

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**August 25, 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 7:27 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair. *This meeting was conducted with portable lighting [supplied by Robert Arnebold] because of a power outage that began at 4:20 p.m.*

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Storm work is completed and roads are back to normal. The Road Crew laid back 79 loads of gravel. This amount along with overtime hours and contract work expenses will be submitted to FEMA/VEMA for reimbursement. Allen M. Alger is doing the paperwork.

Ditching work will begin again tomorrow putting aside material to fill holes, etc.

b. Underground Tanks - The underground tanks passed inspection. The next inspection will be in three years. A packet was sent to the Town Office containing the paperwork to keep track of any tank activity. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board is considering possibly using two tanks for diesel storage and will discuss this with Mike's Fuels. This could possibly save the Town some money.

c. Newspaper Road Closed Warning - Because of the small attendance at the last Road Foreman meeting, this subject was tabled till the next meeting.

d. Time Off - Paula Barnes reported that Dean Hanson requested permission to take both Friday and next Monday as paid vacation and holiday days. Discussion followed. The Select Board approved of this request.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 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 \$9,675.07, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$381.88 and the Town and Sewer payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Walker James reported that there is still some digestion problems at the treatment plant.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. CAT Loader Order - Southworth Milton Rep Reuel sent a fax containing a purchase order for the Select Board to consider and sign, Roland Simmons reported. Discussion ensued.

Roland Simmons added the words "5 yr. Warranty-(Full machine)" to the purchase order.

Paula Barnes moved to have all the Select Board members sign the purchase order - \$90,000 net for a New CAT 924Hz with attachments as specified in the bid spec - and initial the addition of the 5 yr Warranty statement. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Roland Simmons is hopeful that the new loader will be here by mid October.

b. Flood Plain Insurance Update - The Select Board received a letter from the Planning Commission Chair, Andrea Ochs, that the PC is still waiting for word from the State concerning the state review. There is not enough time to warn for a vote in November. Therefore, the Planning Commission plans to be ready to put the changes needed to the Land Use regulations up for a vote at the March 2009 Town Meeting.

c. Letter To State - Allen R. Alger asked if the Select Board thought the Fire Department and First Response should also send letters about the dangerous Route 22A/Route 73 intersection. The Select Board said please go ahead with the letters and felt that the letters would definitely help motivate the State.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Pat Ullom - Water Problem - Pat Ullom was not present at tonight's meeting.

b. Municipal Planning Grant - The following was received from the Planning Commission Chair: "The Orwell Planning Commission met on Wednesday evening August 20, 2008 and discussed the Model "Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Bylaw," While some aspects of this model are incorporated into the Orwell Land Use Regulations, other pieces are missing. The commission members decided to work on integrating parts of the model bylaw into the regulations as well as the model riparian buffer ordinance sent in May 2007. This will be accomplished by applying for a Municipal Planning Grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development."

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Better Backroads Grant 2009 - Allen M. Alger is working on a grant application to be submitted for 2009.

b. Mark Werle Update Correspondence -

Carla Ochs moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Roland Simmons moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

No decisions were made.

c. Shoreham Ancient Road Discontinuance - The Select Board received notification that the Shoreham Select Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7 p.m., at the Shoreham Elementary School Gym on the question of whether to discontinue Ancient Roads in the Town of Shoreham. Following this hearing, the Select Board will vote on this matter at its next scheduled meeting following the public hearing.

A road map of the Town of Shoreham and copy of the 2007 Certificate of Highway Mileage were attached to this notice.

d. School Request - The Orwell Village Principal asked about putting some hazardous material in the Town Garage and then asked for keys. Roland Simmons explained that no keys will be given out.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Carla Ochs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

NOT APPROVED

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2007