

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
May 11, 2026
Town Office**

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

**Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman
Gary Murdock, Constable
Glen Cousineau**

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.

Andrea Treadway read a message from Maxine Saville, Recs and Parks Committee, thanking all for their support and the two new soccer nets.

Also, Orwell's Town Wide Yard Sale is this Saturday, May 16th.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman reported that they have been grading roads and putting down gravel. We still have a hydraulic problem with the 2019 Mack. The Road Crew is now working 4 ten hour days from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Joe Pouliot asked if we have to bid on the blacktop for the floor for the Salt/Sand Shed. Allen spoke with Steve Wilk and will get a price from him when it gets closer to needing it. Last years bid from Wilk for the Salt/Sand Shed was \$16,000.

b. Dead Tree Removal – There is \$10,000 in the budget for tree removal. Randy Jones does not want to do this. Discussion ensued about trees that need to be removed. We need to hire someone to do this. Sunderland and Black Bear were mentioned. The “Daigneault Hill Road” sign was misspelled and a new one was ordered. It was also incorrect. Green-up Day tonnage was down and there were only two tires.

3. MINUTES.

Joe Pouliot moved to approve the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of April 27, 2026. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

4. SEWER REPORT.

“I am pleased to report that the Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to perform without incident. Spring yard work and mowing have started. Our seasonal chlorination for disinfection began on April 1st and will continue until October 31st as per our current permit requirement. All is well at the WWTF”. Respectfully, Edward Tracey.

5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.

Andrea Treadway and Anna Golann cannot make the date set for the next Select Board meeting of Monday, May 25th.

Les Wood moved to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 PM. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

6. TREASURERS REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. MERP – Andrea Treadway reported that all at the Firehouse is on point. ERV vents were put in the offices. It was thought that the Heat Pumps were not ordered, but it turns out they were. There is an issue on the back of the building that needs to be addressed. Andrea asked Jason McNolty, All Points Construction and Restoration, for a breakdown for invoicing. A partial breakdown was received with a new invoice. Andrea stated that we just paid an invoice in February and is not quite sure where all that money went. He has been paid half of his bid already in the amount of around \$132,000. Andrea has a meeting with Jason, Shelly from Architend, and Tom Purdy, Clerk of the Works, on Thursday at 10:00 AM at the Town Office. The blower test still needs to be done at the Town Office and the HRV System at the Town Garage.

b. Salt/Sand Shed – The roof was put on today and the walls still need to be done. The blacktop is next. The building inspector will need to be contacted. The footings needs to be covered. It was discussed putting some concrete blocks in the middle, inside the shed. We have 150 blocks, plus corners. Discussed what to do with the unused blocks. There are pine trees up on the property owned by Maxwell Pockette, behind the new salt/sand shed. If they come down they will land on the new shed. Either Allen Alger or Alex Kansky will speak with Mr. Pockette.

c. Maple Broadband Governing Board Appointment – No one expressed interest. Leave a notice in the office for now.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Clerk of the Board Appointment –

Les Wood moved to appoint Anna Golann as Clerk of the Board for the Select Board. Hans Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Open Meeting Law Refresher – All committees must follow the Open Meeting Law. This means that minutes of meetings must be out within 5 days of the meeting and Agendas must be out 48 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a Special Meeting. Andrea will send out Open Meeting Law reminders to all committees. The Secretary of State’s website has an Open Meeting Law video which is about 40 minutes.

c. Animal Control – Gary Murdock reported that he received an email from Anna Golann, Town Clerk, asking if he would be interested in doing Animal Control. The new ACO Ordinance now has violations. The former Constable would call all the delinquent dog owners first. June 1st the Select Board signs a Warrant which will go to the Sheriff and/or Constable. The Constable can enforce a civil ordinance. The Select Board can also approve the Constable enforcing other civil ordinances. Gary Murdock is going to meet with the Sheriff to verify the correct way to write a ticket. The Sheriff can then concentrate on their real job. The Select Board is behind Gary doing Animal Control. If there is a civil ordinance for cemetery hours Gary will also take care of that. Andrea reported that there will now be weekend patrolling.

d. 2nd Silver Heist Race – Andrea received an email from Mary Buxton inquiring about what is needed to move forward with the Silver Heist Race scheduled for September 26, 2026. A “Use Agreement” will need to be signed, proof of insurance and the Sheriff lined up for the day.

Les Wood moved to approve the 2nd Annual Silver Heist Race for Saturday, September 26, 2026. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Andrea will email the agreement and this information to Mary Buxton.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Mike Christian spoke with Rob Barnes about the ATV signs, how many he thought were needed and the cost. The Orange Book states they should be metal and the cost is around \$38.00 each plus hardware. Discussion ensued about sign size. It was decided to go with 6”. The anonymous donor is willing to pay for them. Signs are only needed on the roads going in and out of town, not on every road. All roads are open except Route 73 and Route 22A. The signs would say “No ATV’s Beyond this Point”. Mike Christian and Joe Pouliot will figure out how many signs are actually needed. There have been plenty of volunteers that have come forward and offered to help put up the signs. The Sheriff’s Department has the ATV Ordinance. Should also send a copy to the State Police.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Hans Tudhope moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$44,183.14, Sewer Orders in the amount of \$1,902.88, and the Town Payroll. Les Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

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
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Orwell Town Office
7:00 PM**