

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

5-11-2022

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

Present: Frank Hardy, Isaac Sargent, Dave Leavitt, Matt Burrill, Donald Gage, Greg, Amy and Leah Tasker, Sheldon Neal, Charlotte Jones.

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

Public Access: Isaac Sargent of the Palmyra Snow Mobile Club informed the Board as to work he was doing on the Trail (old rail road bed). There are a number of wet areas and holes in the trail that the Club has been looking to repair for a number of years. Isaac and Frank Hardy have been grading with their tractors. Matt Burrill of the Somerset Ridge Runners ATV Club stated that the Trail needs grading and some trees cut out of the way. Asked about the possibility of the town doing some grading. Greg Tasker, also a member of the ATV Club, would like to see improved communication between the clubs. The Trail is a great resource used by many and would like to see repairs done in a timely manner. May be State Funds available for maintenance of the Trail. Amy Tasker asked about setting up a committee to oversee maintenance.

Chairman Barrows asked that the clubs get together and work on a plan.

Charlotte Jones addressed the Board concerning her delinquent taxes. She has some funds to put toward the taxes but couldn't make a commitment on monthly payments. Some suggestions were made to look for assistance and asked to come back to see the Board in 2 weeks. Said she would be in the next day to make a payment which the Board agreed to accept.

6:43 Dave made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Matters, Vondell second. AIF Sheldon went with the Board.

7:28 Sheldon left and Donald joined the Board.

8:02 Motion by Dave to come out of executive session, Herb second. AIF

Reports:

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted, Dave Leavitt was elected Chair and Billy Boulier was elected Vice Chair last night. The Board continues to work with the Hostetler's for a permit for a County Store on Main Street. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 24th concerning this Application.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer RSU Budget meeting set for Town Officials on May 17th. Working on Paving Loan, Interest rate 3.19 for 3 yrs. 3.38 for 5 yrs. Told Bank to go with 3 year loan. This should be close to funds authorized at Town Meeting even though original plan was for 5 year loan. Have had 3 responses from RFP for revaluation. Brandon Hyson has purchased lumber with Park Boosters Funds for repairs to Playground at the Park.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Vondell second. 4 In Favor Jo-Ann did not attend meeting.
- Dave moved to allow Diane to pursue purchase of used Safe, Herb second. Diane found a Safe in Smithfield for \$1700, discussion on how to get it moved. Vote – AIF

New Business:

- Dave made a motion to set the Certified Ratio at 76% for 2022 Property Taxes, Vondell second. This is the maximum allowed by Maine Revenue Services based on developed parcel ratio of 69%. Vote – AIF

8:35 Jo-Ann made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for an employee review with Priscilla.

8:53 Motion by Dave to come out of executive session, Vondell second. AIF

- Dave made a motion to increase Priscilla's pay to \$21 per hour, Vondell second. AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:54

Respectfully Submitted
Priscilla Jones