
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

4-8-2026

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

Citizens: Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Rec Committee Member Amy Fair, Fire Chief Don Chute, Rick Preble, Kristy Butler, Kasey, Klark & Kinley Fair, Claude Thornton, Lorna Rowe, Chad Turner, JoAnn Brown, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Tonyea Wells, Pat & Diane White, Jeffrey Hardy, Don Chute, Sandy Cooper, Hollis Edwards, Garth Norris .

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

Announcements: The Select Board will be meeting with the St Albans Select Board in St Albans at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM to discuss contract for Fire protection. Plan to meet with Corinna on April 20th also to discuss fire protection.

Public Access: Tonyea Wells presented a proposal to the Board on Grant Writing. She would set up a data base of available funding. Would be for 6 months, 18 hours a week at \$24 per hour. Packets were left for Board Members. Chad Turner had a complaint concerning icy roads this morning, also had questions regarding property taxes. Jeff Hardy asked about disciplinary policy and if employee records were available to the public. We have a Personnel Policy that is public information. Personnel records are confidential. Mike Cray apologized to Kyle Halford for rude response at last meeting.

6:20 Motion by Scott to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Employee Review with Diane, Herb second. AIF

6:34 Scott made a motion to come out of executive session, Herb second. AIF

Herb made a motion to give Diane a \$2.50 per hour raise, Charlie second. AIF

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy updated the Board, Club Cross Country will be offered in May. They have some fund raisers planned. Asked if a timeframe had been decided upon for the use of ball fields for the Cal Ripton League, not yet waiting on information on what is needed to upgrade the fields for use.

Public Works – Corey negotiated with Claims adjuster and got an agreement to pay 75% of cost to replace truck body from damage done towing out of the ditch. Insurance will also pay tow bill. Plans to place Guard Rails on Libby Hill Road, replace culverts and ditch the Shy Road. Hollis Edwards offered to help with mulching. Corey has gotten information on road width at the Registry.

Fire Chief – Report Submitted, Don plans to attend the meeting in St Albans.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Report Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date with Budget figures from Town Meeting Submitted. Nokomis students will be here on the 16th for Community Service. Have spoken to the Bank about obtaining a Tax Anticipation Note. Have to speak to Bond Council to get it set up.

Other Committees – Veterans Committee will be hosting a Ham Dinner on Saturday, admission is by donation. Asked about availability of Modular in the Park for use by various Committees. Building is just being used for storage right now. Needs some repair and cleaning.

Park Boosters - Lorna Rowe let the Board know that She and Ron have purchased a 24” Grill they would like to donate to put in the kitchen. A narrower grill would allow for a Fryolater to fit under the Hood without having to move the oven. Will need to have a nozzle added to hood which they will pay for.

Motion by Herb to replace the Grill, Scott second. AIF

Mike Carrier would like to clean up the tree that is down in the Park for the wood. Board agreed to allow this, just wait for the ground to dry out.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Charlie to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Herb seconded. AIF

- Mowing contract with GA Tasker signed.

New Business:

- Charlie made a motion to appoint Scott Representative to the Kennebec Regional Development Authority and Herb as Alternate, Ron second. AIF
- Herb made a motion to continue contract with Jason Fitch for Cemetery Mowing, Charlie second. Will continue with current price for one more year. Vote – AIF
- Charlie made a motion to hire Northeast Technologies for IT services, Ron second. Some discussion on Agreement, #6 Administration designee would be Administrative Assistant. #7 Authorized Requestors would be Select Board Members. #8 Termination – would like to add 30 day notice by either party. Vote 4 in Favor, Herb opposed due to no contact.
- Mike would like to add Select Board Concerns to Agenda

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:26

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones