

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**June 23, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

Present: Cheryl Tudhope, Lister Chair

**Susan Ann
Arnebold,
Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

- a. Road Foreman Report - Walker James reported that the Road Crew is working on getting salt into the salt shed before the July 1st price rise.
- b. Bridge Maintenance Workshop - Vermont Local Roads is offering workshops for local officials that will include background materials, sample forms, and the latest innovations in asset management and preservation techniques. The two dates are July 1, 2008 in Burlington and September 11, 2008 in Rutland. The Rutland date will be considered by the Road Crew and Select Board.
- c. Loader Presentation - The Select Board encourages all citizens to attend the Special Meeting for July 21, 2008, to meet and vote on the warning for a new loader. The warning will be placed in the Addison Independent and a copy will be mailed to all Orwell voters. Information on payment, financing and specs will be made available.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 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 \$25,506.31, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$468.51, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

WARNING

WALKER JAMES REPORTED THAT THERE IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF INDIGESTIBLE GARBAGE COMING THROUGH THE SEWER TO THE TREATMENT PLANT. FLUSHING PLASTIC LINED DISPOSABLES, DIAPERS AS AN EXAMPLE, IS PROHIBITIVELY COSTLY TO SEWER MAINTENANCE. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT PUT THESE GARBAGE ITEMS INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Court Order Mediation Meeting Update - Additional information was received by the town attorney concerning the court ordered mediation.

Roland Simmons moved to go into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the court order update. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Peter Young moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

No decisions were made.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Apex Software - Cheryl Tudhope - At the request of the Select Board Cheryl Tudhope explained just what this software will do and presented an example of the resulting residential record card printout that she acquired from the Shoreham Lister Chair. Discussion ensued.

The software will allow the listers to draw the foot print diagram [square footage], that is presently on the physical lister cards, onto the computer files. The rest of the information is already in the Orwell Lister computer. Shoreham listers like the software because they simply print out these cards and place them in a booklet for reference. This way no one need go into the lister files thus preventing any damage or loss of lister files. All these files are currently public records.

Carla Ochs moved to approve Cheryl Tudhope ordering this software now to get under the cost increase deadline. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Lease Land Property - Roland Simmons stated that the town attorney advised that the Town has no protection on leases that are less than 50 years in running. The only legal hold the Town has on these properties is on the owner of the land. Any buildings on this land need to be taxed to the property owner. Discussion followed.

Cheryl Tudhope will bring this information back to her Lister Board and look into the process of protecting the Town and the other tax payers of the Town.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

