

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
October 12, 2026
Town Office**

NOT APPROVED

Allen Alger, Road Foreman
Tom Purdy, Sr., Clerk of the Works
Susan Hauck, Fire Treasurer

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

Anna Golann, Clerk

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Susan Hauck, Fire Treasurer, discussed a recent Fire Department bill from R5 Safety LLC for the 10 lighted fire safety vests. These were ordered for \$837 in March under the Town Budget. The payment was required in advance but the vests were not received. The Fire Captain and several others reached out regarding the discrepancy. Sue explained that she has been completing paperwork with the VT Attorney General's Office and spoke with the Ohio's Attorney General's Office as well to submit a complaint over the phone. She confirmed that we have finally received the vests and they are in working condition. Sue has updated both Attorney General's Offices and stated that she is grateful that the situation is resolved. The Select Board thanked Sue for her work.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

- a. Road Foreman Report – Allen Alger, Road Foreman, gave the highway report. He stated that they are trying to get the sand pile finished this week. He stated that both trucks are out to be fixed currently, the 17' Mack for a fan belt issue and the 19' Mack for ABS work. Pete is out on vacation and is using up the rest of his time before retirement. Allen stated that he is waiting on Bryan for a payroll report needed for grant submission. Andrea to send a reminder regarding the report. The new truck is due to arrive in December, but the box will not arrive until later. Joe inquired as to whether anyone has come forward with interest for the open highway position and Allen stated that there has been no interest. Andrea stated that there are several per diem people in Town who will be able to help out, especially when Allen is out on vacation.
- b. Access Permit - 307 Singing Cedars – Allen took a look at the access permit and discussion ensued about the location of the property and the depth they bore underneath the road. The Board confirmed that this is a private road and they'll need to confirm with all of the property owners part of the Association, not the Town. Anna to discuss with Maple Broadband.

3. MINUTES.

Les Wood moved to accept the minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 29, 2026. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

4. SEWER REPORT.

- a. September Sewer Report - Andrea read aloud Ed Tracey's report from the WWTF, "I am pleased to report that the Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to perform well within required parameters. Notes of interest include: 1. We experienced the need to have two lines "jetted" to restore flow. One in the influent line (incoming sewer) and one in the cross over pipe connecting

the lagoons. Since then the Orwell Fire Department has flushed the incoming sewer line several times and as much debris as possible was removed. Many thanks to the fire department for their support and efforts. 2. The “islands” that had accumulated in lagoon #1 were removed by Dundon Septic Service and the material is in process of drying out at the sewer plant and will be disposed of gradually in the appropriate manner. Respectfully, Edward Tracey”. The quarterly and Endyne reports were also passed around for the Board to review.

5. TOWN CLERK REPORT.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. MERP- Andrea stated that she met with All Points Construction and architend on 10/5 and came up with a punch list to be completed by last Friday, 10/9/26. This list was not completed as of Friday or today’s meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. VLCT Property & Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc - Ballot – Andrea explained background on the ballot, including 4 Board members on the ballot for 4 open positions.

Mike Christian moved to designate the Chair to vote on the ballot and appoint Bryan Young. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

- b. Evaluations - personnel – The personnel committee needs to do evaluations of the road crew and then the Board will complete one for Allen. Any increases will be tied to the evaluation. Andrea stated that the COLA from the State of Vermont is 4.3% this coming year and clarified that we are able to increase due to performance as well. Andrea to deliver Allen some evaluation sheets tomorrow.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Hans Tudhope moved to pay the General Fund Orders in the amount of \$22,651.61, Sewer Orders in the amount of \$518.47 and the Town Payroll. Joe Pouliot seconded the motion. Andrea abstained. The motion passed 4 Yes 0 No.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For Attorney-Client confidential communications for the purposes of providing professional legal services to the Select Board per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(F).

Andrea stated that Executive Session ended at 7:47PM and began at 7:27PM.

Hans Tudhope moved to direct the Chair of the Board to send a notice of default and outstanding work to All Points Construction and a letter to architend requesting they keep all correspondence that pertains to All Points work for the Town of Orwell. Les Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Joe Pouliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mike Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Golann,
Clerk of the Board

Next Select Board Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2026, Orwell Town Office @7PM