PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

8-11-2021

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Vondell Dunphy, Herbert Bates, Dave Gilbert & Jo-Ann Brown.

Present: Josh & Laurie Holmbom, Brenda Kimball, Larry Kimball, Paul Gatcomb, Sarah Gatcomb, Sandi Duchesne, Ron Rowe.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Barrows, Flag Salute.

<u>Public Access</u>: Josh Holmbom spoke on behalf of the Kimball's regarding Tax Acquired property. They are prepared to pay taxes to date. They also plan to clean up property. Dave made a motion to accept back taxes, Herb second. Brenda Kimball will be in in the morning to make payment. A Quit Claim Deed will be prepared for the next meeting.

Four Bids were received but not opened. Deposits will be returned to Bidders

Sandi Duchesne (Representative of the Maine Audubon Society) spoke to the Board regarding a piece of land they own in Palmyra. The Audubon Society is looking to divest some of their assets and would like to donate property to the town. Land was conveyed to the Audubon Society as a wildlife sanctuary in 1970 by Earl Gordon. Lot would need to be surveyed, town map appears to be incorrect. Sandi left copy of Deed, photo of property and contact information.

Ron Rowe present to touch base on White Goods Day coming up the end of this month. Thinks one container will be enough for this time. Ron also stated that he is working on the Lacrosse Field in the Park.

Reports:

Road Commissioner – Paul updated the Board on needed work to get Trucks ready to use this winter. 04 needs a sander to replace rusted away body (approximately \$16,000). Wentworth is working on 05, more work to be done on that when it gets back to Palmyra. John Deere came to look at repairing leak on Back Hoe. Paul asked about part time help. Question as to whether Paul still had authority to hire part time help as needed. Paul stated that he was giving the Board his 2 weeks' notice and left the meeting. *(Before Paul left he was asked if he would work part time, answered no)

<u>Sexton/Cemeteries</u> – Issue with Stone has been resolved. It was in the right place after all.

Planning Board – report submitted.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Many residents have already been in to pay their property taxes. Brandy is planning on moving so will no longer be having Dance Classes. Room 10 will be available by September. Brandy would like to know if the dance floor she installed should be removed. Question on releasing lien placed on property for CDBG Grant funds. Have been contacted by a Solar Power Company re: signing up to receive our electricity from Solar Power. Will be sending details soon to consider. Have paper work if a Board member is interested in serving on the Board of KVCOG. Priscilla will be on vacation next week.

Vondell has gotten a Committee together for the Monument Project. They will be meeting on Tuesday August 17th, 2:00 PM at the Community Center.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Jo-Ann seconded. AIF
- The Board signed follow up letter from executive session held last meeting for Randy Robinson.

New Business:

Motion by Dave to change lights in Library to LEDS, Vondell second. Electrician suggested switching to more efficient lighting instead of repairing old lights. Estimated cost is \$3000

- ➤ Brian noticed recently that shingles on roof over entryway at end of Community Center building need to be replaced. Also siding needed on section of building on the roof. Will work on getting estimates to get work done.
- ➤ Vondell made a motion to Discharge Lien on property of Richard Wyman, Dave second. Lien was placed on property in 2008 due to Grant Funds used for House repairs. Conditions have been met to release the lien. Vote AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:20

Respectfully Submitted Priscilla Jones

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