

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**July 28, 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
Robert G. Arnebold**

**Susan Ann
Arnebold,
Clerk**

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Carla Ochs relayed that she attended the first Energy program being put on by the ACRPC Energy Committee. It was held at the Ilsley Library on July 24, 2008, and offered information, survey sheets and prices on solar-hot water heating presented by two engineers. The programs are public and free. A copy of the schedule is posted at the Town Office. For further information and future programs contact Elizabeth Pidgeon at 388-3141 or at epidgeon@sover.net.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Royce Hill project was delayed because of the weather but will start tomorrow. The grader now has a fresh coat of paint. Peter Young commended the Road Crew who by contacting him saved a duplicate drive to Burlington. The Road Crew needed CAT paint from Williston and Peter Young was on his way to Burlington and gladly stopped by CAT for the paint.

Donald Tupper looked at the salt shed roof and gave a quote for repairs of \$1,000. The Select Board approved this work to be done sometime in the next week.

Walker James stated that the Road Crew did a SUPER job during the recent wet periods, maintaining town roads.

b. Cargill Salt Contract - Roland Simmons stated that the Select Board received a contract for salt delivery for one year at a fixed rate and asked Allen M. Alger if he agreed with the terms of the contract. The Road Foreman is happy with the contract.

Paula Barnes moved to have the Select Board Chair sign the Cargill contract at the ton rate of \$56.06, estimated 1,000 tons, for the 2008-2009 season - July 22, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Addison County Foreman Meeting - Allen M. Alger informed the Select Board that the next Foreman Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at the Orwell Fire House. All are invited.

3. MINUTES.

Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2008, as

written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

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4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$25,364.59, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$441.16 and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Roland Simmons reported that he went over the tax calculations with Mark Young. As soon as the Grand List is finalized, the Select Board can set the tax rate. PLEASE NOTE - The State Education Tax rate for Homestead jumped from 1.2859 last year to 1.5550 this year, a 21% increase.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Storm Management Bylaw - As requested by the Select Board copies of this document were given to the members for review. The Planning Commission was also given copies for review and input.

b. Earthwaste Check Received \$500.01 - The Earthwaste check for scrap metal finally arrived. The Select Board reviewed the accompanied explanation of amounts collected and the money credited.

c. Special Meeting - Post Review - Roland Simmons stated that he felt this was a good meeting with many good questions. The CAT Rep called to find out the results of the vote and stated that he would send out a purchase agreement by August 25th.

d. Minutes, Special Meeting July 21, 2008 - The Town Clerk mailed copies of the minutes to the Select Board last week for review. Roland Simmons reported one correction - the size of the CAT 924Hz Wheel Loader bucket should be changed from 2 yards to 2-1/2 yards.

Carla Ochs moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting, July 21, 2008, with the above correction. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. VLCT-WC Refund Notice - Roland Simmons reported that the Workmen's Compensation refund this year is in the amount of \$2,433.07.

b. ACRPC Review of 2007 Orwell Town Plan - The Select Board went over the ACRP evaluation of the Town Plan. There were no recommendations for change, therefore, Orwell should be able to go forward with the flood insurance process. The clerk will contact Tim Boutin to find out the next step.

c. P-TAP - Town Fire House Tool Sales - Allen R. Alger made an inquiry about this agenda item. Roland Simmons explained that as Zoning Administrator he received a call from P-TAP [The company that runs the tool sales.] asking what P-TAP would need to hold a tool sale at the Fire House this September.

As of this year, VLCT has changed its insurance criteria. The Zoning Administrator told P-TAP that the Town would need a certificate of insurance and was told this would be forthcoming. Allen R. Alger stated that he too asked for insurance conformation and if he gets a copy he would bring it into the Town Office.

d. Route 22A-73 Intersection - There was again another bad accident at the Route 22A-73 intersection in Orwell - four people sent to the hospital - on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at around 11:30 a.m. The Select Board will ask for the trip sheet from the Rescue Squad and will again approach the State about this most dangerous road area.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Court Update from Mark Werle -

Carla Ochs moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:45 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No

Carla Ochs moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

No decisions were made.

b. VLCT General Counsel Letter - In answer to the Select Board's Chair, VLCT insurance assistance will not cover a zoning violation case.

c. Shoreham Telephone Checks - The Town of Orwell received a refund of \$1,589.84.

d. Marshall & Swift Cost Tables License Approval - Discussion ensued.

This license is for tables and software used by the Listers in their work with PVR.

Carla Ochs moved to have the Select Board Chair sign the PVR Marshall & Swift contract for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Paula Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

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