

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

4-26-2023

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

Present: Sheldon Neal, Billy Boulier, Carlton Preble, Derek Christopher, Randall Anderson

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

Announcements: White Goods Day Saturday

Randall Anderson of Fogg Brook Resort presented 3 copies of paperwork for a Liquor License. Question #13 on page 4 was answered incorrectly, will correct and bring in new copy of page. Motion by Herb to approve Liquor License for Fogg Brook Resort, Jo-Ann second. – AIF - Copies signed by the Board

Public Access: Carlton Preble had questions concerning Covid relief funds, 2 different names and do expenditures need to be authorized by Town's People. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) is the Federal program. Funds sent to States to disburse is called LRF (Local Rescue Funds). Funds need to be voted on by legislative body.

Reports:

Public Works – Sheldon reported, backhoe is not starting again, problems with Beavers on the Gale Road. Working on high shoulders. Planning on cutting brush when can get to it.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Information on Voting equipment for Handicap citizens. Diane thinks what we have is sufficient, would like input from the Board. Resident on the Raymond Road would like a Slow Children at Play sign put up. Julie Watkins would like to offer sewing classes on Fridays here at the Community Center. Only charge will be for materials. Board agreed to this at no fee. Community Service Day offered by Nokomis students would like to have a spokesperson to explain projects to students. Ideas for projects include painting in Community Center, cemetery cleanup, yard cleanup here. RFP for the Access Control System will be advertised in the Rolling Thunder and on our Web Site. More information from CMP re: repair of blinking light. Back to the Town being responsible. Power to the light is working. An insert from Efficiency Maine is available to go out with tax bills at no extra cost. Agreed to take up the raised floor in room 10. Resident would like to access his woodlot and yard out wood over approximately 750 yards of the rail road bed. Board has concerns of possible damage and interference with ATVs using trail. Want to get input from the Snowmobile and ATV Clubs.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Vondell second. Vote – AIF
- Gale Road discussion taken out of order before Sheldon left meeting. Have estimate from Snowman's to rebuild road. Due to expense, decided the project should go out to bid. Was suggested to hire an engineer to come up with specs. Priscilla check on available engineers also see what the State may have to offer.
- Vondell voiced concerns on hiring ACO. Wants to do the right thing for the Town. Has concerns with appearance and possible problems with hiring family members. Important to hire the most qualified person. Each Board member graded the 3 applicants in order of choice. Based on the results Dave made a motion to hire Russell Craft at \$500 per month for ACO position, Jo-Ann second. Vote – 4 in favor, Herb opposed.

- Discussion on Cemetery maintenance. Some issues with who is responsible for removing brush and branches. Need to communicate better. Current contractor offered to remain at the same price if entered into a 3 year contract. Board agreed as long as had clause to get out of obligation for cause. Jo-Ann made a motion to continue with J & L Tree Service for cemetery mowing at \$15,000 per year for three years, Vondell second. AIF

New Business:

- Waste Management Contract is up for renewal in 2024. Board given copy of contract to consider. Proposed fee is \$96.61 per ton, valid for 60 days.
- Billy Boulier made a statement to the Board on the consideration of reappointments to the Planning Board (attached) Appointments to the Planning Board are for three year terms. Before the end of a term a member may only be removed for cause preceded by a Public Hearing. Motion by Dave for annual appointments, Vondell second. Dave read the attached list. Kathryn Burrill moved to regular member of Planning Board Vote – AIF Appointments papers signed by the Board.
- Herb asked about offering employees some sort of retirement plan to aid in attracting employees. He and Priscilla have looked into what the State has to offer through Maine Pers.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:39

Respectfully Submitted
Priscilla Jones