

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

March 14, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Town Office

Organization Meeting

NOT APPROVED

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

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

Russell Young

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

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

As per VSA 24§871, the Orwell Select Board organized for the 2011 term.

Miles Tudhope moved to nominate Roland Simmons as Chair. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. Walker James moved to close the nominations. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion to close passed - 4 Yes 1 Abstain - Roland Simmons. The motion to elect Roland Simmons as Chair passed - 4 Yes 1 Abstain - Roland Simmons.

The Select Board then reviewed and discussed the attached sheet and committee list.

Miles Tudhope moved the organizational work sheet as presented. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Roland Simmons thanked all the support the Select Board received from the Town this last budget session and the problems we had getting ready for Town Meeting and how it was well received by the Town.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – Murray Road is still closed: the water is coming back up again. The Road Crew will be working to close the many holes that developed in the Town roads.

There will be a flagging workshop update in Benson on Wednesday, no cost to the Town.

UST has published a heavy fine list. The Select Board approved the Road Foreman's decision to get MacIntyre down to go over the tanks and equipment to be sure all is in order.

b. Review of Storm - Allen M. Alger thanked everybody who helped us out during the March 7th snow storm. There were nine people who responded. The community works well together, Roland Simmons reported. In addition, the Emergency Manager lined up VAST, who was most cooperative, to be available with snowmobiles if any emergency transport was needed while the roads were being cleared.

Roland Simmons reviewed that the Road Foreman needs to take a rest early on. This is very important. Dean did a very good job and was able to keep his roads open. The east/west roads were for awhile impossible to open or to keep open.

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c. Right of Way Permit – Jonathan Audet – The Chair signed the permit for the Mt Independence project for Jonathan Audet. The sheets were already approved at a past meeting.

CVPS submitted maps and papers for their project on Fisher Road. The Road Foreman will need to go over these four sheets before any decision can be made. This is scheduled for the March 28th meeting.

d. Access Permit – Brandon Streicher submitted an application for a driveway access off Stevens Orchard Road. Both the Road Foreman and the Select Board reviewed this permit.

Walker James moved to approve the Brandon Streicher access permit as presented. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

e. State Paving Grant for 2011 – The Select Board, in review with the Road Foreman, will submit a grant application to do resurfacing on North Orwell Road starting at Route 73, going north about one mile.

3. MINUTES.

Miles Tudhope moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2011 as amended. Walker James 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 \$21,639.96, the Election Officials for \$200.00, the Sewer Orders for \$437.85, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No .

5. SEWER REPORT.

The monthly State reports were reviewed and signed last week by the Chair.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Legal Note – Roland Simmons reported that he has not heard back from Thomas Eddy. A call will go out to both banks for the figures needed and for confirmation of the 3 year note. This information will be ready for the next meeting, March 28th.

b. Town Meeting Round Up – The Select Board needs more time to review the minutes. They will be considered at the March 28th meeting. The Select Board felt that the Town was very understandable on the 2011 town budget. The town report financial statement needs to be as clear as possible. Discussion followed.

c. Hazard Mitigation Meeting Report – Roland Simmons received the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan from Tim Bouton of ACRPC. The Select Board reviewed the draft. A copy of the Orwell Planned Mitigation Activities is attached to these minutes.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Clean Up Day May 7, 2011 – The Earth Waste contract ended in 2010. Discussion ensued. Roland Simmons will contact Earth Waste to set up a new 3 year contract.

Walker James reported that Walter Phelps wishes to be a volunteer at the Town Garage for Clean Up this year. The Select Board welcomes him aboard.

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b. Humane Society Contract 2011 – The Select Board received the papers for the 2011 contract. Discussion followed.

Paula Barnes moved to sign the Humane Society Contract for option #2 at a cost of \$500. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Dogs – The Animal Control Officer requested that the delinquent process begin sooner this year. Discussion followed.

The deadline for licensing all dogs is April 1, 2011. The Select Board will start the delinquent process on April 2, 2011. The list will go to the Animal Control Officer, post cards will go out and the warning sign will go up on this date. Hopefully people will get their dogs licensed as soon as possible this year.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. PC/DRB Appointments for 2011 – The Select Board received a letter from Andrea Ochs, Planning Commission Chair with the following voted nominations:

Clyde Park - reappoint to PC/DRB

Delegates and Alternates for ACRPC – Andrea Ochs and Clyde Park as Delegates and David King and Robert Bogdan as alternates, effective immediately.

Walker James moved to make the appointments as presented. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Town Service Officer Appointment – Virginia Wilson is the current officer.

Walker James moved to appoint Virginia Wilson as Town Service Officer for 2011. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

c. TAC Representative – Carla Ochs stated that she would be willing to represent Orwell at TAC and feels it is very important to be at the table at this time. Discussion followed.

Miles Tudhope moved to appoint Carla Ochs to TAC/ACRPC for 2011, effective immediately. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain [Carla Ochs].

d. Executive Session – Miles Tudhope moved to go into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board came out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board