

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**August 11, 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
Robert G. Arnebold**

**Barbara LaDuc
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.

The Road Crew did a tremendous job last week handling the storm damage to the Town roads, Roland Simmons exclaimed and he appreciates the work they did to bring things together. The Select Board members are most pleased with the good work of Allen M. Alger and Dean Hanson.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Work continues around the town on storm repairs. One plan discussed is to fill the deep ruts with large rock to prevent further damage. Thursday work will begin on the Old Foundry Road culvert washout, the Road Foreman explained.

b. Storm Report - The Road Foreman had pictures of the damage to Fisher Road and Old Foundry Road for the Select Board to view. All the storm damage details are being compiled.

c. Storm Related Damages to FEMA - Addison County is declared for emergency funds by FEMA and the towns can submit documentation of damages. Allen M. Alger is working on completing these documents.

Orwell should receive FEMA reimbursement money for gravel, overtime and contracted services connected with the storm road damage. FEMA is encouraging all towns to get their paper work in asap.

c. School Fuel Key - Allen M. Alger reported that the lock on the school fuel tank was cleaned out and is now in good working order.

d. Roberts Avenue - Walker James wants to have the Roberts Avenue storm water drainage problem checked out as soon as possible in hopes of finding a solution.

e. Reminder - Allen M. Alger reminded the Select Board about the County Foreman Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at the Orwell Fire House.

f. Radio Reporting of Road Closing - Paula Barnes inquired if town road closing information, because of storm damage, should be put out on the radio. Discussion ensued.

Allen M. Alger will bring this up at the County Foreman's meeting on Wednesday and bring any information back to the Select Board for consideration.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2008, as corrected. Under 1. Citizens Comments, the words "Ilsey Library" are deleted and replaced by the words "ACRPC Office". Peter Young 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 \$5,697.23, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$670.20 and the Town and Sewer payroll. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The Select Board Chair reviewed and signed the monthly sewer reports submitted by Martin Williams and mailed to the State.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT.

- a. The Select Board went over the current financial sheets sent over by the Treasurer.
- b. Mark Young handed out the calculations FOR THE MUNICIPAL TAX to the Select Board for review. Discussion followed.

The Select Board pointed out that the school education tax as [*SET BY THE STATE OF VERMONT*] increased by 21 per cent over last year.

Paula Barnes moved to set the 2008 Municipal Tax in the amount of .4813. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The Orwell 2008 tax rate figures are as follows:

	School Town	Total
Homestead or Residential Rate	1.5550	2.0363
Non-Residential Rate	1.7073	2.1886

7. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Storm Management Bylaws Discussion - This item was tabled until further notice.
- b. TAP Enterprises Inc Insurance Certificate Received - Roland Simmons reported that the TAP tool sales people submitted a Certificate of Insurance, as requested by the Select Board, was received August 4, 2008 and placed on file in the town office.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. VLCT Delegate 2008 Town Fair - Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to appoint Roland Simmons Delegate to the VLCT Annual Meeting to represent Orwell. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

- b. Wendy Wilton Request - Roland Simmons read an Email request from Wendy Wilton, City Treasurer, Rutland City. The request addresses unfunded mandates, a long-standing policy of VLCT. Because of the recent news about budget short falls for the State, Wendy Wilton feels that it will just be a matter of time before more of the State’s woes will be shifted to local government.

A vote of the Select Board would be enough to put this item on the ballot. “I am interested to know what others think. I feel if it makes it to the ballot and is approved by the voters, then the General Assembly will need to do something about the accountability issue.”

The Select Board will think about and consider this proposal. The Orwell Select Board has long supported the VLCT policy unfunded mandates.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. **PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008** - The Town Clerk notified the Select Board that there will be a BCA meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m. just before the next Select Board meeting on Monday, August 25, 2008. Notices and posting will go out as usual.

b. **Notice of Violation** - Peter Young suggested that the Select Board think about creating a notice of violation posting at the site of any such zoning violation - a type of red tag posting at the site notifying any contractors or interested parties that there is a zoning violation in progress. The Select Board agreed to consider this proposal.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Paula Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 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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NOT APPROVED

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