that we need a Delegate to Maple Broadband for a one-year term. Tuesday, May 12th is the first meeting. This doesn't need to be a board member. Bill Goddard was on in the past, see if he is interested again.

The current TAC Committee are Andrea Treadway as the Delegate and Mike Christian is the Alternate.

Joe Pouliot moved Andrea Treadway and Mike Christian as Delegate and Alternate to TAC. Hans Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain (Andrea Treadway and Mike Christian).

The Delegate and Alternate for ACRPC (Addison County Regional Planning Commission) we will have for next meeting.

c. Salt/Sand Shed – This was discussed earlier under “Road Foreman Report”. The goal is to get it emptied out and torn down.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lawn Mowing Bid RFP – This will be posted around town and on the website. Last year Luke Vadnais stated that he was willing to take care of the lines at the Ballfield. There is a \$7,000 budget. Duties to include Spring and Fall Clean-up. Grounds include those around the Town Clerk's Office, Route 22A Ballfield, Library and the Town Green. Bids with proof of insurance will be opened at the Select Board Meeting of April 13th.

b. Old Town Garage Lease Agreement – The Old Town Garage is on Roberts Avenue with a yearly fee of \$2,400. The building is in disrepair. The question is “should we keep renting it”? If it collapses the town would be responsible. The original deed was from 2010. If we decide to not lease it anymore, give a one year advance notice. This is a liability to the town.

Joe Pouliot moved to terminate the lease in one year at April 1, 2027. Mike Christian seconded the motion.

Discussed that this time could be extended.

The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Signing Authorization – A motion needs to be made giving the authorization of who will sign the payroll and emergency bills between regularly scheduled meetings. This is usually the Chair and Vice Chair.

Mike Christian moved to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to sign the payroll and emergency bills between regularly scheduled meeting. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain (Andrea Treadway and Les Wood).

d. Local Emergency Management Plan – Sandy Korda, Emergency Manager, presented the plan to Andrea Treadway to sign. This will then go to ACRPC and the State to compile a contact list in case of emergency.

Joe Pouliot moved to have the Chair sign the LEMP with the correction of one name. Hans Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Andrea Treadway).

e. Thomas Purdy, ZA – The Robie's Wastewater Permits have been received. Tom can now complete their Building and Change of Use Permits. The Mortensen camp on Sunrise Lake Road was issued a Building Permit and built within the footprint, but exceeded the height. This will result in a violation. It is still a 3 bedroom camp like before. The deck doesn't count as square footage. They will need to contact the State about wastewater and the shoreline distance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. School Budget Re-Vote March 31st – The School Budget Re-vote will be held at the Orwell Town Clerk’s Office from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, on March 31st.

b. ATV Vote April 18th – The ATV Ordinance Vote will be held at the Orwell Firehouse on Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 AM. **The vote will be at 10:00 AM.** This is not an all-day vote. There is no Zoom option. You must attend in person to vote. If it passes the Ordinance goes into effect immediately. If it doesn’t, the Select Board is not going to take it up again.

The Rescue Squad has been left money as a beneficiary in a Will from a Town resident. Dr. Charles Callahan had also left money to the Rescue Squad.

MRGP (Municipal Roads General Permit) has scheduled a roundtable in various towns from April through June for training on Draining Data, Funding and Resources, and Road Erosion Inventory.

The PACIF Grant, in the amount of \$1,000 for the Rescue Squad, has been closed out. The next PACIF Grant will be for the Fire Department.

Addison County Sheriff’s Department Invoice and Report was received with 36.25 Officer Hours, 318 Cruiser Miles, and 1 Traffic Court Hour.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Les Wood moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$36,667.29, General Fund Orders (for Soccer Goal) in the amount of \$3,952.95 plus S&H, Sewer Orders in the amount of \$1,486.31, Sewer Notes in the amount of \$26,006.77 (\$23,858.25 and \$2,148.52) and the Town Payroll. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Mike Christian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Walker,
Clerk of the Board

**Next Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026
Orwell Town Office**