

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
June 8, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

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

**Adam Lougee, ACRPC
Andrea Ochs, PC Chair**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew is working on ditching. One chloride tank is at the Town Garage and the second tank should be delivered by tomorrow. The roads are in pretty good shape at this time.

VLCT sent a notice stating that the State requests tonnage needs from towns who wish to participate in the State salt purchasing program this year. Roland Simmons and Allen M. Alger worked up a list for Orwell's needs and sent this info in by the deadline of June 5th. There are no guarantees at this point. Towns have till August to go with the State. The Road Foreman will check out prices. There is still an option to back off on the State opportunity if that materializes.

The Select Board was notified that Orwell will not receive any State paving grant monies for fiscal year 2010.

Allen M. Alger reported that Dundon is ready to install the oil water separation unit. Discussion followed.

Paula Barnes moved to approve going ahead with this installation after the price is confirmed. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

b. Driveway Access - Claire Carpenter - The Road Foreman reviewed and approved a new road access location at the Carpenter property on Singing Cedars Road. This will be a better place for an access. The old access will be closed and the area fenced. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to approve this new road access location at the Carpenter property on Singing Cedars Road where an 18 inch by 30 foot culvert is to be installed. Paula seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No

c. Right of Way Permit - Peter W. Ochs - Peter W. Ochs is requesting a permit to bury a water line under the Town road below the frost line on Conkey Hill Road. This installation will keep the road closed for one day or less, Andrea Ochs assured the Board. Discussion ensued.

Walker James moved to approve issuing this right of way permit to Peter W. Ochs to bury a water line under Conkey Hill Road below the frost line, work to be done in one day or less. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No - 1 Abstain [Carla Ochs].

d. Foley Services, Inc. - Roland Simmons reviewed the flier from Foley Services offering comprehensive DOT drug and alcohol testing. Peter Young reported that the current system set up with VLCT assistance is working well and sees no reason to change.

e. FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation - FEMA is again offering grant assistance programs for mitigation and has the requirement of NFIP participation. Orwell's zoning regulations [as of the March 4, 2009, town meeting vote], have the essential components but to date Orwell has not received the papers and application form to complete this process from ACRP.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2009, with the following correction: Section 7. A. Second sentence delete the words 'that came in from out of town.' Peter Young 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 \$63,291.65, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$357.01 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

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

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Tier II Form - The Select Board reviewed the Tier II forms completed by the clerk. These forms will be signed by the Chair and mailed out on Thursday. These forms are required to be filed annually. There are no fees for municipalities.

b. Bills Paid - The Select Board Chair read out the bills he signed orders for since the last Select Board meeting. These bills were paid [with voted permission of the Select Board] to avoid late charges.

c. Town Office Sign - David Abbott delivered the new Town Office sign ordered and approved by the Select Board. The Road Crew will set up this sign as soon as possible, with the kind assistance of Peter Young and his auger. The Board members are pleased with how the new sign looks.

d. Vermont Cares - The Select Board received the certificate of insurance from Vermont Cares who will hold their annual bike tour fundraiser on June 13, 2009.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Pat Ullom - Drainage - Pat Ullom did not attend the meeting.

b. 2009 Grand List Closure - The listers notified the Select Board that the 2008 Grand List is certified to have no appeals pending from the action of the listers nor suits to recover taxes paid under protest. The Listers requested that the Select Board sign this certificate of no appeal or suit pending.

As requested all the Select Board members signed the certificate.

c. Douglas McArthur Proposal - The Listers sent a copy of The Douglas C. McArthur Associates, LLC proposal to assist the listers in the State required town wide reappraisal of properties. The Select Board reviewed the details and held a discussion.

Carla Ochs moved to approve the estimate of appraisal costs for reappraisal assistance by McArthur Associates to start in 2010 and be completed in 2011. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Adam Lougee, Addison County Regional Planning - Adam Lougee, director of ACRP, explained that one goal of the 2007 Orwell Municipal Plan was to apply for a Village Center designation and this process is part of the current municipal plan grant that the Orwell Planning Commission received. The proposed Village Center program was presented and explained to the Select Board members with the assistance of Planning Commission Chair Andrea Ochs. The new Village Center designation was reviewed. Discussion followed.

Peter Young requested to have the Wells property, where the village sidewalk ends, included in the Village Center. This will be done probably at the next Orwell Planning Commission Meeting on June 17th, along with ratifying an application to bring forward to the Select Board.

As explained, most of the benefits of this program such as federal and or state tax credits are for rehabilitation of historic buildings. There are some priority benefits in pursuing State grant monies.

Peter Young moved to accept the Village Center designation as presented [blue lines] with the addition of the Wells property where a wing of the village sidewalk ends; to go forward with the Village Center designation and to have the Planning Commission put in an application for the Select Board. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

A map of the Orwell Village Center is available for viewing at the Town Office.

On the flood designation requirement, Adam Lougee will request Tim Bouton to send the application and papers needed to apply, as soon as possible, to the Town Clerk. [See 2. e. above]

Adam Lougee explained that there may also be Brown fields program monies that may fit some needs for the old town garage. He will do some research and get back to the Select Board. The neighbor will be contacted.

The Lake Champlain ByWays program was explained and reviewed along with the designated routes [Map available at the Town Office]. The Town Clerk will work with Adam Lougee to complete the resolution to join the Lake Champlain ByWay and make a designation of Route 74, Route 73, leg to Mt Independence & Chipman's Point, continue Route 73 through the village toward Route 30 for Orwell. The next Select Board meeting agenda for June 22, 2009, will include a notice for specific public input on Orwell's participation in the Lake Champlain ByWay. Benefits are grant eligibility for signage, etc.

b. Delinquent Dog List - The Town Clerk delivered the delinquent dog list to the Select Board. There are still approximately 35 dogs on the list of known dogs that are not licensed. [See list attached to these minutes.]

c. Park & Ride - Grants for park & ride are again available. Perhaps the baseball area on Route 22A might be available. The Orwell Village school needs to be contacted on this possibility.

d. DRB Letter - The Development Review Board forwarded a copy of a letter they sent certified stating that "any construction beyond the building foundation is in violation of zoning and in violation of emergency memorandum if Ms Sharon Thompson's and Rae Anne Barry's application for a conditional use permit is not received by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009." Such application has since been submitted.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

