

## ***PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES***

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**8-23-2023**

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

Present, Dave Leavitt, Sharon & Dennis O'Fallon, Louanne Pelkey, Jason Fitch, Garth Norris, Margaret Cushing, Tracey Coolen, Kenneth Philbrook, Winston Clark, Jane & Paul Carnabuci, Harold Wilber, Sam & Lisa Pease, Sheldon Neal, Hattie Spaulding, Tyler Norris, Tawni Shaw, Pat White, Laurie Wilber

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

Announcements: White Goods on Saturday 8:00 to 3:30.

Library is having a Book Sale in the Gym Thursday & Friday 8:00 to 4:00

The Town Office will be closed on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Public Access: Brian had handouts with questions from last meeting and responses from Garnet Robinson (Assessor's Agent). Copies given to residents. More questions and complaints concerning revaluation, mainly from residents of Whites Pond Road and Loon Lane. Once taxes are committed there is an abatement process for those who believe they have been unfairly assessed. There are also State Programs for property tax relief residents may apply for.

6:20 Dave made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A), For employee review with Tracey, Herb second. AIF

The Board and Tracey moved to room 11 for session. A number of residents left at this time.

6:46 Motion by Vondell to come out of executive session, Dave second. AIF

### Reports:

Public Works – Sheldon stated that Snowman's would charge \$4 per yard to haul materials dug up on Gale Road to the Town Garage. Was agreed to have Road Crew haul what they could to the Garage and allow Snowman's to take, what was not to be used on project, on return trips to their pit in order to not hold up project or add more cost. Culverts have been replaced on the Spring Hill Road. Someone is painting areas on the Spring Hill Road. This should only be done for official purposes. Different colors have certain meaning. Question on timing of work on Gale. Should give residents a heads up of delays getting in and out, and possible change in trash pickup. Sheldon will speak to Snowman's.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Report Submitted

Sexton/Cemeteries – Jason Fitch, acting Sexton in attendance. Mentioned that Tracey has done a great job clearing brush in Village Cemetery. Discussion on placing culvert for entrance to Smith Cemetery. Herb and Jason will check to see if roadway in the middle of the cemetery is wide enough.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers statement to date submitted. Boiler pipes have been replaced and payment reflected in statement. Will forward contact information from Dell representative to Brian so can look into new server.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to approve minutes of last meeting as written, Jo-Ann second. AIF
- Motion by Vondell to set mil rate at 11 and set Commitment Date for 2023 Property Taxes on August 25<sup>th</sup>, Jo-Ann second. AIF Certificates of Assessment signed by the Board.
- Motion by Herb to appoint Jason Fitch sexton, Dave second. AIF

New Business:

- Warrant for Special Town Meeting – Article added to refinish Gym Floor with funds from the Capital Improvements Investment Account. Brian recused himself for a discussion on Door Access Systems (his company will be doing the work). Question as whether to add 2 Garage doors to the project. Also cost as gone up since original quote. Board agreed to propose funds for 5 doors at \$3000 per door. This would be adding \$10,000 to what was approved at Annual Town Meeting. Brian rejoined the Board.

Dave made a motion to accept Warrant for Special Town Meeting as proposed, Herb second. AIF  
Adjustments made to the Warrant and signed by the Board.

- Herb made a motion to increase Tracey's compensation by \$3 per hour, Dave second. AIF

7:45 Herb made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) to look at job applications for Public Works Department, Dave second.

Everyone left the meeting at this point except Board Members.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Priscilla Jones*