

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

November 10, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Town Office

**Select Board - Paula Barnes
Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons
Peter Young**

**Present: Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman
Allen R. Alger
Robert Arnebold**

Mark Young, Treasurer

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Report - The Road Crew continued ditching until it became too wet then turned to grading potholes. Allen M. Alger stated that last Monday CAT reported that the loader was in Maryland and should be here in a week or so. The Road Crew will need a few day's notice to be able to remove equipment on the current loader.

The Select Board approved continuing to build the sand pile as fill in work.

b. Murray Road Billing - The Road Foreman presented the bill, as requested, to the Select Board for the cleanup of the Murray Road because of the damage done by Lorenzo Quesnel on October 23, 2008. The figure of \$786.16 represents the cost to the Town to bring the Murray Road back to the condition it was in before the huge tractor traveled onto the road.

c. Shoales Drive - The Road Crew reported that water is still leaking onto the Town portion of Shoales Road because of the dam set partially into the road right-of-way. No repair has been made to date. Discussion followed.

3. MINUTES.

Roland Simmons moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2008, with the following amendments: in section 5. Sewer Report, delete the complete third sentence and change the fourth sentence to begin as "Wesley Orr has been hired, etc." Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$7,070.68, Election Officials in the amount of \$100.00, Tax Anticipation Note and Firehouse Building payments, Line Items and voted items in the amount of \$27,570.00, Sewer orders in the amount of \$252.82 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

None.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the latest financial report from the Treasurer. The highway spending figures were discussed with the Road Foreman.

The Treasurer presented the amounts and breakdowns to enable the Select Board to pay the tax anticipation note and the second installment note for the Fire House building.

Roland Simmons voted to pay the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$300,000.00 principal and \$4,069.16 interest and the second installment for the Fire House building note in the amount of \$20,800.00 principal and \$9,594.00 interest. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain [Peter Young].

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Line Item Checks - All the remaining Line Item requests as voted and voted Articles will be placed in the Select Board's orders for payment tonight.

b. Betterback Roads Grant For Chipman's Point Water Problem - Roland Simmons reported that grant money may be available to solve the water drainage problems near the Marina on Chipman's Point Road. It is too late for the current year, but in 2009 the Town can submit an application for grant money for this project.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Interim Zoning Administrator - Roland Simmons will be going in for a knee replacement. The date was changed from November 11 to December 4, 2008. A decision on who will be appointed as Interim will be made at the next regular Select Board meeting.

b. Weekly Payroll Signing - **Carla Ochs moved to appoint Peter Young secondary signer for payroll orders when the Select Board Chair is not available. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain [Peter Young].**

c. Addison County Humane Society Request - The Select Board reviewed a request from the AC Humane Society.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. 2009 Budget Notices - The clerk sent out the 2009 budget request notices. People are urged to get this requests in as soon as possible. The deadline is December 1, 2008.

b. Red Flag Policy - Roland Simmons read the communication received from VLCT concerning the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Red Flag Rule. A copy of this memo is attached to these minutes.

c. Municipal Planning Grant Resolution - The Select Board received the resolution for municipal planning grant form from Andrea Ochs for the Select Board members to sign. Roland Simmons reviewed the form. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to have the Select Board sign Form 6 for the Municipal Planning Grant. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No

d. Health Insurance Renewal - It is that time of year again to review the changes in health insurance costs. The VLCT Health Trust hopes to finalize rates by November 14, 2008. Rates will be going up.

e. Statewide Emergency Manager Conference - Robert Arnebold attended the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference held on November 6, 2008 at Lake Morey, Vermont. Over 400 people attended the event including Federal, State, and County officials. Many speakers [who were excellent] participated in an informative, well moderated program.

Robert Arnebold renewed contacts and made many new contacts all of which were an important goal of this conference, to meet and become familiar with all the people that may be needed should Orwell or any Town ever have to deal with a crisis event. Being able to meet people face to face and being able to ask questions directly is most productive in learning about and organizing Orwell's emergency plans and resources.

When you can pick up the phone and the people at the other end know you personally, things go more smoothly. Bob Arnebold felt this was well worth his time.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

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NOT APPROVED

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