

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
September 29, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Town Office**

**Present: Richard O. Buxton, Jr., Chair
Andrea Treadway
Michael Audet
Glen Cousineau**

**Les Wood
Joe Pouliot
Hans Tudhope
Stephanie Corey**

Anna Golann, Clerk of the Board

Absent: Lisa Limoge, Mike Christian

Public: Tom Purdy, Sr.

The Orwell Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Richard O. Buxton, Jr, Chair.

A. Minutes of the August 24, 2026 meeting.

Andrea Treadway moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026 meeting as written. Mike Audet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

B. Approve Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Checklist.

The BCA received the Additions, Deletions and Corrections sheet. They were looked over by all members present.

Andrea Treadway moved to approve the Additions, Deletions and Corrections list as presented. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There are 945 Voters on the checklist, not including “Challenged Voters.” The Board discussed why we haven’t gone through the entire voter checklist and it was confirmed that challenges cannot occur this close to the election and the biennial purge will occur next year with the BCA.

C. Designate polling place as Orwell Fire House, 604 Main Street.

Discussion ensued about the reasoning behind the change of location from the Town Hall. Anna Golann, Town Clerk, explained that the move was made in order to ensure a more accessible space for voters, with parking in closer proximity. This is also a space that is easier for clerks to set up and utilizing the space doesn’t interfere with Town work. Andrea explained that she received a complaint from a community member as well due to no emergency ramp for those in wheelchairs. Glen noted that there is more parking at the Fire Station and Stephanie inquired about signage and whether we would be able to ensure voters know the appropriate polling place. Anna explained that we have two sandwich boards and a vote here sign, so we can direct people appropriately to the Firehouse. Stephanie also raised a concern about ensuring rescue bays are not blocked by cars and Anna stated that she would confirm with Alex and signs could be put up if needed.

Andrea Treadway moved to approve the polling place as the Orwell Fire House. Mike Audet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Confirm 10AM as time for opening polls.

Glen Cousineau moved to approve 10AM as the opening of the polls. Andrea Treadway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Other Business.

Rick inquired about counters for November 3rd. Anna explained that she reached out to Alex and Jess to see if they would be willing to count. Andrea stated that she is happy to count for this election and suggested reaching out to Una Pease. Kathy Buxton was also suggested as someone who has helped count in the past. Andrea brought up the possibility of pulling in Seniors who may be interested in counting as well, noting that she had a contact at the school.

General Election November 3, 2026 –Australian Ballot

Voting will be held at the Orwell Fire House. Polling hours are from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Election Officials:

Sarah Harris

Cindy Sproul

*Additional officials to be appointed by Town Clerk prior to Election

Andrea Treadway moved to approve the Election Officials for the General Election as presented. Mike Audet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Members' Concerns.

Andrea stated that she wants to start thinking about a tabulator as we are close to the limit of 1,000 voters and we've had difficulty finding counters. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not a tabulator was needed and if we will ever exceed 1,000 registered voters. Andrea reminded the Board that this is not within their purview and instead a choice of the Town Clerk. Anna stated that she is working on writing a grant to cover the cost of a tabulator and that the current proximity to 1,000 is worrying. If the tabulator is purchased through the grant the only cost would be the programming of the tabulator prior to each election. Anna stated that she did not know exact costs but would be looking into this.

G. Adjournment.

Andrea Treadway moved to adjourn the BCA Meeting at 7:16 p.m. Stephanie Corey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Golann, Clerk of the Board

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