

## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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**6-28-2023**

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

Present: Gail Jones, Pat White, & Sheldon Neal.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Herb Bates - Flag Salute

Announcements: The Town Office will be closed Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Public Access: Gail Jones asked if there had been any more discussion on what to do with Covid Funds, and if it might be possible to use some funds to repair or replace Welcome to Palmyra signs that are in very poor shape.

### Reports:

Public Works – Sheldon present to answer any questions. Dave mentioned intersections could use sweeping (winter sand). Sheldon will check them out. Discussion on South Ridge driveways concerning drop offs from raising road as a result of paving. Herb had information that should be 8% grade. Question as to who is responsible for building up driveways and to what extent. The Town has put gravel in right of way to meet pavement in the past. Will check with MMA. Plan to begin putting surface gravel on the Smith Road.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Heart of Maine Surveying will not be able to do surveying for addition to Warren Hill Cemetery until late in August or early September.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Have vote totals for the RSU Budget vote. Caucus for replacing Registrar of Deeds is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> in Skowhegan. The Appraisal Firm is finishing up the Revaluation project and will meet with residents having concerns or questions on July 19, 20 and 21 if necessary. Keys have been made up for the office. The Board was asked to think about setting this precedent which will apply to future Boards as well, and consider if one or two Board Members could be designated to have keys instead of all members.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Dave second. Vote – AIF

### New Business:

- Vondell made a motion to hire Herb Bates to do road side mowing, Dave second. Herb has done this for the past 3 years and offered to do for same price (\$3500). Vote – 3 in Favor, Herb abstained.
- Diane White is working on a Grant for assistance with funds for construction of a Walking Trail. Would like to know if the Board supports this project and would support putting an Article in Warrant for Special Town Meeting to put before Towns People. Jo-Ann mentioned checking on funds from Chamber Christmas Tree Project for the Trail also. Board is in support.
- Dave made a motion to go into executive session to deliberate over an abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 841 (2), Vondell second. Everyone else left the meeting and the Board went into executive session.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 6:55

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Priscilla Jones*