

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**May 12, 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
Arnebold, Robert G., EM**

**Reuel Groleau, CAT Rep
Mark Young, Treasurer**

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 reported that prices are up: chlorine is 99 cents per gallon and magnesium is 95 cents per gallon this year. The backhoe deal from Champlain Construction is available again this year at the same rate. Discussion ensued.

Walker James moved to approve the Champlain Construction backhoe deal at last year's rate to save money on needed culvert work. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Dean Hanson is on vacation this week.

b. State Environmental Study Report - The Select Board along with the Road Foreman received copies of the letter John Daly, Environmental Assistance Specialist, promised. The Road Crew is working on the suggestions for hazardous waste, direct compliance issues, BMPs and other issues, checking them off as they are addressed. This is an ongoing process.

John Daly stated that "you [meaning Allen M. Alger] are doing a nice job managing your operation....we appreciate your positive attitude towards environmental compliance and your willingness to make changes."

For next year's budget, the Road Foreman reminded the Select Board that for direct compliance a water separator for the floor drain will need to be purchased and installed.

c. Loader - CAT Rep. - Reuel Groleau from Milton CAT distributed brochures for the 924Hz loader. This is the CAT loader that meets the spec sheet the Select Board sent out. Details were explained and questions were asked. The current Orwell CAT loader has 12,000 hours. Reuel Groleau emphasized that Milton CAT offers excellent dealership support. Discussion ensued.

A quote was submitted. The Select Board asked Reuel Groleau to write up several choices for warranty coverage beyond just one year. The CAT Rep and Allen M. Alger will make arrangements to have a loader brought to the town garage sometime next week.

d. Right of Way Permit - Janet Currie applied for a right of way permit to allow James Oldenburg, Sr. to clean out culverts on the south and north side of the house at 57 Sanford Road, from the town right of way to her property. Discussion ensued.

Peter Young moved to approve the right of way permit for Janet Currie to allow James Oldenburg, Sr. to clean out culverts on the south and north side of the house at 57 Sanford Road from the Town right of way to her property. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

3. MINUTES.

Peter Young moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2008, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Walker James moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$35,109.18 and \$3,580.00 for the Cemeteries, Sewer orders in the amount of \$3,228.03, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Walker James reported that the air lines to the # 1 pond are up and in operation. The flow meter needs to be replaced. Martin Williams received a quote for \$2,500.00 for the replacement and installation of a new flow meter. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to purchase and install the needed flow meter, required by the State, as quoted for \$2,500.00 by Champlin Associates Inc. as soon as possible. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Roland Simmons reviewed and signed the monthly reports.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board received a general register report received from the Treasurer. Roland Simmons inquired into the depositing process for the Town.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Green Up/Clean up Day - Final Details - All went very well for both Green Up and Clean up this year. Next year the Select Board will consider getting more compactors. More metal continues to come in.

Carla Ochs suggested that there should be information about hazardous waste at Clean Up. Perhaps the Solid Waste could make up posters that can be placed around the area for next year to prevent any from getting into the collection or maybe have ACSWD have a collection site here on Clean Up.

All the people who helped out are greatly appreciated. A thank you letter will go out to Liz and Eva Orr for stepping in for Cindy Watrous, who was caring for her Mother and was unable to be in Town for Green Up day.

b. Dog Census - Roland Simmons reported that at this time Paley Anderson cannot do the dog census but would still like to be considered when she will be able to put in the time.

c. Town Energy Coordinator - The Select Board still has not found a person to take this position and is still looking. If someone is interested, please call Roland Simmons at 948-2274.

d. Constitutional Amendment Change - Roland Simmons read the following report from Alison Kaiser: "The Legislature approved the first round of this potential Constitutional Amendment to allow 17 year olds to vote. This will need to be reviewed/approved by the next Legislature over the next two years and then put to a vote through a State-wide referendum.

We will work on formulating an official position, complete with facts surrounding the practice. Now that we know the Legislature wants to move forward with it, it's time to start studying the other states to find out what works and what doesn't. This will NOT affect us in the November, 2008 election."

e. Memorial Day Parade - The Select Board will ride in the Parade this year. Peter Young consented to give the Board members a ride in the Parade in his shiny new red truck.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Pilot Payments FY09 - This year the Town will receive less in Pilot and in Hold Harmless payments than in past years, much less, that is, than the Town should receive.

b. Cash Flow Reconciliation - This report was sent to the Select Board. Apparently, an adjustment is being made by the State for people who rightfully should have gotten prebates but because of the continuous complications coming down from the State, did not get it. The Treasurer asked and was given a copy of this report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Vermont Cares Bike Day - Vermont Cares is again doing their annual fundraiser bike tour on June 14, 2008. The 100 mile ride will go through Orwell between five a.m. and four p.m. A copy of their insurance was included with this notice. The Select Board find no problems with this ride.

b. Municipal Building Use - Peter Young prepared a draft Use of Public Building regulations, giving copies out to all present. The draft was reviewed, with lengthy discussion.

Of great concern is the process of moving out of the Town Hall and the Village for community activities. The firehouse is an emergency building for emergency use. For example, Mark Young pointed out, if a community activity is in progress and an emergency call comes in, the building is now full of non emergency people who may very well be in the way or their vehicles may be in the way. This is not a good situation.

The feeling is strong to upgrade, keep in good repair and continue to use the Town Hall as the community center. The kitchen facility, if not up to standard, should be upgraded as soon as possible. These buildings must be kept up annually in good repair, as is the Town Office and the Town Garage.

Along with this is the commitment to not have any alcohol and smoking on any municipal property. The Select Board does not want to rent out municipal buildings, including the firehouse.

Many questions were asked and suggestions were made. This is a good start to get the thinking going and is a work in progress. Peter Young, along with the Select Board and the Firehouse committee, will continue to work on the draft.

c. Inter-Municipal Contract Meeting - Roland Simmons and Peter Young plan to attend this informational meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the West Rutland Town Hall.

d. Art & Soul Civil Engagement - The Orton Family Foundation and the Vermont Land Trust seek to partner with an Addison County community to emphasize the arts. Carla Ochs reported that Suzanne

NOT APPROVED

Young and the Village School are interested and look to the Select Board for support. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to have the Select Board entertain and consider giving such support if requested. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2007