

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
February 8, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board: Paula Barnes
Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons**

**Present: Allen M. Alger
Allen R. Alger
Robert Arnebold**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

Following the mediation meeting with Patrick J. Barry [as requested by the Environmental Court], the regular meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS. None

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Foreman reported on the truck quotes from Mack, [lightest Mack they make, single axle, \$30,000 more than other trucks] International and Freightliner. The current '93 Mack is now 17 years old. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to bring to the voters at Town Meeting the recommendation to purchase the International truck financed with the use of the equipment reserve fund, over a three year period with interest. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

b. Truck Replacement Review - The Road Foreman will work up a chart with the specs and financing for the International and a flier on the Mack and Freightliner to be made available to the voters. Information on the paving article will be included on this sheet, drawn up by Roland Simmons.

c. VEM Report of Storm Damage - VEM is requesting a report [regardless of the amount of damage] on the latest rain storm. Allen M. Alger will complete this short form even though there was only minor damage to Orwell roads.

d. Highway Financial Plan - After Town Meeting, the financial plan will need to be drawn up following Town Meeting. Allen M. Alger will get a new bid from Pike for the 2010 State highway paving grant application.

3. MINUTES.

Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2010, and the January 25, 2010 LUR hearing as written. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$15,579.02, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$162.85 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The monthly reports were reviewed and signed by Roland Simmons.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

No monthly report was submitted by the Treasurer.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Crown Point Bridge Update - The latest report on the Crown Point Bridge was received from Rep Will Stevens. The big news is that there are now two ferries at the temporary Crown Point crossing. The second ferry began service on February 2, 2010. *For further details see sheet attached to these minutes.*

b. MUTCD Compliance Guidance for Signs - The Select Board received the guidelines of the uniform traffic control devices manual from AOT District #3. AOT requires that all permanent traffic control devices be brought into conformance with these guidelines. The Road Crew has copies of these guidelines to use in placing the speed limit and stop signs on Orwell roads.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Annual Evaluations - The annual evaluations have been completed by the Select Board and Town Clerk.

b. AC Humane Society Contract - 2010 - The Select Board reviewed the 2010 contract for the animal holding facility submitted by the ACHS.

Carla Ochs moved to sign and pay \$500 for the AC Humane Society Contract for 2010, no charge per animal and no limit. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

c. Legislative Day - February 24, 2010 - Roland Simmons and Walker James plan to attend. Paula Barnes and Carla Ochs will try to attend. The clerk will sign up people via Internet.

This event is sponsored by VLCT and VMC&TA.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Fund Balance Reporting Workshop - This workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Discussion followed. Board members will not be attending this workshop.

b. School Dinner Rescheduled - Roland Simmons was informed that the Lending a Hand in Service dinner put on by the School that was scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24th, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

c. H.492 Constable Training. - This bill will grandfather constables with more than 15 years of service, thus allowing them to be law enforcement officers without training. The VLCT is discussing this issue and at this point plans not to support this bill. The liability is just too high.

d. Mediation - The Select Board will meet again Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office to continue with the Environmental Court request for mediation.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

