

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

9-9-2020

Members Present: Brian Barrows, David Gilbert, Herbert Bates Vondell Dunphy, & Jo-Ann Brown.

Citizens Present: David Leavitt, Corey Dow, Billy Boulier, Diane Cookson, Barbara Gudroe

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

Announcements: Planning Board will be holding a Special Meeting Tuesday September 29th at 6:00 PM to go over Application for Solar Project.
Hazardous Waste Pick up Day is set for October 10th

Public Access: Barbara Gudroe of 74 Gray Road asked the Board if something could be done about the culvert at the end of her driveway. It is lifted on one end and does not drain properly.

Reports:

Sexton/Cemeteries – Vondell found someone to take down broken tree in Village Cemetery. Bucketman Property Services of St Albans did a real nice job cleaning it up. Due to lack of funds in the account the whole tree was not taken down. Would like to have them back in the spring to clear away more overhanging branches.

Planning Board (Minutes Submitted) Cory Dow updated the Board on the Solar Project, the Application was accepted as complete. May need to hire subject matter experts, question as to who is responsible for hiring, Planning Board or Select Board. Would like to check with our insurance company as to liability requirements for project. Will need attorney to review surety for decommissioning. Dave Leavitt voiced concerns with liability of Town with construction of Solar Project. Would like to see cash surety. Billy Boulier was introduced to the Board. Billy a civil engineer with commercial construction experience is interested in serving on the Planning Board.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer - Treasurers Statement year to date submitted. Need to decide on compensation for Sexton, started later in year. Donation to Irving Tanning Community Center has not been made yet. Check with Nat Foss to see what is happening there. Escrow Account had been set up at Bangor Savings Bank for Solar Project permitting process funds.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Jo-Ann seconded. AIF
- Motion by Jo-Ann to grant an Abatement to Lianna Hayden for \$401 in tax, Dave second. Assessor inspected property and recommended depreciating buildings in poor condition. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Dave to grant an Abatement to Evan Duane for \$135 in tax, Vondell second. Mr. Duane requested inspection of property earlier this year. Due to Covid restrictions inspection was put off and recommended changes were not made before taxes were committed. Vote - AIF

New Business:

- Dave made a motion to set a Public Hearing for General Assistance Maximum Updates on September 23rd at 6:00 PM, Vondell second. AIF
- Dave made a motion to accept resignations from Planning Board Member Greg Tasker and Planning Board Alternate Ashley Malmquist, Vondell second. Both noted not having the time to dedicate to positions. Vote – AIF
- Dave made a motion to appoint Billy Boulier as Alternate to the Planning Board, Herb second. AIF
- Jo-Ann made a motion to move Ivan Bates from Alternate to Regular Member of Planning Board, Dave

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 6:56

Respectfully Submitted
Priscilla Jones