

**MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
May 11, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Office**

**Select Board - Paula Barnes  
Carla Ochs  
Roland Simmons  
Peter Young**

**Present: Allen M. Alger Stephen Buxton, Cemetery Commissioner  
Allen R. Alger Glen Cousineau, School Board  
Robert G. Arnebold Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

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

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Green Up, Clean Up went very well this year, Allen R. Alger commented. All agreed. The big hang up was the two boats. Peter Young apologized about the second boat saying that he made the assumption. There was a lot of extra effort put in to handle these boats. [Cont'd in section 7 a.]

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report -Allen M. Alger researched chloride prices and presented the following options: Gorman/Allstate - 99 cents per gallon sprayed. Allstate offered to put up a tank at the Town Garage at 80 cents per gallon. The Road Crew could then use the Benson or Shoreham sprayer to do our own. Or Allstate would rent a rig at 8 cents per [until rig is paid for] to spray. Discussion ensued.

**Paula Barnes moved to go with Allstate for chloride at 80 cents per gallon and use the Benson set up for spraying. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

The Road Foreman plans to work with Benson on taking some of the ledge out of Strong's Hill on Needham Hill this summer. They will meet with the property owner [who is pleased with the plan] to work out particulars. The Select Board approved this work plan.

Paving will start Thursday if no rain; otherwise Friday. Walter Phelps, Allen M. Alger reported asked about moving his culvert on Murray Road and move it up over the stone line ditch half way up the hill. This is the area of the FEMA 50 year mitigation stone lined ditching. Discussion ensued.

b. State Geologist - Roland Simmons reported that he will meet with two State Geologists at the temporary road site on Mt Independence Road this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully the Geologists can tell the Select Board just what is in the ground. James Carlotto requested that the Geologists look at his site. After research and inquiry, Roland Simmons discovered that there just is not enough damage dollars from towns along the Vermont lakeshore to meet the FEMA threshold of 1 million.

c. Right of Way Permit - Art Bell submitted a right of way permit to allow him to go under TR#4 to run power to his planned storage building [permit #4-17-09]. Allen M. Alger inspected the site. Discussion followed.

**Paula Barnes moved to approve a permit from Art Bell to put in a power line under TR#4 at the 96 Royce Hill Road site, if necessary. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

d. Mowing - Roland Simmons will contact Lemuel Palmer about mowing for 2009.

**3. MINUTES.**

**Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2009, as written. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

#### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$20,690.11, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$100.00 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

#### 5. SEWER REPORT.

#### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the latest general fund financial report. There were several questions.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Clean Up Green Round Up - The Select Board reviewed the Clean Up day adventure. This year all went well except for one boat that came in from out of town. There was a big mix up, the boat took up almost 30 minutes to be processed thus tying up the flow. But it did get organized. Discussion centered around reconsidering pricing for next year. Some system has to be set up for the possibility of "another boat incident." Charging for technology items needs to be reviewed.

The Select Board gave a very sincere thank you to the Fire Department, specifically Allen R. Alger for the super lunch he provided to all the workers. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Many thank you's to Cindy Watrous and Liz Orr for their expert organization for Green Up.

b. TOEC Workshop Report - The seminar on the Environmental Court with Judge Durkin and Jackie was exceptional. Much was learned by the Chair, the Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk at this workshop. Hopefully more of this training along with energy information will follow.

c. ACRP Delegate Appt - **Carla Ochs moved to appoint David King and Clyde Park delegates and Andrea Ochs and Robert Bogdan alternates to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

The Chair signed the sheets supplied; and they will be mailed back to ACRP tomorrow.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Town Office Copier - The Town Clerk reported that the copier contract needs to be renewed and recommended to keep the current copier at the current lease and service. Discussion followed.

**Peter Young moved to stay with the current lease contract and service. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

b. Pilot Notice - Notice of the state-owned property values for FY10 PILOT payments are as follows: the Mount - \$1,499,263; Fish and Wildlife - \$1,081,800.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Traverse Warning Letter - The Select Board sent by certified mail a warning letter to the George and Kathy Traverse family concerning cattle at large. Copies will be sent to the Parents and Snyders.

b. School Fuel - As instructed, the clerk compiled and sent the billing for the fuel the school uses to the Rutland Addison Supervisory office, for the period from January to April 2009.

Discussion about the fuel billing ensued. Possible changes were reviewed.

The Select Board felt that having the school use one of the underground tanks would not work out mainly because the Select Board is responsible for these tanks and all the regulations and maintenance needed to keep the tanks free of any violations.

Glen Cousineau requested that more frequent billing be done. The Select Board will now bill every three months and the two underground fuel tanks that are under UST system will remain under the Select Board. If there are any further thoughts from the School Board, Glen Cousineau will get back to the Select

Board.

c. Cemeteries Questions from Stephen Buxton - Cemetery Commissioner Stephen Buxton sought assistance from the Select Board for other cemeteries on the following questions:

1. At the Coates Cemetery on Young Road tree trimming and clean up needs to be done. Randy Jones agreed to do the work for \$200.
2. Aaron Savage mows the other cemeteries. The Select Board agreed to be billed for any increased [5%] difference in billing.
3. A stone was picked up at the Conkey Hill Cemetery and is being stored at Stephen Buxton's. There is room at the Village Cemetery, some empty areas, where the Commissioners would like to place the stone.
4. The road that goes around the Mountain View Cemetery vault needs to be re-stoned. Peter Oldenburg agreed to do this work if the Town would help with the stone cost by ordering thru the Town for a better price, for storage and for using the loader. Discussion followed.

**Peter Young moved (a) to hire Randy Jones to do this tree work and to have the billing go to the Town; (b) have the stone [Wife of Peter Hall] found at the Conkey Hill Cemetery moved to the Village Cemetery in an empty area; and (3) have town purchase stone, that will be stored at the town garage and moved with the town loader [according to the Road Foreman], to be used to redo road around the vault at the Mountain View Cemetery, such costs then to be billed to the Cemetery Commission. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

The Select Board thanked Stephen Buxton for his research especially on the other cemeteries not under the Cemetery Commissioners' jurisdiction. This is greatly appreciated.

d. Memorial Day SB Meeting - The Select Board Clerk will not be available for the May 25th meeting of the Select Board. After discussion, the Select Board will skip the May 25th Memorial Day meeting. ***The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2009.***

**Peter Young moved to cancel the May 25, 2009 regular Select Board meeting and postponed until the second Monday in June. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

e. VLCT 2010 Legislative Policy Development - The League is looking for people [town officials or employees knowledgeable in the committee's area of responsibility] to serve on a committee to work on establishing priorities for the 2010 session. Committee members must be willing to attend meetings [up to 3 per year] and spend the time for preparation.

The committee areas are:

- Finance, Administration & Inter-government Relations
- Public Safety
- Quality of Life & Environment
- Transportation

*The deadline for applying is Tuesday, May 26, 2009. These are good committees.*

f. Red Flagg Rule - The enforcement of this rule was again delayed, this time to August 1, 2009.

g. Certificate of Appreciation - The Select Board received a printed certificate [on display at the Town Office] from the students at Fair Haven HS for the donation to their Project Graduation 2009.

h. Tier 2 2008 Report - The Select Board will research whether the Town needs to file this report.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT.

**Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Ann Arnebold  
Clerk of the Board



