

**MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
September 24, 2007  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Robert G. Arnebold  
Allen R. Alger Herbert Schulte, Jr, Chair OVSB  
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Allen R. Alger stated that the fire house now has green tin on all sides and that he has had a couple of comments that the Town should do something with the old State shed where the loader resides.

Herb Schulte reported that the OV School Board discussed and would like to have the Select Board's thoughts on reducing the speed limit in the Village to 25 mph in the interest of public safety and child safety. The School Board supports this rather than more signs and/or lights. Discussion followed.

Main Street is State highway Route 73 and therefore not a town road. The Select Board suggested that the School Board write a letter to the Select Board with reasons, rational and the area of concern requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph. The Select Board will try to get something going with the State Traffic Bureau.

Roland Simmons asked Herb Schulte to ask the School Board if they may have some thoughts about a celebration for the 250 year anniversary of the Orwell Charter - 1763 to 2013. Five years go fast and it might be good to start thinking about this now.

Susan DeCarolis, Principal, contacted Roland Simmons about the bandstand. The Village green and bandstand are under the School District property.

Peter Young commented that he heard some concerns about the speed of one of the School buses while running in the Village area.

The suggestion was presented for the OVSB to think about future capital budget projects and work along with the Select Board and the Development Review Board to have a community effort to create a combined list of expenditures.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger stated that the Road Crew is working on ditching waiting for some rain. The Select Board remarked that the Road Crew did a good job on the Mountain View Cemetery road. Discussion ensued. The Select Board approved putting a culvert in the driveway area to Fisher Road.

VLCT people were at the Town Garage doing a pre OSHA inspection. The MSDS sheets for chemicals need to be completed. All else looks good.

The Road Foreman attended a BetterBack Roads loader class and considered it well worth the time.

The second round of BetterBack Roads grant applications are out with an October 19, 2007, due date. The Road Foreman is thinking about applying. At present he is finishing up the paper work to submit the payment application for the current grant.

b. VTrans Paving Grant Notice - The Town did not receive notice of the State paving grant until September 11, 2007. The decision was that Orwell was not selected to receive a Town Highway Class 2 program grant for fiscal 2008.

c. Brush Machine - Allen M. Alger confirmed that Orwell will be getting the brush machine next week or the week after. Benson has it now. Towns are held responsible for the machine when in their possession. Roland Simmons asked that the Road Crew check over the machine when they first receive it, even take pictures, and to be sure to note the condition as received. This is good practice and may help eliminate any questions of condition when the Town turns the machine back in.

### 3. MINUTES.

**Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2007, 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 \$7,749.04, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$298.94, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.**

### 5. SEWER REPORT.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Gasoline Ordering - Peter Young received some input from people about ordering gasoline as opposed to billing at the local gas station. Gas usage is shrinking, therefore stored fuel would not be used up very fast to justify storage at the Town Garage.

b. Obesity Presentation - Peter Young attended the Obesity program at the Village school, reported that Jared Fogel gave a great presentation, and feels the children learned something valuable about health and diet.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Right of Way Permit, Thomas and Michael Audet - The Select Board reviewed the right of way permit application submitted by Thomas and Michael Audet. Discussion followed.

**Carla Ochs moved to issue a highway right of way permit to Thomas and Michael Audet to work on the culvert to improve drainage on the Orwell Trail [that runs south from Mt Independence Road to Old Stage Road]. The culvert is located approximately half way between these roads. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.**

b. Access Permit - Chris Dundon - The Select Board reviewed and discussed the access permit application received from Chris Dundon.

**Walker James moved to approve the access permit, with no culvert needed, for the Christopher Dundon property on Church Street, east side. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.**

c. PACIF Update - The Select Board reviewed the current application for PACIF insurance coverage for 2008. Discussion ensued.

Roland Simmons will contact PACIF to get some estimates on the cost of increasing coverage for the town garage, town office, and fire house.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. HAVA Grant - The Town Clerk received notice that the HAVA Grant payment will be sent to the Town electronically Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The Town was advised to be sure and check to see that the money comes in and that it is the correct amount

b. Out of Service - The Rescue equipment truck - Ford 1982 - is now out of service. This will need to be taken off the PACIF insurance sheet.

c. Replacement of Equipment - The Select Board will work on researching information and prices to possibly review any needs for replacement equipment.

d. Town Attorney - Roland Simmons received approval from the Select Board to discuss a zoning violation matter with Mark Werle, Town Attorney.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board



**Regular Meeting**

**March 26, 2007**