

Orange Economic Development Commission

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Town Hall Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Orange, CT 06470

January 6, 2026 Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

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Commissioners Present: Royce Brosler, Carl Russell, and Annemarie Slaby, Executive Director of Orange Economic Development Corporation


Royce Brosler
TOWN CLERK

Approval of December 2, 2025 Minutes

Commissioner Brosler made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Russell. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

OEDC Website

Ms. Slaby advised that she made some updates on the website to better reflect available properties, which also coincides with the Orange Property Brochure. Commissioner Russell believes that a student at UNH, with experience in coding, could help with the OCC website updates, in addition to the hiring of an outside firm.

Property Brochure

Ms. Slaby reviewed the cost of 300 brochures at \$515. She added that Paula designed the brochure for \$630 and the Commission contributed \$350 from the last fiscal budget. She asked for additional Commission support.

Commissioner Brosler made a motion to approve up to \$800 to be used for the Orange Property Brochure. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

2026 Events Discussion

Ms. Slaby discussed numerous upcoming events sponsored by the OEDC. The OrangeLife magazine will be published in May and November. The Artisan Fest and Business Expo will be held on Thursday, June 18th, with a rain date of 6/23. The Farm Market season will begin June 25th, the Golf Tournament is scheduled for 9/15, the Holiday Market is planned for 11/19, and the Pickle Ball Tournament is tentative for the month of August.

Ms. Slaby advised that she no longer will rent a tent from Taylor Rental for the Artisan Fest & Business Expo. This will substantially reduce costs allowing the business vendor price to drop from \$250 to \$100. Sponsors will be given space under the pavilion. This event will have live music, food trucks, and a variety of activities under the pavilion. She provided greater details about the Holiday Market, Farm Market, and Golf Tournament as well.

State of CT Housing Bill

Ms. Slaby discussed the State of CT Housing Bill and the possible ramifications to the Town of Orange. She expressed some concern that the bill could alter the current zoning within the town. Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Brosler gave their input and Ms. Slaby suggested a possible Town Hall meeting for the OEDC to inform local businesses and residents about the possible impact of this recently signed bill to the Town of Orange.

Business Updates

Ms. Slaby gave a 2025 overview of business gains and losses throughout the year along with current vacancies.

Adjourn

Commissioner Russell made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Brosler. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary