

**MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD  
June 22, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Office**

**Select Board Walker James  
Carla Ochs  
Roland Simmons**

**Present: Allen M. Alger Rayna Rogowsky, ACWomen Safe  
Allen R. Alger Erle Taube  
Robert G. Arnebold Michele Taube  
Cindy Leazer Richard Ullom  
John Leazer Pasqualyn Ullom  
Abby Leathe, ACWomen Safe Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

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

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Abby Leathe and Rayna Rogowsky of Addison County Women Safe asked if they could hang up a 12 foot by 2-1/2 foot banner advertising Women Safe. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board explained that, because of the size of the banner and the lack of any space to hang such a banner on Town property, they could not help the group out. Abby Leathe would like people to know that they are still looking for a place to hang their banner.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Foreman reported that Steve Jerome of Betterback Roads will be at the Town Garage tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to meet with him and any one else who wishes to come and then to visit the Chipman's Point Road water problem and the landslide at the Barry/Thompson property. Hopefully some better solutions will come of this meeting.

Maglorie Audet requested the Town to put sharp 6 inch stone over the edge to hold what there is at the landslide. The Select Board feels this might not be a good idea and will wait to see what Steve Jerome recommends. The Board is waiting for a written report promised and due from the State Geologist.

The Road Crew is working on grading and putting down chloride.

The Road Foreman stated that there is still a problem at the Sunset Lake Road intersection with Martin Hill/Knox Hill. There was a second incident, this time a near miss. Discussion ensued. People feel there should be a stop sign at this point. Allen M. Alger will investigate signage.

b. Paving Grant Reimbursement - The Select Board reviewed the application for grant reimbursement presented by the Chair.

**Carla Ochs moved to approve and to sign this application for grant reimbursement as presented. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes - 0 No**

c. Chipman's Point Water Problem - The Ulloms and the Taubes are here for more information about the Chipman's Point Road water problems. Allen M. Alger reported that a 400 foot 30 inch culvert would be needed at a cost, for just the culvert, of from \$14,000 to \$15,000. This is not realistic for the highway budget at this time. The Ulloms asked if they could supply the labor. The Chair explained that the Road Foreman is in charge of any highway work. See 2. a. Above.

**3. MINUTES.**

**Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2009, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.**

#### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$29,383.57, Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$983.99, Line Items in the amount of \$13,200, and the Town payroll. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

#### 5. SEWER REPORT.

#### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. NFIP Application - The Select Board reviewed the application papers received from Addison County Regional Planning. Discussion followed.

The forms were completed as much as possible. The clerk will contact Tim Bouton of Regional Planning to get answers to section 5 & 6 of the application form. When all the info is entered and typed out, the Select Board will review and vote on this at the next Select Board meeting, July 13, 2009.

b. Town Office Sign - The Zoning Administrator researched whether the Town needed a permit for the new Town Office sign. The result is as follows:

Article #1, Section 1.5 **Exemptions** (A)(12) any sign erected by the town or State for directional information or traffic control purposes. The new Town Office sign was approved by the Orwell Select Board at the June 8, 2009 regular meeting.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lake Champlain Byways Resolution - Public Input Invited - The Select Board read over the Byways resolution. It was noted that the resolution was placed on the agenda and a copy of the resolution attached.

Carla Ochs moved to adopt the Lake Champlain Byways Resolution as presented to join the Lake Champlain Byway and to designate selected roadways of the Town of Orwell as a portion of the Lake Champlain Byway. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

b. Roberts Avenue ATV Use - Dennis Weyer asked the Select Board to investigate the relentless noise coming from an ATV driven around and around by his neighbor to the east. The dust and noise is at the level that people in his house cannot get good rest and must keep the windows closed.

Walker James stated that there is a problem with this neighbor breaking through a water bar that the Town Crew constructed to keep water from that property going into the proper ditch and not across the road and into another neighbor's garage. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board asked the Chair to write a letter to the property owner concerning these two situations.

c. Ortho Map New Home - The Select Board received notice that the Ortho map program within the Tax Dept will cease to exist. VCGI is taking on the archiving and distribution of digital orthos.

d. Bruyneel Property on Horton Road - The Jennifer Bruyneel property is on Horton Road at the Sudbury line on the east side. Jennifer Bruyneel called Roland Simmons to report that there are rats on the property just north of her home.

It appears that no one is living at this location. The lawn has not been mowed this year. It is the Ellis rental. This is a situation for the Animal Control Office and the Health Officer.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. Leazer Parcels Rental - Roland Simmons reported that he received a letter from the town attorney last week advising that an attorney, who represents one of the tenant-owners at the Leazer property, contacted him for information.

Roland Simmons called the town attorney and advised that this person did not consult or ask to contact him and wanted to know how Mark Werle was going to handle this situation when the Select Board did not know that this was going to happen. This other lawyer told Mark Werle that the Select Board knew about his call. The Town will only consider billing for actions that the Town has approved.

After discussion, the Select Board Chair instructed the town attorney not to talk to any attorney or person concerning anything about Orwell without first getting an approval from the Orwell Select Board.

b. WC Audit - The 2008 payroll audit notification was received by the Select Board. There is no balance due either party - VLCT or Orwell.

c. Pilot Estimate Payment for FY 2010 - The Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) on State owned property report was received today and is as follows:

Estimated payment for 2009/2010 -	\$3,815.00
Received last year	5,583.00
Budget for 2009	2,100.00

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Carla Ochs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes - 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board



