

Allen M. Alger asked about getting a loader to try out. Michael Hayes and the Road Foreman will work out getting a unit to test run. Michael Hayes will also get prices, including various warranty combinations, to the Select Board for the April 14, 2008, meeting.

The Select Board asked Allen M. Alger to contact CAT, Dresta and John Deere to try to get representatives to meet and give details on their loaders. Roland Simmons will work up a spec sheet for these companies to consider so all are looking at the same type of machine.

c. Financial Highway Plan - 2008 - Roland Simmons read off the figures worked up with Tammy

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Ellis, AOT Manager. The amount this year is \$461,740. Discussion followed.

Peter Young moved to have the Select Board accept and sign as presented the Financial Plan for 2008. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board members signed the sheet and the clerk will type up the numbers and mail out the plan tomorrow.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 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 \$25,215.26, \$100.00 for Election Officials, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$837.11, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board went over the financial reports received from the Treasurer last week. There were many questions and concerns, especially concerns about the need for a tax anticipation note. Discussion ensued.

Paula Barnes suggested that the Select Board authorize the Chair to look into these matters and to be authorized to deal with any note needed.

Carla Ochs moved to authorize Roland Simmons to get some answers from the Treasurer and to sign a tax anticipation note, if needed. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. March 4, 2008 - Town & School Meeting - The Select Board reviewed the Town and School meeting minutes for March 4, 2008.

Walker James moved to approve the Town and School meeting minutes for March 4, 2008, as written. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Update Orwell VT Rapid Response Plan - Roland Simmons, after reviewing the updated plan, recommended that the Select Board approve the plan as presented.

Peter Young moved to approve the updated Orwell VT Rapid Response Plan as presented and approved the Chair signing the document. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Robert Arnebold explained that he now has the name of a contact from CVPS [a special person] to let the Emergency people know what roads are out during storm outages in the future. The Emergency people now have a list of people who need oxygen in Orwell, a list again that comes from CVPS.

c. School Meeting - Paula Barnes and Roland Simmons [Select Board Personnel Committee] along with Road Foreman, Allen M. Alger, attended the Orwell Village School Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2008 to discuss the process of storms, town roads and school closing.

Paula Barnes reported that John Tester was just trying to figure out how the determination was made to close school. Between the Principal and the Road Foreman, they relayed to the School Board what the process was that is used to determine whether or not to have school. This decision is made by the school. As Allen M. Alger explained, there are a lot of variables to be considered - such as a two hour

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delay versus closing.

Paula Barnes gave the School Board a picture of what the Town Crew is about when she described her trip on an Orwell Town plow with a member of the Road Crew during a storm a few years ago. She is very much in awe of the Road Crew's ability to plow the town roads during snow storms. This process takes five hours working both gravel roads and tar roads. This is no easy process. The School Board was informed that Allen M. Alger works closely with the State Road Crews especially during storms.

Paula Barnes and Roland Simmons feel the School Board was pretty much satisfied and has a much better idea of the complications involved, along with the changes in conditions that take place during a storm.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Cruelty Response System - The Select Board reviewed the information. Discussion followed.

Roland Simmons moved to have the Humane Society do what they do and that the current enforcement [as stated in the statutes] now in place do what they [includes town Select Boards] do as far as animal cruelty is concerned. No changes are needed. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Homeland Security Review - The clerk reported that on March 20, 2008, Sgt. James Hogan came to the Town Office with several sheets of questions concerning Homeland Security documentation. The Town Clerk gave the Officer the information

and learned that Orwell was among only three towns in Addison County with all their “ducks in a row” on this matter. The Select Board thanked Robert Arnebold, Emergency Manager for Orwell, for his good work. It was pointed out Select Board members attended the required training session that was part of the Homeland documentation requirement.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Mark Werle Letter - The Select Board reviewed the March 20, 2008, letter from town attorney, Mark Werle. Discussion ensued. Roland Simmons will contact the town attorney with further directions from the Select Board.

b. DRB/PC Appointments - Roland Simmons read a letter from Andrea Ochs stating the recommendations of the Planning Commission for changes and appointments to these two boards. Please see the sheet attached to these minutes for these changes.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the changes and appointments as recommended by the Planning Commission. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Broadband - The Select Board answered several questions from Peter Young as follows:

1. The Select Board will continue to investigate the status and need for Universal high-speed Internet access and mobile cellular telephone coverage.

2. The Select Board wishes to work together with neighboring towns to survey the needs of the Town(s) to have affordable high-speed Internet and mobile telecommunications.

3. The Select Board would like to appoint a citizen committee to help advance this objective.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Paula Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

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**Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Zoning Administrator
Appointments**

Orwell Planning Commission and Development Review Board

Current Planning Commission – Five Members

NAMES	TERMS
1. David King, Chair	To March 13, 2010
2. Andrea Ochs, Vice Chair	To March 14, 2009
3. Clyde Park	To March 12, 2011
4. Edward Taube	To March 14, 2009
5. Donald Tupper	To March 13, 2010

Alternate – Thomas Purdy, Sr. and Robert Bogdan

Development Review Board – Seven Members

1. David King	To March 13, 2010
2. Andrea Ochs	To March 14, 2009
3. Clyde Park	To March 12, 2011
4. Thomas Purdy Sr, Chair	To March 24, 2012
5. Edward Taube	To March 14, 2009
6. Donald Tupper	To March 13, 2010
7.	

Alternate – Robert Bogdan and Miles Tudhope

ACRP Representatives 2008 – David King and Andrea Ochs
Alternates 2008 – Clyde Park and Donald Tupper

Secretary – Jayme Van Noordt

Zoning Administrator

Roland Simmons To March 12, 2010