

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**April 12, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Matt Fraley, LEPC #8
Robert Arnebold Kate Giegis, LEPC #8 David King, PC
Glen Cousineau Elizabeth Golden, ACRP Cindy Leazer
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger came home Saturday and as reported by Allen M. Alger, all is going well. This is good news for all of us as well as for the Alger family. We all wish Allen continued good healing and look forward to seeing him around "Town" once again.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew is going around grading the roads for the second time. Sections of Horton Road and Royce Hill Road will be raised. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board asked Allen M. Alger to continue filling in the bare areas on the roads working with variables as they come into play. There are many areas on the roads that need to be raised up to their normal level.

The Road Foreman confirmed with the Select Board to continue working with the Benson Road Crew. This process is going very well and is most helpful for both towns.

b. New Truck - Roland Simmons explained that a new truck was ordered on April 1, 2010, the 30 day point from the Town Meeting vote. Miles Tudhope asked about the truck body. Has the Road Crew decided which one to order? Discussion followed.

The Road Foreman was asked to work up a sheet with the specs the Road Crew would like for a truck body. The Select Board asked to have this sheet available for the next meeting.

c. Highway Financial Plan - Thomas Roberts of District #3 was at the Town Office where he met with Roland Simmons and Walker James to draw up the annual financial plan.

The Select Board reviewed these figures.

Roland Simmons moved to accept and sign the Highway Financial Plan as presented. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

When Thomas Roberts was here, he asked Walker James and Roland Simmons to sign the plan. This signature sheet was returned to the Select Board for the signatures of the rest of the Select Board.

d. Highway Right of Way - Peter W. Ochs submitted an application to remove tree stumps out where CVPS is putting in a new power line. The location is the north side of the road above 24 Conkey Hill. The Road Foreman has signed off on this application.

Paula Barnes moved to approve the application as presented and reviewed by the Road Foreman. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No. 2 Abstain - Miles Tudhope [lack of information] and Carla Ochs.

3. MINUTES.

Miles Tudhope moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 2010, as written. Carla Ochs 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 \$20,353.57, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$1,216.50, and the Town and Sewer payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed a quote from Jobbers Warehouse to do normal, regular maintenance on the Treatment Plant compressor. The cost will be \$2,550.00 and is in the budget.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the latest financial reports received from the Treasurer.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Town Office Copier - Roland Simmons reported back that he spoke with IKON [about their machine that is still not working properly after three months], the result of which is that they will not cancel the contract. The Town attorney was sent all the material for review. Mark Werle reported back that it is very, very hard to break the contract and involves a long, documented, costly process [over at least three additional months or more] that in the end will depend on an opinion of a Judge. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board asked Paula Barnes to investigate getting another copier from another company. It is very important to have a working copier that can take the special linen paper used for recording land documents.

Carla Ochs moved to not pay the IKON bill and to pull the IKON bill out of tonight's orders. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

The plan now is to get a copier from another more reliable company, that meets the requirements for land recording. Paula Barnes will contact her source and get back to the Town Clerk with her information.

b. Dog Licensing Report - The Town Clerk submitted a report on the progress of licensing dogs for 2010. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

c. Clean Up Day - Roland Simmons reported that he contacted Earth Waste and Casella Waste. Both agents confirmed that they will supply the same machines, timing and containers as last year.

d. May 11th Dinner - The Select Board members will be attending the RSVP Service Learning Dinner held by the Village School on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Elizabeth Golden, Planning/Environmental Issues at ACRPC - Elizabeth Golden introduced herself and explained the Addison County Regional Planning Commissions goals and objectives. A pamphlet was supplied so people could follow along.

Elizabeth Golden is looking for Select Board concerns in the areas of planning, mapping, grant education, emergency/energy planning, transportation and natural resources. The Select Board is encouraged to appoint active coordinators and /or representatives to the ACRPC and to keep these people apprised as to Orwell's needs.

David King, Orwell Planning, explained that the Orwell Planning Commission has completed their current goals and has no requests this time.

One area that Orwell has been trying for years and years is the transportation issues with Route 22A and Route 73. There is a very great need for speed limit signs along these corridors especially near the Route 22A/Route 73 intersection and at the Orwell Village School area. To date the response from the State has been poor. Elizabeth Golden stated that she will convey this information to the person involved with transportation.

The Select Board thanked Elizabeth Golden for her information and time.

b. Tim Bouton, LEPC - Matt Fraley of LEPC #8 came in Tim Bouton's place. Kate Giegis LEPC #8 Treasurer and Matt Fraley LEPC #8 Chair, presented the Town of Orwell Select Board with an Emergency Kit. This kit was developed to assist Orwell in dealing with an emergency situation. Here is a place, compact and mobile, to store all town specific plans, maps, forms, etc that would be needed in any emergency to run an emergency operations center.

The thinking behind the EMD Kit program is stated on the attached sheet. This is a project of the LEPC and was headed and put together by Kate Giegis. Kits will be presented to other Addison County Town Emergency Managers as an incentive to get more involved in Emergency Planning.

Matt Fraley commended Bob Arnebold on his work as Orwell Emergency Manager. Through his efforts we have a shelter center that will be supported and run by the Red Cross. This takes the burden of cost from Orwell. Orwell is a lead town in Addison County in emergency organization.

Allen M. Alger works well with the EM and is skilled in collecting information [including on site pictures] and completing FEMA forms in a timely manner thus enabling Orwell to take advantage of any money available.

c. Memorial Day Parade - The Orwell Select Board members plan to attend the Orwell Memorial Day Parade.

Walker James moved to have the Select Board participate in the 2010 Memorial Day Parade. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Shoreham Clinic Site - Because of a devastating fire at the Newton Academy in Shoreham the Health Clinic needs a new home. Orwell had offered to help find a location. Paul Saenger, Shoreham Select Board Chair, thanked Orwell but stated that Dr. Curtis wants to stay in Shoreham as it is a more central location for his patients. .

b. Court Case Update - No new information has come in to date.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board