

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

May 24, 2010

**6:30 p.m. at Mt Independence Road, then at
Town Office**

NOT APPROVED

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

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

Russell Young

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair, at the Mt Independence Road slide side. Present at the site were, Walker James, Carla Ochs, Allen M. Alger, Ray Burnham, Magloire Audet and Roland Simmons. The meeting continued at the town office at 7:30 p.m.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – Allen M. Alger received a call from Randy Clark asking if the '93 Mack can be turned in early because Clark may have a buyer. The Road Foreman is playing phone tag with Randy Clark and with a Craig's List ad customer. Discussion ensued. The Select Board feels early delivery should include more allowance for the trade-in, possibly \$1,000. Allen M. Alger will continue to work on this.

b. Slide Site – After evaluating the site, several proposals are under consideration. One is to put in a new guard rail into the old tar section, move the road back to the original site and widen the road on the East side. The second is to improve the temporary road site into a new road site.

Keeping the road at the temporary site may cause some problems with the Land Trust. But this may prevent bigger problems, Miles Tudhope feels, in the future if the slide continues, which it certainly will. Discuss continued.

The Select Board asked the Road Foreman to work up two (2) budgets [one for going back to old road and the other for making the temporary road the new road] to include procedure and costs and consultation with Betterback Roads engineers.

c. Horton Road – The Road Crew is continuing with ditching in the right of way, stone lining and culverts. The property owner has not gotten back to the Road Crew to date.

d. Call List – The Select Board decided to take the names on the call list off as town employees to eliminate the problem of drug testing people who have not been doing any driving for the town.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2010, as corrected by changing the spelling of Maglorie to Magloire [Audet]. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$28,824.15 , the Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$523.54, and the Town payroll. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

The ACSWD billing was received today. The Select Board will review this bill before putting it on the orders.

The clerk asked the Select Board about the CVPS request to reset the budget amount for the Fire/Rescue electricity billing. The current monthly amount does not meet actual use. The Select Board approved letting CVPS set the new figure. No change in the budget amount was made since the new addition.

5. SEWER REPORT.

After receiving a letter from Dennis Bryer of the State ANR requesting more information on the treatment plant system for the operation, management and emergency response plan, Roland Simmons contacted Dennis Bryer to clarify some details. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to authorize Roland Simmons and Walker James to meet with Martin Williams to draft a letter to satisfy the State requests. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 0 No.

The deadline for the revision is June 11, 2010. Walker James will set up this meeting with Martin Williams to work out the details.

The Select Board reviewed a quote for the purchase of a lawn mower. Discussion followed.

Miles Tudhope moved to seek bid proposals for hiring someone to mow the Treatment Plant lawn in place of purchasing another mower. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed – 3 Yes 1 No [Walker James].

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. 2008 Delinquent Taxes – Louis Hall submitted a report dated May 24, 2010 and explained that payments were received from two 2008 delinquent parties and a letter of intent to pay from the third 2008 delinquent party. The Select Board reviewed the information.

Roland Simmons moved to hold off any tax sales until the end of July when the third party states that they will be paying their 2008 taxes. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 0 No.

b. Copier Report - Miles Tudhope moved to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a contract. Carla Ochs seconded the motion . The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board came out of executive session at 8:29 p.m. No action was taken.

Miles Tudhope moved to authorize the Chair to sign for the Board, to send a letter to IKON detailing the Select Board's position, including setting a time line of 30 days for removal of their machines, after which the machines will be recycled. Carla Ochs second the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

The new contract will be signed when the new machine is up and running properly.

c. Drug Testing - The clerk agreed to take the information on drug testing. The clerk is to use the radio if necessary, to make the necessary contacts.

Roland Simmons moved to have the clerk handle drug testing calls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

d. Energy Audit - The energy audit report has not been received to date.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Young Road Rubbish etc Concerns – The Health Officer received a report about a tenant property of Jay Wist concerning rubbish, children and a dog. Virginia Wilson notified the Select Board clerk that she is working on this complaint.

b. Extended Dependent coverage - Health Trust Offer - After review the Select Board determined that this does not apply to any town employees under the Health Trust.

c. Health Trust Dental - The Select Board has no interest in this plan at this time.

d. Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending - The Listers asked the Select Board to sign this certificate denoting that the 2009 Grand List is closed.

Miles Tudhope moved to accept this report and to have the Select Board sign the certificate. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. EMP Meeting Bridport - The Orwell Select Board received an invitation to attend an Emergency Management Planning Meeting at the Bridport Community Hall. Discussion followed.
No Board member is planning to attend this meeting.

b. Seck Sign in front of the Town Office - Walker James proposed to move this sign to the Village Green down from the bandstand. Discussion ensued.

Walker James was advised to go to the Village School with his proposal because the Village Green is under the School authority.

c. Route 22A Corridor Study – Roland Simmons announced that the Study Team will be meeting with the Orwell Select Board and the community on June 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office to discuss the goals of the project in more detail. [Please see attached sheet.]

d. Legal Matter - **Roland Simmons moved to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

The Select Board came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Walker James moved to appoint Miles Tudhope to be Town negotiator to take the place of Peter Young, contingent upon the town attorney's acceptance. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

e. Minutes Question - There is no information at this time concerning the taping of the minutes.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Miles Tudhope moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

