

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**March 9, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

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

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

As per VSA 24 §871, the Select Board organized for the 2009 term. The following election and appointments were made:

Walker James moved to elect Roland Simmons Chair of the Select Board. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes - 1 Abstain [Roland Simmons].

Carla Ochs moved to keep the Select Board committee assignments the same as in previous years. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 yes 0 No.

Carla Ochs moved to appoint Allen M. Alger Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

Carla Ochs moved and Paula Barnes seconded to make the following appointments:

Pound Keeper - Addison County Humane Society

Weigher of Coal - Allen R. Alger

Tree Warden - Allen M. Alger

Fence Viewers - Listers, Cheryl Tudhope, Stephen James and Arlene Batschelet

Clerk of the Select Board - Susan Ann Arnebold

Newspaper - Addison Independent

Lawyer - Ryan, Smith & Carbine [Mark Werle and Greg Boulbol] with Jonathan Bump, Esquire as backup.

Meeting Dates - Second and Fourth Mondays of the month.

The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No. [See attached sheet for details and committee list.]

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Roland Simmons mentioned that at Town Meeting some people thought that the Road Crew was using too much sand. However, some people found no problem with the sanding of Town roads.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Right now with the weather, the roads are pretty bad but as soon as possible, grading will begin. The Road Crew is keeping an eye on the culverts.

D & F Excavating prefers to wait with a bid figure on paving until mid April.

b. State Highway Paving Grant 2009 - The Select Board discussed possible options for the 2009 grant application. The deadline is March 17, 2009.

Carla Ochs moved to apply for and sign a grant of \$122,000.00 to shim and top coat for one mile from Ron Parent's to Paul Parent's on Route 73 West. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2009, as written. Paula Barnes 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 \$14,320.30, Election Officials in the amount of \$150.00 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The Select Board Chair reviewed and signed the monthly reports on March 6, 2009.
This year the John Deere will be serviced in house.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Town Service Officer - This year there was more than one person interested in this position. The Select Board is most appreciative of people's willingness to service Orwell. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to appoint Virginia Wilson as Town Service Officer for 2009. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

b. Update Orwell, VT Rapid Response Plan - Each year at this time VEMA requires towns to update their Rapid Response plans. The Emergency Manager will do this update and is just waiting for the new revised forms to be emailed to him. As soon as the forms are completed, he will present them to the Select Board for adoption.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Town/School 3/3/2009 Minutes - The Town Clerk presented copies of the school and town meeting minutes for March 3, 2009. The Select Board will review the minutes for the next regular meeting.

b. ACSWD Representative & Alternative - After discussion, the following persons were appointed:
Walker James moved to appoint Kori Mitchell representative and Roland Simmons alternate to the Addison County Solid Waste District for 2009. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

c. Town Generator - Robert Arnebold, Emergency Manager, reported that he received an offer for a service contract for the generator and would like some input from the Select Board. Discussion followed. The Select Board feels there is no need for a service contract. The town generator, the Select Board determined, will be checked each year by doing a hook up during spring break.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Mark Werle Letter - Roland Simmons read the latest letter from the Town Attorney concerning the pending Environmental Court case.

b. DRB/PC Appointments - No information was received from the Planning Commission concerning appointments for 2009. Hopefully word will come in time for the next regular Select Board meeting.

c. Town Office Parking Lot Light - The parking lot light is now replaced and the new fixture is glowing brightly thanks to Fran Bradish. Betty Walker is very happy.

d. Select Board Institute - Some Select Board members are interested in attending this workshop to be held on April 4, 2009.

e. TOEC - The spring Town Officers Education Conference is being held on May 6, 2009. People who wish to attend should get their requests in by the next Select Board meeting.

f. State Stimulus Package Discussion - On March 20, 2009, there will be an interactive session available at the Hannaford Center in Middlebury, to tell how municipalities or individuals might be able to get involved with the stimulus. Roland Simmons is signed up for this date.

g. Whiting Town Hall Meeting, March 16, 2009 - An LEPC meeting for emergency persons and town officers will be held at the Whiting Town Hall, March 16th. Supper is available at 5:30 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by the workshop.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board