

## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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**5-24-2023**

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

Present: Kyle Halford, Gail Jones, Sheldon Neal, Randy Robinson, Tracey Coolen, Diane White.

Public Access: Kyle Halford of 278 Badgerboro Road voiced concerns with drainage on his and surrounding properties. Needs ditching and culverts replaced or lowered. Sheldon stated that work is planned to address problem to be done in next couple of weeks.

6:08 - Motion by Dave to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Reviews with Randy & Tracey, Herb second. Tracey went in first.

6:39 – Dave made a motion to come out of executive session, Herb second. AIF

Took RSU Budget Warrant out of order, Diane was present to attest to signing. Motion by Jo-Ann to sign Warrant, Herb second. AIF Several copies of warrant signed by the Board. Diane left the meeting.

6:46 – Dave made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Review with Randy, Vondell second.

7:22 – Motion by Dave to come out of executive session, Vondell second. AIF

### Reports:

Public Works – Sheldon reported to Board, Someone is dumping trash in Public Works yard, asked Brian to check the camera. Flags will be up for Memorial Day, have old flags to dispose of. Fred Allen will take them for the Legion to dispose of properly. Large culverts on Spring Hill Road are collapsing. Discussed options for replacing. Road will need to be closed, and pavement replaced. Sheldon will get estimates. They are working on ditching and removing brush. Gale Road needs to be ditched before rebuild work is done.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Herb had some photos of work on recent grave. Suggested for Herb and Vondell to meet with Sexton to discuss some issues.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date submitted. Floor cleaner was delivered and works good. Asked Vondell if she would get information on land to be donated for addition to Warren Hill Cemetery so we can get it surveyed and deeded to town. Have information on Cell Tower to be constructed on Spaulding Road. Plan to attend Webinar on June 6 pertaining to reporting of ARPA Funds. Brian has information that came out of Policy Workshop, will bring to next meeting.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Dave second. Vote – AIF
- Herb asked if anyone had spoken to Diane re: Keys to office. Diane asked clerks from other towns about this. Got a number of responses. Will get copies to the Board.

### New Business:

- Brian recused himself from discussion on Building Access RFP. Herb took over meeting. Only one bid came in for project. Northeast Technologies for \$13,446.87. Funds appropriated for this and 2 other items are insufficient. Jo-Ann made a motion to accept proposal conditional on funds being approved at Special Town Meeting, Dave second. 4 in Favor, Brian abstained (is his company)

- Dave made a motion to accept Supplemental for Theodore Smith Tree Growth penalty, Herb second. Lot being taken out of Tree Growth per request of owner. Vote – AIF Signed by the Board
- Motion by Dave to increase Randy's wage by \$1 per hour, Brian second. 4 in Favor, Jo-Ann opposed.
- Motion by Dave to increase Tracey's wage to \$16 per hour to begin next pay period, Herb second. AIF
- Board would like to retain Security Deposit for recent rental. Blood was found on Gym floor and cleaned up by custodian. Will get in touch with renter and void check unless renter would like to discuss with Board first.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:17

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Priscilla Jones*