

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**
August 27, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Town Office

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

Present: Robert G. Arnebold Barbara LaDuc

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Peter Young reported that he has had several people asking if ATV's are allowed on town roads. Several groups of ATV's were seen and heard traveling down town roads, especially late at night. Roland Simmons, Paula Barnes and Carla Ochs have had similar experiences.

Orwell does not have an ATV ordinance. State law prohibits ATV's on public roads except to cross to get to a private road or trail for ATV travel. **TO BE CLEAR - ATV'S ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY ORWELL TOWN ROADS.**

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Roland Simmons reported for the Road Foreman stating that the asphalt is down on Route 73, within the budget [The Orwell grant application to the state for paving was turned down this year]. Pike made sure that both wings of the 73 triangle were completed within the budget.

The stone ditch mitigation on Knox Hill Road is completed.

b. Written Request to Merle Miller For Mount Drain Permit - Roland Simmons contacted Merle Miller and informed him of the Select Board request. Merle Miller asked to have this request put into writing. The clerk wrote the letter [copy attached to these minutes] and it was signed and mailed to Merle Miller on August 20, 2007. To date we have not had any answer.

c. School Request for Town Garage Keys - Allen M. Alger told Roland Simmons about a request by OVS Principal Susan DeCarolcis for three keys to the Town Garage so the school bus drivers could wash their buses when they wanted.

The Select Board feels that this is not appropriate because it will put all the Town Garage equipment at risk. Roland Simmons will notify the Road Foreman that no Town Garage keys are to be turned over to the school.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2007, as written. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 1 abstain [Paula Barnes]

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$55,501.87, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$304.95, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Roland Simmons read the State letter listing procedure changes. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Walker James reminded the Select Board to be sure to separate out any gas used by the Treatment Plant and billed by Gas 'n Go and put on the Sewer Order sheet.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Overflow Protective Devices - Roland Simmons reported that he spoke with the people at McIntyre Services and they are interested in this project. They will look at the site and get back to the Select Board with a cost sheet.

b. State Check Payment for Hazard Site Rec'd - After inquiring, Roland Simmons learned from the Treasurer that the State check payment, for the balance of the cost of moving hazardous waste from the Fire station area, was indeed received by the Town.

c. Town Shelter Agreement with Red Cross Finalized - Robert Arnebold reported that he has finally received back the Shelter Agreement signed by the Red Cross. Apparently the agreement sat in someone's brief case for almost a month. But it is now in hand - the school has a copy, the Select Board has a copy and the Emergency Manager has a copy.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. VLCT Flu Clinics - Free Shots to Subscribers - The Select Board was notified that employees covered by PACIF health care can get free flu shots. A list of the host sites was provided.

b. Zoning Permit Form - The clerk asked about using a separate form for each different type of zoning permit. Discussion ensued. The Select Board approved this request.

Remember, people can now get a zoning permit application from the Orwell Website -

town-of-orwell.org

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Municipal Plan - The Select Board discussed considering adoption of the proposed 2007 Municipal Plan. The Select Board was disappointed that no one from the public came to the hearing.

People are encouraged to go onto the town website [see above] or come into the Town Office, read the proposed Municipal Plan and contact a Select Board member if you have any concerns. A decision will be made at the next regular Select Board meeting on September 10, 2007.

b. HAVA Grant - At the BCA meeting [held before this meeting] the HAVA grant application as presented by the Town Clerk was approved.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Paula Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

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Regular Meeting

March 26, 2007