

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**April 26, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board: Paula Barnes
Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons
Miles Tudhope
Judith Fyles, OVSB
Russell Young
Glen Cousineau, OVSB Chair**

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

**Susan Ann
Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Roger Young is taking Allen R. Alger's place temporarily as the person to issue burning permits.

Glen Cousineau and Judith Fyles, representing the Orwell Village School, presented the Select Board with some sewer use figures and requested that the sewer units for the school building be reduced. Roland Simmons explained the sewer billing process. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board asked Glen Cousineau to submit the school building figures in writing along with a formal request for a readjustment of the sewer units based on this information. The Select Board will then do a review of the material and get back to Glen Cousineau with their findings.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew is busy putting gravel out on the roads.

b. CVPS Right of Way Application - CVPS is changing their power lines from cross country to along the roads, the object being to reduce downed lines during storms. The Road Foreman checked out the CVPS sites and signed the application. The Select Board reviewed the drawings and application papers.

Carla Ochs moved to approve the CVPS Right of Way application as presented. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

c. DF Paving Quote - The Select Board reviewed the latest quote of \$66 a ton, 20 feet wide from DF Paving. The specs given to DF stated 22 feet. Discussion followed.

d. State Bridge Inspection Report - The Select Board all went over the latest State Bridge Inspection Report. Bridge #3 will need some work. Allen M. Alger put this on his work sheet. The report was signed as reviewed by the whole Select Board and will be mailed back to the State tomorrow.

e. New Truck Equipment - Allen M. Alger gave each of the Select Board members sheets listing the comparison specs for equipment for the new truck. See attached sheets. Discussion followed.

After close comparison, the Select Board decided that the COTE body was the best choice and requested the Road Foreman to go back to ATEC with a price offer of \$61,050. This amount will keep the cost within the \$130,000 voted at Town Meeting. The COTE quote is for \$63,250 which puts the cost \$2,200 over the voted amount. A final decision will be made at the May 10, 2010 meeting.

f. Horton Road Water Problem - Steve Jerome of Betterback Roads and Allen M. Alger viewed the

area on Horton Road where road water is running into a property owner's front yard. Currently the property owner has built a berm along the edge of his lawn but in the highway right-of-way to prevent any

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water from coming onto the property. Messing up the highway-right-of-way is open to a fine. Any work in a highway right-of-way is under full control of the Select Board and can only be done by an approved permit issued by the Select Board. The professional advice is to have the Road Crew clean up the edge that was disturbed and let water go where it may.

The Select Board will write a letter to the property owner stating and explaining the highway rules covering this problem.

g. Roadside Mowing - Lemuel Palmer contacted Roland Simmons about mowing for 2011, quoting a price of \$6,900. Discussion followed..

Paula Barnes moved to hire Lemuel Palmer to do the roadside mowing under the same agreement as last year, for the price increase [\$100 over last year] of \$6,900.00. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

h. Access Permit - Robert Carlyle - Allen M. Alger viewed the sight and OK's a 15" X 20' culvert for a changed access at 56 Route 73 for Robert Carlyle. The Select Board reviewed the permit.

Walker James moved to approved the access permit for Robert Carlyle as submitted. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

3. MINUTES.

Miles Tudhope moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting of March 29, 2010, and of the regular meeting of April 12, 2010, 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 \$20,968.85, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$399.09, and the Town payroll. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The sewer treatment plant lawn mower needs a new deck. Hendy Bros. cannot find a replacement deck-the mower is over 30 years old. Discussion ensued.

Walker James will continue to look around for a used replacement deck. The mower has been an excellent machine.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT. None.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Copier Report - Roland Simmons stated that he talked today [returning their call] with IKON Financial explaining about the problems with the Ricoh and why the Town stopped paying for a machine that does not work as stated and that the Town Office personnel did not get proper training on. The IKON Financial person wrote down the information and stated that she would get back to Roland Simmons after investigating the problems. Discussion ensued.

The Town Clerk explained that she and the Assistant Town Clerk went to the SymQuest office to view and try out several copiers. They were given very good service and explanations.

Miles Tudhope moved to have the Chair get a copier into the Town Office to meet the clerks' needs for processing Land Records and the clerks' office. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The Town needs a machine that does the work as stated and the IKON machine does not do this; and the Town had to replace it. Therefore IKON can come and get their machine.

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b. Clean Up Day - The Select Board went over last minute details for working on Clean Up Day. The Road Crew will pick up the green bags on Friday, Allen M. Alger confirmed.

Casella prices are up very slightly from last year for their equipment.

c. Delinquent Tax Collector Report - The Select Board received the April report on the delinquent tax list submitted by Louis Hall, DTC . The balance was reduced by about another \$1,000. The Select Board will send a memo to Louis Hall asking for an update on the tax sale situation for the 2008 delinquents.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Transportation Enhancement 2011 Grants - Information for these grants and the applications are now available at the Town Office.

b. TOEC Training - Rutland April 28, 2010 - This is a reminder about the Town Officer Education Conference being held at the Holiday Inn in Rutland on Wednesday, April 28th.

c. Orwell Free Library Board Request - The Select Board received the following two requests from the OFL Board:

1. Appoint Virginia Wilson to the OFL Board to fill out the term of Hester Phelps.
2. Approve an extension of **five additional public hours** as per the results of the Library survey as follows:

Saturday 9 to 1

Thursday 3 to 6

Discussion followed.

Miles Tudhope moved to appoint Virginia Wilson to the OFL Board until the next annual meeting and to approve an increase of five additional hours for the Library to be open to the public. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Energy Audit thru Grant - Roland Simmons spoke with Elizabeth Golden, Energy Coordinator at the ACRPC about having an audit at the Fire/Rescue building where the most energy is used.

Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to have the energy audit done on the Fire/Rescue building thru the ACRPC Energy Grant. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

The audit will begin Thursday, April 29, 2010.

b. Dig Safe - Governor Douglas declared April as underground damage prevention month in Vermont. The Damage Prevention Team is looking for contact information, what systems the Town operates and whether the Town is a member of the Dig Safe system.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Miles Tudhope moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the

motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board