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## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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5-27-2026

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

Citizens: Rec Committee Liaison Amy Fair, Kristy Butler, Kasey Fair, Lorna Rowe, JoAnn Brown, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Jack Iby, Joe Glidden, Lianna & Fred Maguire, Faylene Webster, John Temple, Garth Norris, Jeff Hardy.

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

Public Access:

Faylene Webster asked why the Food Kitchen had closed. Herb's decision not the Towns.

Kasey Fair voiced concerns with running low on funds and suggested billing twice annually. Would like to see a plan moving forward so as to have sufficient funds to operate. Should deal with delinquent taxes.

Jeff Hardy asked about Trucks that were put out to Bid. New Bid packets have not been prepared so have not put back out to Bid. Asked about Boiler problem. One Boiler needs repair. Suggested it be done before needed in the fall.

6:05 - Scott made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A)

For an employee issue with ACO Joe Glidden, Ron second. AIF

6:33 - Motion by Ron to come out of executive session, Scott second. AIF

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy reported, continue to work on the Soccer Fields. Working with other committees on future plans for the Park. Will be holding a Bottle Drive to raise funds. Basketball Skills and Drills beginning June 22nd.

Public Works – Corey left written report: Priscilla read out loud – Gale and Shy Roads have been graded, 1 Ton is ready for Body and Frame to be painted. Western Star should be ready the end of next week. A hinge needed to be replaced. Worked on the Park Driveway. Finished repairing sign at Town Garage. Have issue with water getting into Sand Shed.

Planning Board – Report Submitted.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement submitted. Have not had to borrow funds to pay bills yet. Letter was sent to 4 delinquent tax payers giving an additional 30 days to contact the Board about plan to get caught up on taxes. Received 2026 County Tax Bill, \$54,262 increase. Hazardous Waste Collection Day set for October 3rd. Ron will help out again this year. Bond Council for a TAN will be \$5500. Will hold off for now. May be able to get by without having to borrow funds.

Veterans Committee – Yard sale this weekend. Skowhegan Equipment Rental donated the use of a lift to put up Flags and Veteran Banners.

Park Boosters an event planned in the Park August 1st. will be placing a Banner in the Park and are looking for Select Board Members, past and present to spend time in a Dunk Tank.

Unfinished Business:

➤ Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Ron seconded. AIF

➤ Motion by Ron to accept Supplemental for Tree Growth Penalty, Charlie second. Lianna Maguire leasing 2 acres of land for a Saw Mill Operation, no longer qualifies for current use program. Vote – AIF

- Motion by Ron to accept Norman Moody's resignation effective today (5/27/26), Charlie second. Norm has done a good job for the Town. Resignation was accepted by all Board Members with regrets.

New Business:

- Ron made a motion to set 2026 Certified Ratio at 75%, Charlie second. This is as high as the State will allow due to sales ratio determined to be at 68%. Assessors plan to work to update cost table this year. Plan to send notice with tax bills to explain decrease in exemptions and to expect higher values next year.  
Vote – AIF
- Mike explained that due to Fire Protection being picked back up by Newport St Albans will have less of an area to cover. Would like to meet with St Albans to discuss this to see if any adjustment may be made to agreement for this year. St Albans next meeting is on June 8th. Will check to see if Board can be put on the agenda.

Select Board Concerns: Herb questioned the prorated figure for the Fire Protection Agreement with Newport. Mike will look into it. Herb asked if funds were available for the Grant work. No funds were appropriated for grant work this year.

Scott is setting up interviews for employee positions. Have 3 applications for the Public Works positions so far. Public Works is a priority. Will set up interviews for June 9th after 5:00 pm. Interviews with the whole Board for AA/Treasurer will be on June 16th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Received letter from Sharon Kimball concerning appliances donated to the Soup Kitchen. Mike will speak to Sharon and Herb Pearl.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:11

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Priscilla Jones*