

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**August 24, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

**Present: Robert G. Arnebold Dean Hanson, Road Crew
William Goddard
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Peter Young asked for a moment of silence for Larry Desjadon, dear friend to all and dedicated Red Sox fan who passed away 2 p.m today.

William Goddard expressed some concerns about the speed changes to the highway ordinances, especially on North Orwell Road, and thinks there should be more thought put into this. The Select Board explained that they put much thought into the changes and went over each road one by one. Discussion followed.

The State Police are looking for ordinances to enforce speed limits in order to answer many, many complaints about excessive speeding on Orwell roads. The Select Board thanks William Goddard for his input and for coming to the Select Board with his comments.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Dean Hanson reported that the road crew put in several more culverts. The ledge work on Needham Hill Road at Strong's corner is completed and makes a big difference. The work produced about 20 loads of slate. This is not good for ditching but would work well at the lakeside slump area, Dean explained. Discussion ensued. The Select Board decided, since we now have this product, to use 10-12 loads to cap the landslide site to further protect the road.

The Road Crew is continuing ditching work and stocking sand for winter.

The grader work was held up for parts which are now coming in. The work is going well and the grader should be delivered by the end of this week.

b. Sheldon Trucks Quote - Gary Barrows of Sheldon Trucks submitted specs for a 2009 model tandum truck, with a price that is \$20,000 less than for the 2010 model, Dean Hanson explained. Because of the possible savings, the Select Board reviewed the specs and information submitted. Discussion followed.

The 2009 model will not have the new emission control system required on the 2010 model, but will have a more extended warranty program - 3 years or 300,000 miles and 5 years on the transmission. Next year this will drop to 2 years and 3 years respectively.

Roland Simmons will call Mike of Sheldon Trucks for more details and to explain that the Town cannot do anything about a final decision until it brings the truck purchase to the Town for a vote.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2009, as written. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Walker James moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$16,026.87, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$636.53 and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Dog Warrant - Roland Simmons reported that there are now only three dog owners with three dogs to be licensed. Discussion ensued.

Dean Hanson feels that he can visit these three owners and should be able to get the dogs licensed by the end of this week. The Select Board decided to wait till the end of the week before signing a warrant, if still necessary.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Animal Cruelty Workshops - Dean Hanson, Animal Control Officer, is signed up for a workshop to be held at the Vermont Police Academy on Friday, September 4, 2009, at a cost of \$50. In addition, the Addison County Humane Society will hold a workshop addressing Addison County issues at the Vermont State Police Barracks in New Haven, October 6, 2009, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this workshop. Dean Hanson plans to attend this workshop.

b. VLCT Flu Clinic Date List - There will be a flu clinic for VLCT health trust members at Fair Haven on October 21, 2009 and at Middlebury October 20, 2009.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Lister Data Analysis - This subject is canceled until Cheryl Tudhope has a chance to review her material, the clerk reported.

b. MVAA Contract - Peter Ochs brought in a contract from MVAA for the Select Board to consider. The contract was read and reviewed. Discussion ensued.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the terms and sign the MVAA contract, as presented, for a \$2 per capita charge, totaling \$2,462.00 for Orwell, running from July 2009 to July 2010. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

The contract was signed by the Select Board and will be mailed out tomorrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board