

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

9-24-2025

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

Citizens: Planning Board Member Dave Leavitt, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Vondell Dunphy, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Jo-Ann Brown, Scott King, Diane White, Tom Wright, Claude Thornton, Micah and Hannah Russell, Maurice Temple, Amy, Kinley and Klark Fair.

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

Announcements: Meeting with area Towns Tomorrow night - 6:00 pm in St Albans.
Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday October 4th. Pre-registration is required.

Public Access: Amy Fair updated Board on work done in the Park preparing Soccer fields. Field has been bush hogged, need more space for 2 fields. Drainage may need to be rerouted to make this possible. Machinery is available is this can be done. Charlie and Mike will take a look. Amy ha received a quote for adjustable basketball hoops, waiting a on another one.

Reports:

Public Works – Corey updated Board. More ditching has been done. Boulders were removed from the Dogtown Road while they had the excavator. Have pricing on cost of shelter for winter sand for residents. Corey checked around for mulch hay, \$4 or \$5 per bale. Less costly are inconsistent in size.

Cemeteries: Vondell spoke to company concerning Tree Removal. They are waiting for leaves to fall. If we pick up the wood will be \$1500 less. (\$6500 or \$5000)

Planning Board – Minutes submitted. Dave Leavitt asked the Board to wait on the discussion on the Fee Schedule due to not having full Planning Board present at last meeting to make recommendation.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer - Work has begun on the heating system, waiting on parts to complete. Someone is looking for work to complete 100 hours of Community Service. Information has been sent to our Attorney to draw up Deeds for donated land transactions. Need to have a Public Hearing for new General Assistance Maximums at the next meeting. Property taxes are due Friday to avoid paying interest.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Charlie second. AIF
- Solar Farm violations discussed. Mike will work with Travis as to what has been done and how to follow up.
- Charlie made a motion to go ahead with Winter Sand Shelter, Herb second. AIF
- Charlie made a motion to get rid of the Stair Unit for a donation, Herb second. AIF

New Business:

- Discussion on naming of Road. Micah and Hannah Russell have developed property on the discontinued end of the Gray Road. They access property from Libby Hill Road. They don't believe access from the Gray Road will ever open up again. They would like to name the road Oak Drive to avoid confusion in trying to access from Route 2. Diane spoke to the State 911 coordinator who suggested the name contain the Gray Road in case it was ever opened back up so the name wouldn't have to be changed. Decision is ultimately up to the Select Board.

Dave Leavitt believes he owns half of the road due to discontinuation (section of Road discontinued in 1923) with land going back to abutters. He would like to see deed showing ownership. Mike made a motion to name the road North Gray Road. Motion died for lack of a second. No decision at this time.

- Mike made a motion to accept Liquor License Renewal for the Somerset Pour House, Herb second. AIF
- Turn Arounds on Weeks Road and St Albans Road need to be worked out.
- Meet the Candidates date set for Wednesday October 15th at 7:00 PM. Brian will speak to Bill Freudenberger about moderating.
- Motion by Charlie to purchase Mulch Hay for up to \$1250, Herb second. AIF

Public Access opened back up to allow Tom Wright to voice concerns. Tom lives on the Michaud Road and asked if google Maps could be changed to cut out shortcut to interstate. Speeding is a problem and heavy weight vehicles could damage new pavement. Tom also asked about the unsightly garage on the end of Ell Hill Road.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:02

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones