

## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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9-8-2021

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

Present: Randy Robinson, Donald Gage, Veronica Nicholson

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

Announcements: There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM in regard to adoption of an updated General Assistance Ordinance.

6:03 Vondell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Review with Donald Gage. AIF

6:31 Vondell made a motion to come out of executive session, Dave second. AIF

### Reports:

RSU #19 Board of Directors – Director Veronica Nicholson stated that school was back to in person learning 5 days a week. Committee is looking into ways to respond to Covid to be able to keep schools open.

Public Works – Donald told Board what had been done and what is on schedule to be done this fall.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Randy has been tending to burials and stated that the Village Cemetery has been all marked out.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement submitted, questions answered. Received letter of resignation from Road Commissioner Paul Gatcomb. Dispatch in Skowhegan called looking for phone number for Road Commissioner, gave them Herb Bates number. Need to know what to do with Paul Gatcomb's cell phone account. Need measurements and details on repair work needed for Community Center building so I can get some estimates.

### Unfinished Business:

- Vondell made a motion to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Herb second. AIF

### New Business:

- Dave made a motion to accept Assessor's recommendation to abate Barn assessed to Solomon & Rebecca Zook on Warren Hill Road, Vondell second. Barn was assessed to wrong lot. Since correct lot already had a building value assessed additional value may not be supplemented. Will be picked up next year. Vote – AIF
- Dave made a motion to abate Mobile Home assessed to Coburn Richards on North Gee Road, Vondell second. Mobile home is already being assessed on a different lot. Vote - AIF
- Motion by Jo-Ann to grant abatement to Travis Fernald for portion of Garage value on the Spaulding Road, Dave second. Assessor assumed there was living space over garage when visited in the spring. Second floor in garage is not finished. Vote - AIF
- Turn-around for snowplow on Gray Road discussed. Land owner is planning to pave his driveway and would like the turn-around area paved as well at the town's expense. There are a number of dead end roads in town that need to have areas for plow trucks to turn around. Need to look into legalities and more lasting solutions to this issue.
- Dave made a motion to give Donald a 3% raise, Herb second. This would set pay at \$17.50 per hour, to begin after 90 day probation period. Question as to part time status, regular or as needed. Plans are for Donald to be coming in at least 2 days each week

- Discussion on advertising for Road Commissioner position. Will run ad in Rolling Thunder for Road Commissioner/Laborer, applications to be due in Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:37

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Priscilla Jones*