

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**July 12, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

Town Office

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Present:

**Allen M. Alger
Allen R. Alger
Robert G. Arnebold**

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

**Chris of Pike Industries
Russell Young**

**Susan Ann
Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger reported that after many years of verifying auto serial numbers, he is now required to take a three hour class [on update information] at the Police Academy.

Russell Young asked if the Town was aware of the people biking through Town. The Select Board replied that yes, letters of notification are sent to Orwell and insurance sheets are then requested and received back. Russell Young expressed that he does not like the arrows left in the road; they do not wash off readily.

Walker James reported that the North Orwell Cemetery fence needs painting. The Select Board will look for a volunteer to do this job.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – A buyer for the '93 Mack is due here Friday to pay [\$7,500.00] for and pick up the truck. Discussion ensued.

Roland Simmons moved to sell the '93 Mack as is for \$7,500.00. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 1 No [Miles Tudhope felt the '93 should be kept until the new truck arrives, in case it should be needed. Walker James explained that with the Road Foreman organization of neighboring towns, if a truck is needed another Town will help Orwell].

Vermont Local Roads distributed the latest AOT highway sign manual, free of charge. Retro reflective signs are now required. A plan must be drawn up by January of 2012, all roads signs by Retro by 2015 and all road names by 2018.

The culverts on Route 73 are installed. A beaver dam let go off Sunset Lake Road, on private property and caused a section of Sunrise Lake Road to wash. Perhaps the Select Board could send a letter to the owner of the Frog Pond [below the beaver dam] to ensure that the dam on this pond is in good shape. The Fire Dept. was most helpful with this washout problem, Allen M. Alger reported.

There are several other areas where beaver dams can plug up culverts and may cause road washing. Allen M. Alger was asked to talk with Betty Walker about the beaver dam on her property. Perhaps the dam could be broken down section by section to prevent any large break through that could come down and wash out the lower section of Knox Hill Road.

b. Paving Quotes – The following quotes were received tonight for paving:

Wilk – 63.77 per ton 1 mile Route 73 & 1 mile Mt Independence

D& F – 63.00 per ton
Pike - 60.17 per ton

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Chris from Pike Industries explained the Pike product of 25% recycled material. The July prices are in and Pike anticipates flat rates for the balance of the year. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to go with the low quote – Pike Industries at 60.17 per ton, work to be done as soon as possible – last week in July for Route 73 [one mile] and the middle of August for Mt Independence [one mile]. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Highway Right of Way Permits – The Select Board reviewed the permit from Orwell Construction to run a perimeter drain outlet under Shoales Drive. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to approve the Right of Way permit for 24 Shoales Drive four [4] feet under the road with a minimum 6 inch drain pipe, contractor to take care of any dipping over the next week and to install a post at the end of the drain to mark the site. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 1 No [Miles Tudhope felt that not enough information was submitted and that a site visit was needed.]

The Select Board reviewed a permit submitted by Wolfgang Ziegler to run a new power line under the road at his property site on 223 Royce Hill Road. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to approve the Right of Way permit for Wolfgang Ziegler at 223 Royce Hill Road to run a new power line under the road. Dig safe must be notified and the site must be marked. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 1 No [Miles Tudhope].

d. UST Filing Now On Line – The Select Board and Road Foreman were informed by the State that on-line service is ready for use as of July 1, 2010. Allen M. Alger is all set to use this service.

e. Sale of '93 Mack – See item a. above.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2010, as written. 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 \$25,881.54, the Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$58.72, orders to adjust several categories and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

As discussed, Miles Tudhope submitted a quote from Aaron Savage for mowing [cost is a per mowing price, on an as needed basis] at the Sewer Treatment Plant. At this time, Walker James is doing the mowing [part of his job] but there may be a time when the current John Deere mower may need to be replaced. Thus, the Select Board has an alternative if needed.

Walker James reported that the compressor was checked and the decision was to go with the same compressor.

The Select Board Chair reviewed and signed the latest State monthly and quarterly reports.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the latest Financial Reports from the Treasurer. Several categories had to be adjusted.

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7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. School Fuel Billing – The Select Board discovered that the first school fuel bill was paid and the check was given to the Treasurer. It was then deposited into the General Fund.

b. Route 22A Corridor Study – Roland Simmons received the Corridor Study and Vision sheets via email. Copies of these sheets are attached to these minutes.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Tax Rate - The Select Board reviewed the tax rate sheet calculated by Roland Simmons. Discussion followed. The rates are as follows: Resident – 2.2017; Non Resident – 2.4945. The Town rate for 2010 is .5698, set by the Orwell Select Board. The Education rates – set by the State are 1.6319 and 1.9247 respectively.

Paula Barnes moved to set the municipal tax rate at \$0.5698 for 2010. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Hold Harmless Payment – The Hold Harmless estimate for FY11 for Orwell, based on tax year 2009 data is \$48,354.00. Payment will be issued on or about November 1, 2010.

c. Pilot Payment – The Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes [PILOT] on State owned property for Orwell is estimated to be \$3,921.00 for FY11. The payment will be issued on or about October 1, 2010.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Legal Matters – Miles Tudhope moved to go into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss the Court case and legal matters. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

No action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Miles Tudhope moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

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