

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
November 23, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board: Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons
Peter Young**

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

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Peter Young noted and is pleased to see the Christmas Wreaths, sponsored by the Fortnightly Club, decorating the Village. This year Church Street was included. This festive touch is greatly appreciated.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Foreman reported that the Road Crew continues to grade and fill pot holes as needed. Walker James stated that the Road Crew is doing a good job despite the constant wet weather.

Peter Young reported that there is a washout, by the Paxson property on Brown Lane, that the Road Crew needs to check.

Walker James asked the Road Foreman about filling holes in the Sewer Plant driveway.

Roland Simmons received Federal and State paperwork to be completed, concerning the August 2008 flooding. Discussion ensued.

Allen M. Alger will go over the certificate of completion, fill in the needed information and return it to the Clerk for copying and mailing.

b. Freeman Corey Access Permit - Allen M. Alger viewed and signed off on the roadside area where Freeman Corey wishes to add another road access to his property. The Select Board went over the permit. Discussion followed. Since the Land Use Regulations, under section 4.2 [H] Access Management state that "no lot may be served by more than one access except for" four exceptions. The first two are agricultural and construction and the last two need to be addressed to the DRB for determination. Therefore, the Select Board cannot issue a permit in this case.

Roland Simmons, as Zoning Administrator, will contact Freeman Corey about these regulations and advise him to contact the DRB.

c. Bridge Report - Will Stevens sent the most recent Bridge report to the Select Board. *A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.*

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2009, as written. Carla Ochs 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 \$3,926.72, Line Items in the amount of \$25,615.00, the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$248.05 and the Town payroll. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Warrant for 2009 is not available to date. The final payment was made on the Fire/Rescue note to the First National Bank of Orwell and the note was received back marked paid in full.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. PC Hearing 11/24/09 - The Planning Commission is holding a hearing on Land Use Regulation amendments, Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

b. Fire/Rescue Building Considerations - Peter Young distributed several sheets outlining a first draft proposal policy for the Fire/Rescue building use. [*A copy of the first draft is attached to these minutes.*] Discussion followed.

Several wording [such as with the approval of the current tenants and the addition of the Ladies Auxiliary and Building Committee] changes were made. Peter Young will make these changes and go forward to meet with the Fire/Rescue Building committee. The plan is to come back to the Select Board meeting of December 14, 2009, with a second draft for consideration.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lister Appointment - To date, one response was received by the Select Board for this office. Discussion ensued. The Select Board decided to give people until the next Select Board meeting before making a final decision and appointment to fill this vacancy.

b. Green Up Day Coordinator - The Select Board appointed Cindy Watrous and Lindsey Watrous as co-coordinators for Orwell Green Up Day.

c. Health Insurance 2010 rates - The 2010 rates for the Highway Crew health insurance increase under 3% for 2010. The rate went from \$619 to \$634.

d. Budget Process - Roland Simmons will start the budget process by working up figures for the 2010 work sheets to be reviewed at the next Select Board meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Town Office Lights - The light fixtures at the Town Office need to be replaced. The Select Board agreed that the light fixtures are too deteriorated and would be too expensive to fix. Discussion followed.

Peter Young will get an estimate for replacing the nineteen fixtures with more economical and efficient units.

b. Town Office Copier - The current leased copier needs to be upgraded. The Town Clerk reported that she requested a proposal from IKON for a new lease unit. The proposal was promised for the next Select Board meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

