

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
July 27, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

Present: Allen R. Alger 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.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

- a. Road Foreman Report -Allen M. Alger is on vacation.
- b. UST Inspection - McIntyre, to date, has not sent the inspection certificate for the UST 3 year required inspection. This document is needed as a requirement for acquiring the UST permit.
- c. Landslide Stone Placement - Roland Simmons and Walker James inspection the second load of stone fill at the lakeside. The Road Crew did a good job placing the stones.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2009, as written. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No. Paula Barnes arrived after section VII a. was completed.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$37,620.76, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$455.82 and the Town payroll. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Unlicensed Dog List for Disposal Warrant - The Select Board reviewed the delinquent dog list. There are still at least 35 dogs unlicensed. Roland Simmons read the warrant text from the statutes to the members. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to have the Select Board follow through on the unlicensed dog warrant. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

The clerk was asked to prepare an updated unlicensed dog list and to type up a warrant for consideration at the August 10, 2009, regular Select Board meeting.

b. Discontinuance of Old Roads - The Select Board reviewed the warning for discontinuing any roads that are not on the current State certified highway map. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to prepare a discontinuance of old roads process and to warn and hold a hearing on Monday September 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Orwell Town Office. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

c. Highway Safety Ordinance - The Select Board drew up the following list to amend the highway safety and stop sign ordinances:

- Speed Limits: North Orwell Road north from 73 to Daigneault Hill Road - 25 mph
- North Orwell Road from Daigneault Hill Road to Shoreham line - 40 mph
- Robert Avenue and Church Street - 25 mph
- Route 73 W from Route 22A - 40 mph
- Mt Independence Road - 40 mph
- Chipman's Point Road - 35 mph

All remaining paved town highways and all town gravel roads - 40 mph

Stop Signs:

- On Sunset Lake Road at the intersection of Sunset, Martin Hill and Knox Hill
- On Conkey Hill Road east end at Raymond Hill intersection
- On Hemenway Hill Road south onto 73W and W onto 73W - 2 way triangle
- On Daigneault Hill Road at North Orwell Road intersection
- On Knox Hill Road at Young Road intersection
- On Hibbard Hill going west at 3 way intersection
- On Singing Cedars Road at intersection of Old Stage Road
- On Brock Lane at intersection of Old Stage Road
- On Old Foundry Road, North end at 73W intersection
- On Old Foundry Road, South end at 73W intersection.
- On Shoreham Depot Road onto Royce Hill Road, right corner heading to town.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Tax Rate - The Select Board reviewed the calculations to determine the 2009 Municipal tax rate. Paula Barnes moved to have the Select Board set the 2009 Municipal tax rate at 0.4617. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

The rates are as follows:

		Total	Municipal	State Education
Non-residential tax rate	-	\$2.2821	\$0.4617	\$1.8204
Homestead tax rate	-	\$1.9705	\$0.4617	\$1.5088

b. 3 Year Fire Bldg Note Renewal - The current note for the Fire/Rescue building is due this November. The Select Board will do research to find the best rate for a 7-year note to cover the balance of \$145,600.

c. Marshall & Swift Cost Tables Renewal - The Select Board reviewed the letter of agreement for the computer appraisal services received from Property Valuation and Review.

Carla Ochs moved to approve signing and making payment for the Marshall & Swift cost tables needed by the Listers to process the Grand List. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

d. Old Town Garage - Roland Simmons explained that he met with Adam Lougee concerning the Brown Fields hazardous sites grant. The fuel tanks at the old town garage site were removed and there has been no sign of contamination. The program process was described in some detail. Adam Lougee will do more research and come back with more details. A current neighbor of the site expressed interest if the grant went through.

The grant is only available to a buyer, not the original owner of a possible hazardous site. If the property is considered to be sold, the sale must be advertised. Roland Simmons will contact the current lessee of the old town garage..

Walker James moved to proceed with the grant process and possible sale, including contacting the current lessee of the old town garage. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Voting Delegate - VLCT - Carla Ochs moved to appoint Roland Simmons delegate for the Town of Orwell at the VLCT annual town meeting held in September. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 1 Abstain [Roland Simmons].

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

