

**MEETING OF THE  
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**June 11, 2007**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Town Office**

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

**Present: Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman Barbara LaDuc Michael Williams  
Robert G. Arnebold Jesse Martin Jayme Van Noordt  
Gloria Bonner Johanna Perry  
Dean Hanson Thomas Purdy, DRB Chair  
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

**1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** None.

**2. HIGHWAY REPORT.**

a. Road Foreman Report - Some chloride is being done [Young, Horton, Knox Hill, Singing Cedars, Old Stage, Cook, Stevens Orchard, Bascom - tomorrow Griswold] but the grading and gravel laying need to be finished before more chloride can be done.

Roland Simmons reported that Moore's Auto submitted a permission letter to move a new home into Orwell on or about the June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chair signed the letter so Moore's Auto could get its file updated with the DMV as soon as possible.

b. Access Permit - Leonel Lessard - Roland Simmons explained that he reviewed the access permit, signed by the Road Foreman, and signed it to facilitate Leonel Lessard's building permit.

c. Loader Ad from Killington - Via email Killington has a loader for sale. Discussion ensued. The Select Board would like to start the search process by first setting up a profile of exactly what in a loader the Road Foreman and the Select Board are seeking.

d. Horton Road Complaint - Roland Simmons stated that on May 31, 2007, Johanna Perry submitted a complaint concerning her inability to drive passed her neighbor's property on Horton Road. Johanna Perry was asked to state her side of the situation. Michael Williams was then asked to state his side of the situation.

Johanna Perry described the complaint event and also stated that she has to wait many times to get in or out of Horton Road to and from her house and is "tired of being blocked".

Michael Williams explained that he is aware of the narrow road and has made spaces for his vehicles to be parked out of the traffic area of the road. Farmers pass through this area many times with wide vehicles and do not have any trouble or make any complaint, he further stated.

Jesse Martin gave his explanation about his vehicle use of Horton Road on the day in question. Gloria Bonner also gave testimony on some of her experiences passing by the Williams property. Discussion ensued.

Roland Simmons explained that North Horton Road is a 4 rod wide road as documented in the Land Records. The road is narrow on this north end. People need to be aware and courteous to other people's actions. Neighbors need to work out a policy to handle use of this narrow road. The Select Board cannot solve this problem.

The Select Board will be out to Horton Road to do some measuring and to set up a plan for a turning area to accommodate the Town snow plows in winter.

### 3. MINUTES.

**Peter Young moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2007, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No**

### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

**Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$59,142.45, the Town and Sewer payroll. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

### 5. SEWER REPORT.

The monthly report submitted by Martin Williams was reviewed and signed by the Select Board Chair on June 9, 2007.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer submitted a tax anticipation note request for \$400,000 at 4% for Select Board consideration and signature.

**Carla Ochs moved to sign a tax anticipation note with the First National Bank of Orwell for \$400,000 at 4% for 161 days, due November 9, 2007. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes - 1 Abstain [Peter Young].**

### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Green Up/Clean Up Day Bills- The Select Board reviewed the Addison County Solid Waste and Casella bills. Roland Simmons reported that Earthwaste does not want to make any payment for the metal they collected and is to send a letter of explanation. Discussion followed.

Next year the Select Board will look for an alternative company. The tonnage record is as follows:

2007 - 32.85 ton	34.66 - 2005
2006 - 26.88	59.00 - 2004

b. Firehouse Addition Open House - 6/9/07 - The Select Board felt this was a nice event with a steady turnout of towns people.

c. CIGNA Monthly Update Info - Open enrollment is July 1, 2007.

d. ACO - Old Foundry Road Animals - Roland Simmons reported that a complaint of dead animal smells was made to Dean Hanson, ACO and Virginia Wilson, Health Office. The State Police were contacted and made a search including inside the barn but no carcasses were found. Animals are still in the road and there is still a problem for the neighbors.

e. Website Update - Rodney Batschelet gave the Select Board a report on where he is with setting up the Town of Orwell Website. What is needed at this point is a decision on payment options. Discussion followed.

**Carla Ochs moved to hire LunarPages for 24 months @ 6.95 per month - \$166.80 with free setup. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.**

Rodney Batschelet gave the Select Board a list of things he will need from the Town. The clerk supplied a list of town boards and officers. A copy of this list is attached to these minutes FYI.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Vacancy Village School Board - The Orwell Village School posted a notice that there is a vacancy on the Village School Board and they are looking for interested people to serve. Michele Almeida recently resigned from the Board.

b. Unlicensed Dog List - The Town Clerk submitted the current unlicensed dog list to the Select Board. The ACO will be calling people on this list.

c. Close/Sign 2006 Grant List Book - The Listers certified the 2006 Grant list and requested that the Select Board sign the document. Certification means: "from this date on when offered in evidence in any court in this state, this list shall be received as a legal Grand List and its validity shall not be put in issue by any party to any action in any hearing or trial in any court."

The Select Board signed off on the 2006 Grant List certificate document.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. June 12th School District Special Meeting Cancelled - See attached sheet.

b. Orders Paid June 1st -The Select Board Chair signed orders to pay the monthly CIGNA payment to avoid having the bill go overdue.

c. DRB/PC Secretary - Thomas Purdy introduced Jayme Van Noordt to the Select Board and stated that the DRB/PC wishes to hire her as secretary. Discussion followed.

**Walker James moved to approve hiring Jayme Van Noordt as secretary for the DRB/PC at the current pay per hour. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes No.**

The Select Board welcomed Jayme Van Noordt to the staff. Thomas Purdy will be sure to send a memo addressed to the Select Board stating the DRB/PC secretary request.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT.

**Roland Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

**Regular Meeting**

**March 26, 2007**