

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**March 22, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Rae Anne Barry Mark Young, Treasurer
Allen R. Alger Glen Cousineau Russell Young
Robert Arnebold Chris Mongeur**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Rae Anne Barry had several questions for the Select Board concerning road signs, progress on the temporary road at the slide and moving the Barry/Thompson house to another section of the Barry property. The Road Crew will check the signs, no decision will be made on the temporary road until April or early May and the third question was directed to the Development Review Board [next meeting April 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.].

Glen Cousineau asked the Select Board to revisit the school sewer rent. Discussion ensued. The Select Board asked for figures to be submitted so the Select Board could look into a request for a review.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger reported that Pike submitted a quote for 1-1/2 miles [instead of 1 mile as requested] from Ron Parent's 1/2 mile further than Brad Thomas' barn. No quote as yet was received from Wilk or D & F. The Select Board asked to have Pike resubmit a quote for just one mile in this area..

The Road Foreman worked up a proposal for clear and clean ditching as requested by Sheri Young, to be presented to the Clear and Clean program meeting. Three areas in the proposal are the slide area, add stone at Sunset Lake Road and ditching near the bridge on Old Sawmill Road.

Several property owners were complaining about road water runoff. Discussion followed. The Select Board made it clear that the Town does not do work out of the highway right-of-way. A possible solution to this expectation would be to add some information when people apply for new construction permits.

Walker James moved to have Allen M. Alger contact Steve Jerome from the State to look into the Horton Road area.

b. Truck Purchase Update - The Road Foreman presented some figures from Clark's. This dealer has a better reputation among town road foremen and submitted a quote for a better truck for the same voted Town Meeting price. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to have the Road Foreman work up a spec comparison chart to bring back to the Select Board. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.
This will enable the Select Board to work with clearer information to make a decision.

c. 2010 State Paving Grant - The Select Board as directed by the voters at Town Meeting, will apply for a State paving grant to resurface one mile of Route 73 West from about Ron Parent's to Brad Thomas's barn.

Carla Ochs moved to have the Select Board Chair apply for the 2010 State paving grant for the one mile section stated above. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2010 with the following correction: delete all of section 2 c. and the minutes of the March 9, 2010 continuation of the March 8, 2010 meeting as written. Paula Barnes 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 \$6,889.52, orders in the amount of \$100.00 for Election Officials, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$910.82, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain [Miles Tudhope].

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the sewer budget reports received from the Treasurer.

The Treasurer asked for more clarification concerning the memo requesting financial reports on a regular basis. The Select Board explained that detail reports should be for each additional month and deposits listed need to be identified clearly as to their source, not just as a split.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Town Office Copier - The "new" copier delivered by IKON on December 30, 2009, still is not working as represented by the IKON Rep. IKON now wants another paper signed and more money to make the copier work. Discussion ensued.

Paula Barnes moved to approve having Roland Simmons negotiate to get out of the IKON contract and change copiers. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Town Office Lights - The Town Clerk reported that as of Wednesday of last week, the Town Office lights have all been replaced by new and more efficient units.

c. Town Meeting Minutes - The Select Board members each have reviewed the Town and School Meeting minutes received on March 8, 2010.

Paula Barnes moved to accept and sign the Town and School meeting minutes of March 2, 2010 as written. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

These minutes were already signed by Town and School Moderator, Michael Audet.

d. Town Office Sign - The sign has been up for a year. At this point as per the agreement with David Abbott [who built the sign] the final step is to now give the sign a coat of paint. The Select Board approved sending David Abbott a reminder of this commitment.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Green Up Day, May 1, 2010 - The Select Board reviewed the Green Up sheet and charges. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to use the same prices as last year. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Update Basic Emergency Operations {RR} Plan - Basically it is all the same except for several small changes of personnel, the Emergency Manager explained.

Paula Barnes moved to adopt the Basic Emergency Operations Plan as updated and presented. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Roland Simmons signed the front page, as updated, on March 22, 2010.

b. Louis Hall Delinquent Tax Report - Louis Hall submitted a report showing that the delinquent tax rolls are reduced almost by half from the end of the year figures. The Treasurer confirmed that this money is now in the General Fund. Discussion followed.

The 2008 tax delinquencies are under tax sale process as of January of this year.

c. Library Survey - The Library survey indicated that citizens would like more open hours at the Orwell Free Library. At this point there is no request. This is just a point of information.

d. Thank You - The Addison County Counseling Services sent a thank you letter to the voters for approving their request for \$1,000.00 for 2010.

e. UST Reporting - The Select Board received a letter from the Agency of National Resources addressing the testing and maintenance activities required for Underground Storage Tank [UST] and gasoline vapor recovery systems. A copy of this document was given to the Road Foreman who does the weekly tank checking and the posting of this information on the State UST site.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Miles Tudhope moved adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board