

**MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
January 28, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Susan James, Auditor  
Robert G. Arnebold Karen Rowland, Auditor  
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

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

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Peter Young, as a citizen and as a Board member, stated that he is very concerned and feels that the Board needs to take action [if all agree] to write CVPS that we have a major problem developing that we will loose power to the whole Town if CVPS does not do something with a couple of poles on E Route 73 , south side just east of Horton Road. These poles are falling over and are the major supply to the Town. Discussion ensued. A copy of this letter should go to Vermont Department of Public Service.

**Peter Young moves to write a letter to CVPS on the concern about power to Orwell. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No**

Roland Simmons stated that he will write this letter and asked Peter Young to get the pole numbers to him.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger is researching pricing and information on a replacement loader, as requested by the Select Board. He also researched pricing for rebuilding the motor for the grader - Jack Edgerton of Castleton - \$9,000; CAT \$19,000. The Board feels that this is the most reasonable approach for the grader.

b. Bridge Workshop - Vermont Local Roads and UVM plan to host a Bridge Maintenance and Preservation Workshop in June 2008. Roland Simmons asked if the Road Foreman would be interested. Not at this time of year but in the summer would be fine Allen M. Alger explained.

c. CVPS Line - CVPS submitted a right-of-way permit for line work on Bishop Hill and Parks. The Select Board reviewed the accompanied drawings. Discussion followed.

When asked, the Road Foreman stated that CVPS usually does a good job placing the poles, as far as the Town right-of-way is concerned.

**Walker James moved to approve the CVPS right-of-way permit to do work in the Town road right-of-way. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain- Peter Young.**

### 3. MINUTES.

Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2008, as written. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain Carla Ochs.

### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amounts of \$12,335.86, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$609.29, an order to pay the balance of \$300.00 due the Parade Committee on their 2007 Line Item check payment, and the Town payroll. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

[Karen Rowland informed the Select Board that Cindy Christian wishes to have the \$300 balance.]

### 5. SEWER REPORT.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT. \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. 2008 Budget Final Work - The Select Board along with the Auditors, work on the figures for the 2008 General and Sewer budgets.

Walker James moved to approve the 2008 budget sheets for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund as adjusted. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The final total figures will be submitted by the Auditors after they complete their auditing. The Select Board thanks the Auditors for their very able assistance.

b. 2008 Town Meeting Warning - The Select Board reviewed the draft for the Town Meeting Municipal warning. Discussion ensued.

Paula Barnes moved to approve the 2008 Town Meeting Municipal warning as corrected. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Select Board 2007 Report - The Select Board reviewed the draft of the Select Board 2007 report. Discussion followed.

The report was approved as written, after several minor corrections.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Memo to PC/DRB - Appts & W4 Forms - Roland Simmons explained that several members terms are up in March of 2008. The Select Board will need a memo from the Planning Commission with the recommendations for appointments. Stipends will go out the last Select Board meeting in February and W4 forms will be needed for these members. Discussion ensued.

The clerk was instructed to send out a memo to the PC advising about the W4 forms and asking for appointment recommendations for the first Select Board meeting in March.

b. Liquor Licenses - Buxton's Store submitted a license application for April 2008 to April 2009. The Select Board reviewed the application.

Orwell Gas 'n Go submitted a license application for April 2008 to April 2009. The Select Board reviewed the application.

Paula Barnes moved to approve the license applications for Buxton's Store and Orwell Gas 'n Go. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Tobacco Licenses - Both Buxton's Store and Orwell Gas 'n Go submitted tobacco license applications for April 2008 to April 2009. The Select Board reviewed the applications.

**and Made In Vermont. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. Local Government Day - Local Government Day in the Legislature sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Roland Simmons and Walker James will be going to Local Government Day. There is no charge for them as Board members at VLCT. Carla Ochs would like to attend. An application will be submitted along with a check for her admission.

b. FHUHS Request - Fair Haven Union High School is asking for support for their Project Graduation 2008. The Select Board approved sending a donation for \$50.00.

c. AC Humane Society Contract - The Select Board reviewed the contract information submitted by the Humane Society. Discussion followed.

**Carla Ochs moved Option 2 to pay a flat rate of \$500 with no charge per animal and no limit as to the number of animals the Town relinquishes to ACHS. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board



