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**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**March 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
Louis Hall**

Allen R. Alger

Arnebold, Robert G

Susan Ann

Arnebold, Clerk

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

As per VSA 24 § 871, the Select Board organized for the 2008 term. The following election and appointments were made:

Walker James moved to appoint Roland Simmons Chair of the Select Board. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 1 Abstain.

Carla Ochs moved to keep the Select Board committee assignments the same as last year. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Carls Ochs moved and Roland Simmons seconded to make the following appointments:

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood - Allen M. Alger

Pound Keeper - Addison County Humane Society

Weigher of Coal - Allen R. Alger

Tree Warden - Allen M. Alger

Fence Viewers: Listers - Cheryl Tudhope, Stephen James & Arlene Batschelet

The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Carla Ochs moved to have Susan Ann Arnebold clerk of the Select Board. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Peter Young moved and Walker James seconded the following:

Newspaper - Addison Independent

Lawyer - Ryan, Smith & Carbine (John Zawistoski & Mark Werle) with Jonathan Bump, Esquire as backup.

Meeting Dates: Second and Fourth Monday of the Month.

The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Roland Simmons reported that he received favorable comments on the condition of the roads, in consideration of the problems the Road Crew has been working on.

The Road Crew is doing a good job. Peter Young was very pleased with how the ice storm and shelter emergency process was organized. All was accomplished and done very nicely. Telephone calls were made to check on people in the community. Basically people were taking care of people in our community setting.

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Louis Hall brought some delinquent taxpayer lists for the Select Board to consider prosecuting further. Discussion ensued. The people who are to get letters are Robert Cole, Wilfred Danylieko and Steven Sabourin.

The Select Board approved Louis Hall sending out letters stating that if the taxes are not paid, the bill will be sent to the town lawyer to start the legal process of collection. The letter could state that, if a scheduled payment is set in motion and kept up on a regular basis, to be paid in full in the current year of 2008, this can delay the legal process. If there is no response, Louis Hall is authorized to turn the names over to Jonathan Bump, Esquire, for further processing.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger reported that there is a culvert repair needed on the blacktop near Chip Maynard's on Mt. Independence Road. Robert Shaw will be doing this work on Tuesday.

Sand will need to be hauled starting Wednesday. The '93 Mack small truck is in for repairs. It needs a subframe. Allen M. Alger is getting prices on a new box. Discussion ensued.

Roland Simmons moved to have Michael Shaw replace the sub-frame dump box, order a new sander box and have the Road Crew set up and put together. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Michael Shaw can decide whether to build the sub frame or order one, Roland Simmons explained.

Brush cleanup is extensive and ongoing. Much thanks goes to Jim Booska, Randy Jones, Peter Ochs, Joe Pouliot, and Ben Alger for all the help they gave the Road Crew clearing roads of debris.

Allen M. Alger reported that John Tester asked him to meet with the Principal and School Board to discuss the weather and the roads. Discussion followed.

The Select Board will decide on the process for a meeting on March 18, 2008. Roland Simmons will let the clerk know how any meeting will be set up.

There is a tree leaning over Brown Lane that needs to be removed. Peter Young volunteered to help with this and would like the wood.

b. State Bridge Inspections - The State sent down inspection reports on four Town bridges.

Paula Barnes moved that the Select Board received, shared, reviewed and signed the State Inspection Sheets. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. State Centerline Marking - Allen M. Alger received this notice and will take care of this.

3. MINUTES.

Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2008, as written. Carla Ochs 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 amounts of \$28,315.01, Election orders in the amount of \$100.00, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$102.93, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The Select Board Chair reviewed and signed the monthly reports.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

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7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. State Paving Grant - Roland Simmons is waiting for the prices from Pike Industries. He will work on preparing the grant application this week.

Carla Ochs moved to have Roland Simmons complete and sign the State Paving grant for 2008. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. TOEC Registrations - Five officers will be going to the April 16, 2008, training at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. The clerk will register these names via the Internet. This will save \$5.00 per person in costs.

c. Broadband - Peter Young and Roland Simmons attended a meeting on high speed Broadband upgrading. Peter Young gave a brief report. Money and expertise are needed to go forward with a Town wide project. Copies of a Town of Stowe plan were handed out at this meeting.

The Select Board approved Peter Young putting together a plan of action for Orwell.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Declaration of Health Care Sheets - The Select Board members were given the health care sheets to complete and return to the clerk to be filed as requested by the Assistant Treasurer.

b. Town & School Meeting Minutes - 2008 - The Select Board members received the Town and School meeting minutes for review. These minutes will be considered at the next regular Select Board meeting

c. Building & General Services Eligibility - Update sheets were received from Building & General Services. The Select Board instructed the clerk to complete the forms as in the past and mail them in.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Planning Commission Appointments - No requests for appointments were received from the Planning Commission. This item was tabled until further notice.

b. DRB Appointments - No requests for appointments were received from the Planning Commission. This item was tabled until further notice

c. Emergency Manager Report on Shelter - Robert Arnebold reported that the setting up and running of a shelter at the school went without any problems. VEMA was notified that a shelter was opened in Orwell. The Red Cross came with blankets and cots for 24 people and later came and collected this equipment. The shelter was moved up to the Firehouse mainly because the kitchen at the school was all locked up. This was no problem with the Red Cross.

People worked together calling around town to be sure people who needed help were contacted. The Auxiliary did a fine job and set up food. Monday morning all was cleaned up and the shelter was closed at Noon on 3/10/2008. There will be a press release put out.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Carla Ochs moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

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