

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
December 10, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

Present: Allen R. Alger Robert G. Arnebold

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger did not attend tonight's meeting.

b. Loader - Roland Simmons stated he would like to talk about the loader and open some discussion. There is a need for a bigger machine than the current loader, at least 110-135 hp. At this time we should begin gathering information. A citizen's committee was suggested.

The Select Board in general feels that Allen M. Alger along with Dean Hanson know what is needed as far as specs are concerned and also knows other foreman and road crews in the area, what they are doing, and what their experiences are. Loader information should be at hand in the near future. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board agreed that the loader has been well taken care, well run and well maintained by the current Road Crew. They are doing an excellent job for the Town. Repairs have been well within budget and timely.

The Select Board all concurred that it is time to start to work on creating a list of specs for the loader with the idea of getting a bigger machine, something 110 to 135 hp.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2007, as written. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$17,361.69, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$764.59, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

It was noted that the Animal Control Officer submitted his bill for the year. No reports were turned in at this time.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The monthly report was reviewed and signed by the Select Board Chair.

Walker James reported that the new generator is in and the Treatment Plant is now in compliance with the State requirements for the Disaster Plan.

The 2008 Sewer Budget was worked on and several figures were given by Walker James. A sheet will be set up with these figures for the next Select Board meeting, December 17, 2007.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The current financial report was received on Friday from the Treasurer.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Tax Billing Problems - The Lister Chair, Cheryl Tudhope sent a list of billing errors received from the State. There were at least 29 names on the list. This was not the complete list submitted by the Listers. All these owners need to be rebilled. This is a continuing problem caused by the changes in Act 68. This list mainly addressed people who should register as homestead but are not so listed on the current Grand List. The errors are continually chronic.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. 2007 Bills Due - Roland Simmons asked people to think about any bills that may be needed to be paid before the end of the year. The town lawyer is to send his bill by the end of this week. A land records book bill is in and will be put on orders for next week.

b. Potter Access Permit - The Select Board reviewed the access permit for the Potter property on Fisher Road. The question came up about the length of the driveway to be installed and the possible need for a zoning permit. The Zoning Administrator will talk with D & F Excavating tomorrow about this consideration. Allen M. Alger has reviewed the site, entered the culvert requirement and signed the permit.

Walker James moved to approved an access permit for the Potter property on Fisher Road. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. School Board Rep - John Tester stated that the School Board formed a building committee and would like a representative from the Select Board to sit on this committee, Roland Simmons reported. The school is looking to put an addition on the school for a gym and cafeteria.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Budget Meeting Schedules - Roland Simmons will work up some preliminary budget figures for the next meeting.

b. Lake Champlain ByWay - Membership in the ByWay comes with eligibility to apply for Federal Grants that can enhance an area to benefit both residents and visitors.

Peter Young moved to write a letter to join the Lake Champlain ByWay organization. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Roland Simmons and Peter Young will work on the letter.

c. Reminder - The December 17, 2007 Select Board meeting will start with a Board of Abatement meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Carla Ochs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

Regular Select Board Meeting

October 22, 2007

Regular Select Board Meeting

July 23, 2007

