

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

11-12-2025

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

Citizens: Planning Board Member Dave Leavitt, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Denise Bemis, Alan Hanscom, Bob Brown, Jo-Ann Brown, Pat & Diane White, Vondell Dunphy, Roxanne Brooks, Claude Thornton, Lori Farewell, Sam & Lisa Pease.

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

Announcements: Newly elected member Scott King welcomed to the Board.

6:01 Motion by Mike to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Employee Matter with Diane, Scott second. AIF

6:18 Motion by Charlie to return from executive session, Scott second. AIF

Reports:

Public Works – Corey updated the Board, Winter sand is put up. Had a complaint concerning ditching from owner of 269 Badgerboro Road. They have decided against replacing culvert due to cost. Has gotten some quotes on Trucks. He and Norm are going to training on Drainage tomorrow. Stephen is unable to go. Beavers have been removed from the Weeks Road area. Need to clean out culverts. Working on a turn around on the St Albans Road.

Cemeteries - Vondell has spoken to contractors concerning tree removal again. They want to make sure the ground is frozen before beginning work.

Planning Board – Continuing to work on Ordinances. Dave has given a letter to Travis concerning non conformities at Solar Farm, copies given to Select Board members.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date submitted. Asked about removal of Porta Potty at Town Park. Charlie will notify to take by the end of the month.

Veteran's Committee – Charlie would like to display the Veteran Banners in the Gym over the winter.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Charlie to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Herb second. 4 in Favor, Scott not on the Board at the time.
- Charlie made a motion to revisit the Millett Abatement, Brian second. Brian explained process for revisiting a decision and that a better understanding of the Court Decision caused a member to wish to reconsider. Vote – 3 in Favor, Herb Opposed, Scott Abstained.
- Charlie made a motion to deny Millett Abatement Request per recommendation of Assessor, Mike second. 3 in Favor, Herb and Scott Opposed.
- Motion by Mike to change Fine for an After the Fact Permit to \$1 per Square Foot, Herb second. Discretion as to charge fine or not left up to CEO based on the situation. Vote – AIF
- Newport Fire Protection discussed. Brian and Mike met with Newport representatives. Newport is looking for a substantial increase in the annual fee for services. Ideas were brought up as to how to address this for Brian and Mike to take to another meeting with Newport.

New Business:

- Mike made a motion to increase fee for rental of Gym for recreational use from \$35 to \$37, Charlie second. 4 In Favor, Brian Opposed, thought should be more.
- Charlie made a motion to sell Benches for \$200 each, Mike second. There are 24 Benches from the old Town Hall being stored in the modular building. An offer has been made to purchase them all. Vote – AIF
- Mike made a motion to spend up to \$600 to repair sign, Charlie second. Wood holding up Community Center Sign is rotting. Want to get it changed before it falls down like the sign at the Garage did. Corey Collins did a good job repairing the sign at the Garage with generously donated funds. Vote – AIF
- Charlie made a motion to spend \$3600 to replace lighting in Room 8, Herb second. A number of the light fixtures do not work. Will be replaced with more efficient LED lights. Vote - AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:42

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones