

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

September 22, 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 Arnebold
Allen R. Alger**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked if the Select Board would like him to continue with snow plowing for the Town Office and the Sewer Plant? Discussion ensued.

Peter Young moved to retain Allen R. Alger as in the past to do snow plowing for the Town Office parking area and the Sewer Plant. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Carla Ochs reported that there was dumping of items on Sunset Lake Road. The Sheriff's Department was notified last Monday. The Road Foreman reported that he removed the items from the roadway.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report -Allen M. Alger reported that he is working on completing the FEMA forms for reimbursement of the storm repair work. He attended the FEMA training at the Ilsley Library. All the forms were changed to make it a little easier.

The FEMA rep will come to Orwell October 1st at 8 a.m. to meet at the Town Garage with DTA, Road Foreman and a town official. Roland Simmons thinks he can make this meeting. Since the County Foreman Group meeting followed, the FEMA representative agreed to attend and continue his information and instruction.

The Brush truck work will be finished by tomorrow. Ditching will start once again.

b. Bridge Workshop - The Road Foreman reported that the last 45 minutes was good - a slide show of bridges that people had to view and point out the problems. The first part was a Fed rep who stated in several different ways that there is no FED money.

The recommendation was that bridges should be washed once a year. This will entail the usual pile of paper work and permits.

c. Chipman's Point Water Problem - Roland Simmons contacted the DTA. Tammy sent him to Fred Nicholson who will come October 16, 2008, to look at the situation. They will meet at the Town Garage at 9:00 a.m. to pick up Allen M. Alger.

d. Traffic Study - Rick Kean told Roland Simmons that he will do a traffic study in a few weeks on Orwell local roads such as Royce Hill, Fisher, Sanford, and Horton Roads.

Roland Simmons learned that the State Police when reporting accidents only designate Route 22A

Orwell, leaving out any report that the accident actually took place at the Route 73-22A intersection.

Hopefully, this has been corrected so that in the future the exact location will be documented and will correctly show how dangerous this intersection in Orwell really is.

e. Paving Grant - The paving under the 2008 state grant will be postponed till 2009. The price jumped from \$68 per unit to almost \$100 per unit.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2008, as written. 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 \$6,679.44 and, \$200.00 for the Election Officials, Sewer orders in the amount of \$673.94 and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The Select Board received a letter from Merle Miller concerning the septic holding tank at the Mount Historic Site {See attached}.

Walker James told Allen R. Alger, in reply to his question, that he will want the Fire Department to flush out the sewer manholes.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Telephone Line at Town Clerk's Office - Allen M. Alger reported that the telephone line passes through the trees on its way from the backyard pole to the street. The trees will be trimmed back. The phone company will be notified.

b. VLCT Town Fair - Roland Simmons, Walker James and Peter Young will attend the 2008 Town Fair on October 2, 2008. Ted and Walker will go the day before for the annual meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Smith Cemetery - The Town Clerk reported that last Saturday she and the Assistant Town Clerk were at the Smith Cemetery doing a tour with the Crown Point Military Road Society. Much to their surprise they found a large plaque on the ground in front of the Smith vault several hundred yards up the farm road from the cemetery.

The plaque has carving dating the vault and plaque and identifying family members of the Pliny Smith family. Pliny Smith was one of the first members and officers of the Town of Orwell with a very long period of service to the Town.

The Clerk asked the Select Board if the plaque could be moved to a more protective place until the Select Board can decide just what to do about it and the damage to the vault itself. The Select Board approved having the Road Crew remove the plaque and bring it to the Town Office for temporary storage. Allen M. Alger said he can do this Thursday this week.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. VT Emergency Relief Fund Match Incentives - This form must be completed and mailed before October 12, 2008, if the Town is to qualify to receive increased state FEMA match funding. Roland Simmons will contact ACRPC and ask for their assistance in completing this form. All Select Board members were given a copy of this form for reference.

b. Education Spending - **Orwell local school district per pupil spending is at \$12,292.20, 149.72% over the base rate. The Union Hill School is at \$10,729.00, 130.68% over the base rate.**

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young move to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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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