

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

4-9-2025

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Herbert Bates, Michael Cray and Charles Fields

Citizens: Jo-Ann Brown, Dave Leavitt, Roxanne Brooks, Ivan Bates, Pat & Diane White, Vondell Dunphy, Gail Jones, Claude Thornton, Herb Pearl, Hattie & Charles Spaulding, Ronnie Rowe,

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Barrows - Flag Salute

Announcements: The Select Board will be meeting with the CEO and Chair of the Planning Board Next Tuesday at 4:00 pm to discuss ongoing enforcement issues.
The Town Office will be closed on Monday April 21st in observance of Patriots Day

Looked at Bids for tree removal in the Warren Hill Cemetery.

3 were received: Engstrom & Tumosa Tree - \$6500, Shon Erskine - \$3000 (no cleanup) \$3500 (chip brush, leave wood) Titus' Tree Trimming - \$2860 (no cleanup) \$6750 (remove all brush & wood). Jason Fitch also sent a verbal bid of \$3500. Want to check with Enstrom about cost without cleanup. Also want to be sure preparation and care is taken so as to not cause damage to grave stones.

Public Access: Ron Rowe let the Board know that the Pittsfield Fire Department had burned a big pile of brush for someone. May be a way to take care of the brush pile left from clearing the extension to the Warren Hill Cemetery.

Reports:

Public Works – Chris will be notified that he will be on call from now on. Norm is working on the grader. Question as to who would operate the grader this summer. Norm has experience but is part time. Would like to have Dave do it since he is full time. Will evaluate work of each and go from there. Mack Truck needs plate to cover chain for summer use. A used plate is available at half the cost of a new one. Has to be picked up in Abbott. Dave will be asked to go get the plate.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted – Dave Leavitt reported that Halford amendment was taken care of. Accepted initial plan for 9 more Duplexes in the Poulin Subdivision. Questions as to allowing more than 2 dwellings per acre and shared septic systems.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Received information on the Miller Corner Road as far as being discontinued. At a Town Meeting in 1954 the road was discontinued from the State Road (Lang Hill) to residence of Maurice Wilder (now Hardwicks) which is Pebble Hill Road. The Miller Corner end was not discontinued. Ivan Bates maintains that the road was not maintained for a period of time so reverted back to the land owners. Miller Corner has been maintained by the Town for over 20 years without objection. April 17th Nokomis volunteers will be here, plan to have them clean up yard and parking lot. Will need Truck here to load sand and debris into. New Doors are scheduled to be installed Monday April 21st. An ad for Road Commissioner will be coming out in Rolling Thunder next week. Facility in Hamden has begun to accept trash.

Park Committee – Having a cleanup at the Park on the 17th & 18th of May. Plan to take down the outhouse and would like to take down a tree. Made aware of septic tank for outhouse that should be pumped out. Plans are in place to redo the basketball court in August.

Veteran's Committee has collected many items for the Yard Sale to be held in the Town Park on May 31st and June 1st.

Have information on Porta Potties for the Park. Should have Handicap assessable and maybe should have 2 while the soccer program is going on.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Mike to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Charlie second. AIF
- Motion by Charlie to sign Collaboration Agreement, Herb second. Agreement is to assist in applying for Grant Funds for the Park. Vote - AIF
- Discussion on Soup Kitchen and a campaign to try and shut it down. An inspection was done on the building without his knowledge nor has he received any communication from the Board concerning issues. Defamatory information has been posted on Facebook. Herb Pearl who has been running a food kitchen for 30 years spoke to the Board. Information was given on his certification and regulations on canned goods. He is not receiving food from government agencies by choice. Does not support requirements of personal information required to do so. Herb had a check for \$2000 to return the donation from the Town. These funds were voted for at Town Meeting with no objections. The Board convinced Herb to keep the check.

New Business:

- Motion by Mike to increase funds to repair gym entry floor to \$2500, Herb second. Have had trouble finding a contractor to do the job. Have quote from Chad Van Doorn & Son Excavation for \$2500. Vote – AIF
- Fogg Brook would like to renew their Liquor License. The process is now done on line. Did not have paperwork to sign as in the past. Have had no issues with Fogg Brook so agree to renewal.
- Motion by Mike to accept road name Barbara Drive, Charlie second. AIF
- Mike made a motion to appoint Donald Decker Animal Control Officer, Herb second. Have had some issues with current ACO not responding to calls so decided to make a change.
- Waiting on estimate for Survey of land to be donated to the Town. Owner of the property has decided he would like to donate the whole piece to the Town. Owner does not have a problem if the Town sells a portion to an abutter which he had planned to do.
- Motion by Herb to make 2025 Appointments per list, Mike second. AIF
List is attached. Appointment Papers were signed by the Board.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:39

Respectfully Submitted, Priscilla Jones