

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen/Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Follensbee, Charles Smith, Jr.

BUDGET ADVISORY COMM: Bob Palifka, Bill Paxton, Vanessa DeSimone, Rusty Keith

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2026 Operating Budget

- The Cemetery Commissioners interviewed the applicant, then recommended hiring this person to the Selectboard as an employee to maintain the Cemeteries. With this, their budget will need to be amended.
- The Town is still waiting for the estimated cost for the Household Hazardous Waste program – Dobbins-Marsh will follow up with UVLSRPC

2026 Warrant Articles

- **Funding the Capital Reserve Accounts** – Palifka used current costs for the highway trucks to determine the Town should fund \$100,000 into the Highway Truck CRF for cover future costs. This brings the total funding to \$504,127. The group discussed concern with the total being so high. There's a possibility the funding into the Road Improvement can be reduced if the Town receives reimbursement from the State for the Archertown Road over Jacobs Brook bridge project's design engineering fees, but those funds have not been received yet.
- **Reclaim and pave the asphalt section of Indian Pond Road** – the Selectboard felt this might be too much to take on at the next annual meeting, and all agreed to remove this warrant article. *Motion made by Smith, seconded by Follensbee to remove this warrant article from the 2026 list of articles. Motion Passed 2/0*
- **Paving the Town Hall Walkway** – The group discussed and agreed the use the Town Properties CRF to pay for this work.
- **Small Garage on Route 25A removal** – The State DES said if lead paint is found to be present, the Town can have the paint removed prior to removal, or after. Smith will contact Tom Toner about lead paint abatement and possible costs.

The members of the Budget Advisory Committee left the meeting at 11:32

Non-Public Session

A motion was made by Follensbee, seconded by Smith to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel matters at 11:33 am. A roll call vote of member's present was taken with a decision in the affirmative

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 11:43 am. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Follensbee to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved 2/0

Public Comments: None

Adjourn

Motion made by Follensbee, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh