

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Follensbee, Charles Smith, Jr., Larry Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Road Agent Nutter

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Follensbee, seconded by Taylor to accept the minutes of 06/10/2026

Motion Passed 3/0

Reports

- A. **Highway Department** – Road Agent Nutter reported the department has been focused on cleaning out ditches, and filling in pot holes. Nutter will begin grading roads after the July 4th holiday. They have cleared out and organize logs and brush left in the sand pit. The Western Star 10-Wheeler is at ATG for warranty work, and the Western Star 6-Wheeler will go down next week for warranty work. As the bucket didn't sell on Municibid, it will be posted on ListServ for sale.
- B. **Selectboard attended meeting recap**
 - Trustees of the Trust Fund – Follensbee attended their meeting on June 11th. The Trustees discussed the possible need for an account manager for the trust accounts. The increase in investment income would pay for their management fees. This option would need to be a warrant article to vote on at the 2027 annual meeting.
 - Cemetery Trustees – Follensbee attended their June 13th meeting. The Trustees addressed the Cemetery employee needs to work closer to 40 hours per week, and discussed complaints submitted to the Trustees. There are several head stones that need repair, and the Trustees are working with a company to complete this work. The Friends of the Orford Cemeteries are also looking at needed repairs to the West Cemetery

Old Business

- A. **Archertown Road over Jacobs Brook Bridge project** – Follensbee said the contractor will be pouring the SW wing wall this week, and the NW wing wall on July 1st. Equipment will also be moved the week of June 29th to the W side of the bridge. The structural steel will arrive mid-August, and the contractor will need to be on schedule prior to that delivery.
- B. **Waste Oil Removal** – Safety Clean provided an estimate to remove the waste oil at the recycling center for a cost of \$100 service fee, plus .75 per gallon. The Selectboard agreed to accept the estimate, Follensbee signed the contract and it will be sent to the company for processing.

- C. Flood Plain application and permit** – Smith is still working on these documents and will reach out to UVLSRPC for assistance as needed.
- D. Illegal Junkyards** – Smith is working on a policy and the process to address Illegal Junkyards. Follensbee is also working on notification to property owners that are using Town property for junk storage and/or parking of private vehicles.

New Business

- A. Sawyer Brook Culvert issue** – Follensbee met with a resident on Sawyer Brook about an issue with her driveway culvert due to the recent rain storms. Unfortunately, the Town doesn't maintain culverts on resident's property – the property owner will need to hire someone to replace or reposition the culvert.
- B. Webpage** – a new tab has been added to the Webpage labeled "Forms and Applications". This tab will hold all forms and applications vs finding them on various tabs (i.e.: Selectboard, Planning Board, etc.)
- C. Review of received "Notice of Intent to Cut Wood"**
 - Property Owner: Smarts Mountain Realty, Map & Lot #008-033-001, Logger: George Evarts (Supplemental application)
 - Property Owner: Indian Pond, LLC, Map & Lot #008-029-63, 63A, 63B, Logger: Tom Hahn
- D. Correspondence**
 - NHDOT received a complaint, forwarded from the NH Governor's office, from Phil Mcgruder, Jacobs Brook Campground. He feels the detour signs are confusing for any camper trying to get to the campground and would like the Construction Engineer of the Archertown Road over Jacobs Brook Bridge project to make improvements. Follensbee will be meeting with the Construction Engineer to work on this issue.
 - Health Trust sent notification that both SB661 and SB1491 were vetoed by the NH Governor, and the risk pools laws will remain unchanged.
 - E-Coli tests results for 06/22 have all three beaches within the safe levels of 88 e-coli per 100 milliliters of water.
- E. Committees** – there are several committees that have vacancies. These committees will be posted on ListServ and on the Town's webpage as notice to any interested resident to contact the Selectboard office with a letter/email of interest. Some examples of vacancies are for the Road Committee, Parks & Playgrounds, and Planning Board. As long serving members decide to resign, new members are always needed.

Manifests, Payroll and Accounts Payable folders

The manifest, payroll and accounts payable folders were reviewed and signed where necessary

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh