

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

September 10, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Town Office

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Jonathan Bump
Allen R. Alger Jim Oldenburg
Jacqueline Bump Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Peter Young recognized and commented on the outstanding job the Fire Department members did on the old roof area of the fire building. The roof was power washed and now has a new coat of paint. You did a "great job."

II. HIGHWAY REPORT.

Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger related that the road crew is working on grading and filling in washed out areas. The stone for the driveways on Route 73 in the newly paved area was put down today by the road crew, the Foreman confirmed.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting and Municipal Plan hearing of August 27, 2007, as written. Paula Barnes 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 \$11,717.92, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$202.09, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Roland Simmons reviewed and signed the monthly report.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the current financial report from the Treasurer. Several entries will need adjustment including the sewer dumping fee figures. There is need to think about the reserve fund for the sewer, the Chair advised. The Select Board members agreed.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Overflow Devices for Town Garage Tanks - Roland Simmons reported that the McIntyre people recommend installing a whistle type safety device. The whistle type is less expensive and will work for both types of delivery trucks.

They assured the Chair that the State will be satisfied with this installation. McIntyre does inspections and deals with the State on a regular basis. On this assurance, Roland Simmons told the McIntyre people to go ahead with the whistle type device.

b. Proposed 2007 Municipal Plan Vote - Over the past two weeks no citizen contacted the Select Board or the Town Office with any comments or questions. Discussion followed.

At this point the Select Board feels it can call a vote on the proposed Municipal Plan.

Paula Barnes moved to adopt the proposed 2007 Municipal Plan as presented by the Planning Commission on July 23, 2007. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Please note that this plan is now in affect for five years, at which time [2012] the Statutes require municipal plans to be readopted. The Statutes allow changes at any time during this five year period. Therefore, changes can be proposed any time, if found necessary by any or all involved- citizen, Planning Commission, Select Board.

The Town does need to have a current Municipal Plan in order to do any changes to the Land Use Regulations.

The clerk will check on prices before ordering more copies of the 2007 Municipal Plan document.

c. Mount Drain Permit - Today Roland Simmons received a reply from Merle Miller, Project Manager for the Mount. A copy of this reply is attached to these minutes. Discussion ensued.

Since the State has met the requests of the Select Board, a vote on the permit went forward.

Carla Ochs moved to issue a Right of Way permit to the State of Vermont, Department of Buildings & General Services to install a 4" drainage pipe to drain to daylight into the road right of way, with conditions as stated on attached documents B and C. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Access Permit - Jonathan & Jacqueline Bump - The Select Board reviewed and discussed an access permit for the Bump property on Fisher Road with the Bumps and the Road Foreman. This is a new area where the Bumps are planning to build a new home. Jim Oldenburg gave information on the ground work he will be doing. The main consideration is that there is no water coming down along this access area. Discussion ensued.

At this time it is recommended that the property owner does not have to put in the 18 inch culvert. However, if any problems arise, the property owner is still responsible for installing any culvert.

Walker James moved to issue an access permit to Jonathan & Jacqueline Bump for their property located on Fisher Road with the condition that if later a culvert is needed, this will be installed by the property owner at his/her expense. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Highway Right of Way Permit - Jonathan & Jacqueline Bump - The Select Board discussed this request to dig up the road in front of the Bump house site to install sleeves under the road to provide water and electricity to pastures and livestock areas on the east side of such road. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to issue a right of way permit to Jonathan & Jacqueline Bump on condition of proper and adequate traffic control and road replacement, to dig up Fisher Road in front of their house site to install sleeves under the road to provide water and electricity to pastures and livestock areas on the east side of such road. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. NFIP Considerations - Thomas Purdy, PC Chair, received a letter from Tim Boutin of ACRPC concerning Orwell's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. A copy of this letter is

attached to these minutes. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to go forward with Orwell's joining NFIP with help from Tim Boutin. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The Land Use Regulations will need to be forwarded to ANR for review, as a first step. The clerk will email Tim Boutin advising him of this Select Board vote.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Abatement - The Select Board reviewed an abatement request received on August 31, 2007. The property owner seems to be confused between reappraisal and abatement. Discussion followed.

b. Fuel & Gasoline - The Chair asked the Town Clerk to order heating oil for the Town Office tomorrow. The Select Board is thinking about ordering gasoline.

c. 250 Year Town Charter Celebration - Roland Simmons suggested that people begin to think about a possible celebration in 2013 to recognize the 250th year for the Town of Orwell Charter. Five years go by very fast these days.

d. Subway Restaurant - Roland Simmons read the following message:

“Greg Post from NL Partners called. Jarod Fogel from Subway Restaurants will be speaking at the Village School on September 17, 2007, around 1:00 p.m. - Subject: ‘Fighting Childhood Obesity.’ Greg Post can be reached at 207-310-8297. Would someone from the Select Board like to attend?”

Peter Young will investigate and may consider attending.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Carla Ochs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2007