

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
September 14, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger Marilyn Prior
Allen R. Alger Maurice E. Prior, Jr
Robert G. Arnebold Susan James**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

Immediately following the Ancient Roads Public Hearing, the regular Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Susan James requested that the Road Crew fix the Class 3 section of DeWitt Lane adjacent to her home. Walker James agreed to address this request.

Carla Ochs reported a complaint about the brush cutting on Sunset Lake Road by resident William Holt. Apparently what was trimmed was in the road right-of-way; but William Holt would have appreciated a call before hand. Carla Ochs requested to have the Road Crew leave a message with her if and when they will be brush cutting on Sunset Lake Road in the future.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - Allen M. Alger reported that the quote from Pike to repair the culvert and end section mess they created last year and to shim level Route 73 as follows:

Repair culvert 50" X 21' T- 4 Mix 1" overlay	No charge
Repair End Section 220' X 11' T- 4 Mix 1"	No Charge
Shim-level Route 73 1022' X 11' T- 4 Mix	
[From Paul Parent to Brad Thomas]	\$6,035.00

Discussion ensued.

Walker James moved to do the above as proposed. Roland Simmons seconded the motion.

The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No [Paula Barnes arrived after this vote.]

b. '93 Mack Replacement Research - Walker James and Allen M. Alger visited ATEC and viewed the Freight Liner. The current bid on this truck is \$170,000. Allen M. Alger stated that ATEC will be sending all new quotes after the viewing and further changes and research. Discussion followed.

The Select Board will consider putting a new box on the '93 Mack. Allen M. Alger would like to look over the 2008 Mack. The Road Foreman was requested to research prices on a box for the '93 Mack. The Select Board wishes to consider and explore all options.

c. Grader Repairs - The grader is back in service and the Road Crew is pleased. The Town now has a much better grader than can be purchased in today's market thanks mostly to the Road Crew's diligent maintenance over the past few years.

d. Brush Cutting - The brush cutting is complete for what was needed for this year. There are just a few sites to be done where handwork is needed.

3. MINUTES.

Peter Young moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2009, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No. [Paula Barnes was not at this meeting.]

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$17,772.53, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$80.00 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Roland Simmons reviewed and signed the monthly reports to the state. The Select Board went over the lab report sent by Endyne that showed good results on phosphorus. There are still foreign items coming through the sewer such as diapers or t-shirts.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed and discussed the latest financial reports. The bank charges for both the General and Sewer funds were questioned - \$56 and \$736 respectively???

The 2009 Mileage Budget line is missing the 2009 budget figure of \$3,000.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Dog Status - The Town Clerk reported that the Animal Control Officer has accounted for all the delinquent dog owner licenses. There are some newly discovered dogs that Dean Hanson will check out.

Paula Barnes asked if the ACO had any questions about the procedure. No one heard any questions about the procedure from Dean Hanson. The law is quiet clear on the procedure.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Vote on Ancient Roads Discontinuance - The Select Board did a short review of the hearing comments with the participants present.

Walker James moved pursuant to 19 VSA §305(h) that the Town of Orwell discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measure of town highways with the Town Clerk on December 22, 2008. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board