

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

September 8, 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 Arnebold
Pat Ullom**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked if any progress has been made with the Select Board letter requesting posting of a lower speed limit at the Route 73-Route 22A intersection in Orwell. No report has been received to date about the State traffic speed study that was to be done.

Peter Young stated that a comment was made that more police action should be requested by the Select Board for Orwell.

A message was received from George Coro that the telephone line at the Town Clerk's Office has a vine growing around it and this needs to be trimmed. Allen M. Alger will check on this and take care of any vine problem he might find.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report -The Road Crew is working on stone lining and ditching on Royce Hill, Murray and Young Roads. The brush tractor is to come next Monday.

Gerald Quenneville would like the Select Board to do something with the Class 4 TR#12. He plans to use this road to haul over. Discussion ensued. The Select Board would consider used culverts and possibly having some large stone put down. A decision will be made based on the budget.

The Select Board recommends that the sand pile be built up to a good normal supply, at the least.

b. Paving Grant Work - The word from Pike is that they cannot start until the end of September or early October. The Select Board stated that if by this time it is too cold to maybe wait till next May. Discussion followed. A final decision will be made nearer the time Pike gives for starting paving.

c. Road Access - Ray Burnham - The Select Board reviewed the application for a road access permit at 51 Mount Independence Road. The Road Foreman checked out the access and approved an 18" X 20' culvert.

Walker James moved to approve the Road Access permit at 51 Mt Independence Road for Ray Burnham as presented. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 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 \$43,427.59, and the Town and Sewer payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Roland Simmons reviewed and signed the monthly sewer reports last Friday.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the latest financial report from the Treasurer.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. VLCT Town Fair Attendance - Peter Young, Roland Simmons and Walker James will be attending the VLCT Town Fair, Thursday, October 2, 2008 to be held at the Grand Hotel in Killington.
- b. Primary Sept 9, 2008 - This is a reminder that counting will start promptly at 7 p.m.
- c. Bridge Workshop Sept 11 in Rutland - The Road Crew will attend this workshop being held this Thursday. Discussion ensued on bridge condition, upkeep and repair concerning bridge decks.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Pat Ullom - Water Problem - Pat Ullom still has the same problem with water coming off the road and from the hill to the east of her property. The storms this year caused more washout in her picnic area. She was wondering if anything has been resolved. Discussion followed.

Roland Simmons will contact Tom Roberts of AOT District #3 in Rutland to discuss the possibility of having a State hydrologist come to evaluate the water situation on Chipman's Point Road.

- b. Eagle Scout Letter - The Select Board reviewed a letter written to congratulate Wesley Orr who will become an Eagle Scout, Sunday, September 14, 2008.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. UST Inventory Control Packets - The packets are here along with new instructions requiring monitoring fuel in and out.
- b. Fuel Tanks At Town Garage - Roland Simmons spoke with the secretary at Mike's Fuels about dumping a larger amount of fuel at one time to possibly save on fuel costs.
The Mike's Fuels tankers hold 7,500 gallons and are not metered. The Town tanks hold 5,000 - one at 2,000 and one at 3,000 gallons. Mike's Fuels is still researching this request and will get back to Roland Simmons.
- c. Flu Shots - Free clinics are at Castleton 10/16 and at Middlebury 11/25 for Town employees.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

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