

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**
April 13, 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
Glen Cousineau
Sharon Ronchetti, Lister
Rohaise Firth-Butterfield**

**Bryan Young, Treasurer
Anna Golann, Town Clerk
Diane Jackson
Kay Firth-Butterfield**

Betty Walker, Clerk of the Board

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Glen Cousineau mentioned that the new pavement that was put down last year on Route 73W is cracking and raising. The Road Foreman stated that a lot of pavement has cracked but it should have lasted more than one year. Allen M. Alger will contact Wilk Paving about this.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – The Road Crew has been grading, hauling gravel and working on the Salt Shed site. The paving of the site will be done last. They plan on doing maintenance this week. Les Wood turned in the aluminum from the old Salt Shed and will turn over the funds to the Town. The Road Crew will start their 4 ten hour days beginning May 1st until the beginning of October. Joe Pouliot asked if they were going to try and bush hog before the leaves come out. The Radar sign was put out and was decided to leave it out overnight. Need to be sure all speed signs are posted and correct.

b. Secure Salt Contract – Brian Sanderson, AOT, was instructed from headquarters to have Road Foreman’s reach out to their salt supplier and secure their contracts. No prices have been disclosed yet. It is a good idea to sign the Cargill contract. Also, Barrett Trucking, for backup. The Road Foreman’s have been talking about doing a County contract.

c. FY27 Grant-In-Aid – The Letter of Intent for the FY27 Grant-in-Aid was completed and sent out, and will follow up when a location is decided on.

d. Right-of-Way – A letter was received from Paul Stone asking about a right-of-way access that comes out on his property on Fisher Road. Allen M. Alger will reach out to Paul Stone on this matter.

3. MINUTES.

Les Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of March 23, 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.

6. TREASURERS REPORT.**7. OLD BUSINESS.**

a. MERP – Andrea Treadway met with Jason McNolty, Owner and Andre Greb, Excavation Manager, from All Points Construction and Restoration, last Thursday. Andrea spoke with Joshua Webb, Division of Fire Safety, who stated that he only had plans for work that is to be done at the Firehouse. He had no information on the Town Office, Town Garage or the Sewer Plant. Andrea sent him this information. We should get a schedule this week for the Firehouse. They plan to start in the Conference Room, so Bone Builders will not be able to meet at this time, then move on to the Rescue Bay, the Kitchen, and the Fire Bay last. The Division of Fire Safety stated that an electrical and plumber permits need to be pulled. There are still a few things to finish at the Town Office. The trim around the window has been patched and painted. The outside brick by the window was fixed. The doors seals were fixed. The ramp still needs to be worked on. Still need to adjust the shutters and move the safes to get pictures behind the trim board. The heat pump has a gravel pad under it, but still needs dirt and grass seed. A master electrician is needed to hook up the heat pump.

b. Salt/Sand Shed – Les Wood stated that everyone has done such a nice job. The old building is gone. It's all cleaned up and the aluminum was separated. Myron's have poured the concrete. The placement looks good. We should get the Butler Building, that still remains there, painted green to match the rest of the buildings. Andrea and Allen filled out the paperwork for the Division of Fire Safety and mailed it out last Thursday.

c. Act 181 – The Select Board had a discussion about the negative effects this will be for the Town of Orwell. The Select Board Chair is writing a letter in support of repealing the "Road Rule" and Tier 3 of Act 181 to the Legislature.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lawn Mowing Bid – The Select Board received two mowing bids. Luke Vadnais put in a separate bid recommendation for maintaining the ballfield at \$1,200. He wants to let the grass grow in and only remove the grass from the base line, that would help limit cost going forward. The weekly lawn care bid for the Town Office, Town Green, Town Library, and Route 22A Ballfield is \$6,770 including Spring clean-up.

Vt's Finest Lawncare & Snowplowing's bid adds up to \$6,240 plus \$500 for clean-up for a total of \$6,740.

There is \$7,000 in the budget for mowing. There is money left in the Bandstand budget to cover the ballfield expense.

Joe Pouliot moved to accept the Luke Vadnais bid and to fix the Ballfield. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Andrea Treadway).

b. Local Emergency Management Plan – The Local Emergency Management Plan was completed and turned in by Sandy Korda, Emergency Manager.

c. Lister Appointment – A letter was received from Kay Firth-Butterfield regarding becoming a Lister for the Town of Orwell. She included a list of her education and employment. Sharon Ronchetti and Cheryl Tudhope believe she would be a great fit.

Mike Christian moved for a one year Lister appointment for Kay Firth-Butterfield until the next election. Hans Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

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. You must attend in person to vote.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Hans Tudhope moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$12,293.68 and \$10,893.42, Sewer Orders in the amount of \$1,346.64, and the Town Payroll. Les Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board received an invitation from the Parade Committee to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 24th, 2026.

The Addison County Sheriff's Department Invoice/Report was received for the month of March with 48.5 Officer Hours, 311 Cruiser Miles and 1.25 Traffic Court Hours.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Joe Pouliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Walker,
Clerk of the Board

**Next Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026
Orwell Town Office**