

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
August 10, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Robert G. Arnebold
Allen R. Alger
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked if there was an ordinance about shooting in town especially the village area. There have been several complaints from people. The Select Board stated that to their knowledge there is no shooting ordinance.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew is continuing ditching work. On Wednesday they plan to start removing ledge on Needham Hill at Strong's corner.

The Road Foreman reported that the contract services budget may go over depending on the weather and any additional strong storms.

Brian in Addison is setting up a joint town rental program for brush cutting. At this point he is waiting for prices.

Allen M. Alger will check with Lemuel Palmer to see if he plans to offer a bid for mowing in 2010.

The 1993 Mack is 16 years old and Mike Shaw states that no more welding can be done. Discussion followed. The Select Board and Road Crew will research replacements and will draw up a spec sheet using all resources available including the Foreman's Group that Allen M. Alger works with. The goal is to bring the information for a replacement truck to the March 2010 town meeting.

b. Health Trust - The Select Board reviewed some information about premium municipal health insurance coverage, when compared with other states, received from VLCT. Orwell does not give premium coverage.

c. UST Permit - Roland Simmons reported that the UST permit that will run from 2009 to 2014 was received and is to be posted at the UST site. The permit and copies were given to Allen M. Alger for posting and filing at the town garage.

d. Landslide Site - At this time the Select Board will not order any more work and wait until next spring to see what mud season may do to the site. At the Select Board's request, the Road Foreman will keep a separate record of the cost at this site to have available for a report at town meeting.

3. MINUTES.

Paula Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2009, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No. Peter Young did not attend this meeting.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$9,000.62, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$65.58 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT. None

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board went over the General/Sewer registers and budget sheets. There were many questions including the bank service charges.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Dog Warrant - The Select Board reviewed the latest delinquent dog list. There has been a 60% decrease in this list. At this time there are 14 dogs with 11 owners known not to be licensed. After discussion and review the Select Board, because of a 60% response, postponed the warrant until the next regular meeting on August 24, 2009.

An updated list is attached to these minutes. Both Dean Hanson and Allen R. Alger are working hard to get these unlicensed dogs licensed. We are in the midst of a rabies epidemic.

b. Stop Sign Ordinance - After review the Select Board added one more stop sign as follows:

(u) Parks Drive - Westbound traffic at intersection with Needham Hill and Sanford Roads.

c. Speed Limit Ordinance - The Select Board reviewed the amended ordinance. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to add the amendments to the Stop Sign Ordinance with the addition of Article 4 (u) and amendments to the Highway Safety Ordinance as presented. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Copies of both ordinances were signed and are attached to these minutes.

d. Old Town Garage - Roland Simmons reported that he spoke with Jonathan Leber concerning the old town garage property. Adam Lougee continues to do research into a Brownfields grant.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Highway Quarterly Payment - The Town of Orwell received its first quarter payment for the FY 2009-2010 in the amount of \$32,582.14.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Carla Ochs stated that a dry hydrant will indeed be located in Benson next to the culvert.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Roland Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

Regular Select Board Meeting

April 27, 2009

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2007