

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**May 27, 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**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair. This meeting was held on Tuesday because Memorial Day fell on the fourth Monday of the month this year.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked the Select Board to again approach the AOT about posting a 40 mph restriction on Route 22A from Litchfield's old garage south of Cook Road to just above the baseball field to the north of the Route 73 intersection.

The suggestion is to ask AOT representatives to come to Orwell and visit with members of the Orwell Fire Department and First Response and the Select Board to discuss the traffic in this area and to learn just how dangerous the area [just before, at, and just after the intersection of Route 22A and Route 73] really is. Discussion ensued.

Both Shoreham, Bridport, and Addison all have 40 mph postings on Route 22A, Allen R. Alger pointed out. There are two four-way intersections located in the designated portion of Route 22A. The Select Board agreed to again contact AOT by first sending a letter and then by following up with a concerted effort to get this area finally posted as it should be - as a 40 mph ticketed location.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger reported that Lemuel Palmer called to ask if the Select Board will consider a mowing bid this year. Roland Simmons replied that he will contact Lemuel Palmer about this year's mowing.

The Road Crew is working on ditching and cold patching.

b. Loader Information - Roland Simmons opened discussion on replacing the current loader by asking if John Deere came back with any information. The answer was none to date. The Select Board and Road Foreman continued to review the information received from Komatsu and CAT. The Komatsu quote engendered some confusion. Discussion continued.

The Select Board asked Roland Simmons to seek specific quotes on the warranties offered by both Komatsu and CAT - for both 3 year and 5 year warranties that cover everything, especially to include electrical equipment- before the next Select Board meeting on June 9, 2008.

c. AOT Paving Grant - The Select Board received word that AOT District #3 recommended for

approval Orwell's application for the smaller of two requests for a paving grant. The amount of this grant will be \$28,768.00. The Town's share is 20 percent or approximately \$8,000.00. Discussion followed.

The Select Board decided to do this smaller grant and not pursue paving the other area designated in the second larger unapproved grant. Some cold patching can be done on the other area.

Allen M. Alger will let Pike know about the grant so the Town gets on Pike's schedule thus insuring that the paving will get done as soon as possible.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2008, as written. Peter Young 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 amount of \$10,374.12, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$464.89, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Court Order Mediation Meeting - At a properly warned meeting, Roland Simmons, Walker James and Peter Young attended a court ordered mediation session in Rutland on May 20, 2008.

Paula Barnes moved to go into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss this court matter. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Walker James moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

No decisions were made.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. TAC Funding - The Transportation Advisory Committee is again soliciting proposals for municipal studies that must be planning related. The Select Board does not have anything at this time.

b. ACSWD - The Addison County Solid Waste District will install new truck sales regulations and update the District Waste Management Ordinance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Highway Financial Capital Budget Plan Meeting - Roland Simmons stated that both he and Allen M. Alger attended this meeting, held in Middlebury on May 20, 2008. It was a good program, bringing Select Board members and Road Foremen together. Presentations on maintaining roads, slides, and capital budget plans were given.

Addison County's group [attended by Allen M. Alger] was the first established in the State. Now

12 of 14 counties have Road Foreman meetings around the State. Addison County is still the pace setter of this group.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

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