

Palmyra Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/28/2026

- I. **Call to order and flag salute** - *The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m.—flag salute*
- II. **Roll call** –*Planning Board Members present: Chair David Leavitt, Vice-Chair Corey Dow, Bill MacLaren, Bill Freudenberg, alternate Mike LePage, Diane White, Planning Board Secretary, Select Board Member Herbert Bates*
- III. **Correspondence** - *none*
- IV. **Process Land Use Permit Application** - *none*
- V. **Announcements**
 - a) Palmyra Park Fun Day – August 1st
 - b) MMA ZOOM Meeting – re: Ordinance Enactment – August 18th. *Put this on the next agenda.*
 - c) *Select Board will meet tomorrow to commit the taxes.*
 - d) *Discussion at the last selectmen's meeting: There is someone in town who is selling their house—the building is closer to the abutters than the ordinance allows. He asked the Select Board for a letter indicating that no action will be taken against him or the buyers for this reason. Some members of the board signed the letter. Dave questioned the Select Board's decision to say that the ordinances can't be enforced. Herb said that the decision was not unanimous. Bill M asked when the house was built—if before the ordinance, the setbacks were not required.*
- VI. **Reports**
 - a) Secretary's Report (7/14/2026) - *Motion made to accept as written by Bill M—second by Corey. Passed unanimously.*
 - b) CEO Report
There has been a foundation installed where the house was lost in a fire on Lang Hill Road. Travis has not yet issued a permit for this. He said that he will check into this. Ron Rowe moved a trailer onto his lot with no permit.
 - c) *Select Board Meeting Minutes – submitted*
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a) Planning Board to do list
 - 1.a - *Bill M and Bill F are working on this (smaller house lots)*
 - 1.c. – *Diane submitted a revision – to be discussed at the next meeting*
 - 1.d. – *Bill M and Bill F are working on this*
 - b) *Home Occupation – Dave submitted suggested language to clarify the exclusion of farming activities from the home occupation permit requirement (attached). State Right to Farm Laws, Food Sovereignty Law should be researched. Bill F asked about liability issues if residents are selling prepared food. Definition of an agricultural building needs clarification.*

VIII. New Business - none

IX. Adjournment

6:31 pm – motion made by Corey and second by Bill M to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane White

NEXT MEETING 8/11/2026