
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

3-25-2026

Members Present: Michael Cray, Ronald Rowe, Herbert Bates, Charles Fields and Scott King

Citizens: Planning Board Member Dave Leavitt, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Rec Committee members Amy Fair, Carrie Preble & Elizabeth Richard, Rick Preble, Melissa Jones, Kristy Butler, Kasey Fair, Claude Thornton, Lorna Rowe, Travis Turner, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Pat White, Jeffrey Hardy, Greg Tasker, Don Chute, Isaac Sargent, Kyle Wentworth, Sandy Cooper.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Michael Cray - Flag Salute

Election of Chair & Vice Chair - Mike and Scott nominated. Vote by written ballot, Mike received 3 votes and Scott received 2. Mike elected Chairman. Scott and Ron nominated for Vice Chairman. Vote by written ballot, Ron received 3 votes, Scott received 2. Ron elected vice chairman.

Announcements: Trash will be picked up on all dirt roads tomorrow.

Public Access: Kyle Wentworth from Plymouth working with Phil Hendrix would like to have use of a ball field for a Cal Ripkin League. Possibility of 4 Teams. Looking at field behind the Town Garage, drainage issues need to be addressed. Ball Field at the Town Park may also be an option. They would like some assurance that they would be able to use the field or fields for a specified length of time before spending funds to repair them. The League would have their own insurance.

Charlie made a motion to allow utilization of Ball Fields, Herb second. Want to check on some questions concerning insurance and need to work with Palmyra Rec Committee. Vote – AIF

Travis Turner asked again about hearing the Fire/EMS Reports. Fire Chief Don Chute present stated that reports were easily obtained thru Somerset County and that Palmyra had 10 calls in March so far.

Kyle Halford voiced complaints on condition of roads, lack of salt and sand. Read a letter from Mother In-law, Kandes Bates, concerning a safety incident (letter is attached).

Reports:

Public Works – Corey reported; Tree that came down in a storm in the Warren Hill Cemetery was cleaned up with help from Ron Rowe. A few culverts washouts were also repaired. Grader is about ready for use. A meeting will be set up to go over work schedule for Summer Road maintenance with Corey, Mike, Ron and Priscilla.

Fire Chief – Report Submitted

Animal Control Officer – Report Submitted

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted, Dave Leavitt stated that Zoning Map is ready to be sent to Webber Surveying. Still waiting to hear back from Bill Webber.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Invitation received from the St Albans Fire Dept. to Annual Visiting Fire Dept. Dinner. There will be a county Budget Meeting on March 30th at 6:00 pm at the Somerset County court House. Question on putting Trucks out to bid again or considering offers. Want to go out to Bid again to be due May 13th. One of the Boilers at Community Center has a broken motor. Received Certified Declaration Form from the State. Our ratio has dropped to 68%. Will not be able to Certify at 100% this year. Have spoken to Assessor on options to address this. Have information on Tax Acquired Property for Board Members to look at and visit those who are making no effort to get caught up.

Palmyra Village Events - Lorna presented a schedule of events they would like to have on the calendar for Gym use. This has been worked out with the Rec Committee. The Board is agreeable to the use.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Charlie to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Herb seconded as amended. Typo on motion on minutes, ~~Mike~~ Herb. Vote – 4 in Favor Ron not on the Board at the time, abstained.

New Business:

- Herb made a motion to continue to Contract with Greg Tasker for summer mowing, Ron second. Greg has agreed to keep cost the same for now. Will reassess Park mowing if area is increased due to Rec use. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Charlie to contract with CO Beck Roofing to replace Gym Roof, Ron second. Funds approved at Town Meeting. Reputable Company with history of work on Community Center Roof. Comes with a 20 year Warrantee. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Herb to allow Select Board Members access to Security Cameras and to give Scott Admin authority, Charlie second. AIF
- Herb has spoken with Tanya Wells who is a Grant Writer about doing some work for Palmyra. He will ask her to attend a Select Board Meeting to speak to the Board.
- The Board agreed to advertise for Office Position in anticipation of Priscilla's retirement. Scott will work with Priscilla to come up with Job Description to post on Indeed. Will also advertise in all the usual places.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones