

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

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**7-26-2023**

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

Present: Garnet Robinson, Pat White, Judy & Pete Wadlington, Paul & Jane Carnabuci, Dorothy Charbonnier, Hattie Spaulding, Margaret Cushing, Sharon & Dennis O'Fallon, Lorrie & Michael Farewell, Lyndon Millett, Jeremy Ellis, Louanne Pelkey, Michael Cray, Sam & Lisa Pease, Winston & Gelia Clark, Kenneth & Norma Philbrook, James Dubois, Douglas & Marie Campbell.

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

Public Access: Residents of White's Pond Road and Loon Lane present with questions and concerns regarding new property values from revaluation. Carnabuci's asked why their two lots were combined. Odor from farm animals of a resident mentioned (Health Officer, ACO & CEO have been notified). Main concern was with land values, considerable increases. Roads are not maintained by the town. Comments on services provided and if these would increase. Also many questions on budget and if more money would be raised. Appraiser Garnet Robinson present to answer questions. Values based on land sales in the area over a 3 year period. Revaluation done to equalize property values, last reval was in 1989, using cost tables from 1978. Suggested to ask someone from the State to come explain tax system. Board agreed to look into further and plan to have State Assessor and Garnet back next meeting.

### Reports:

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Allan Lord contacted, he plans to do more stone repair this summer. Treasurers Statement to date submitted.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to amend minutes of last meeting to state Animal Control Officer submitted report from Somerset County Dispatch not his own report, Dave second. Vote to accept minutes as amended – AIF

### New Business:

- Herb made a motion to postpone Commitment of 2023 Taxes, Jo-Ann second. AIF  
Garnet will contact Tony Pinett or another State Assessor about attending next meeting.
- Plan to have Special Town Meeting on September 13, 2023 to address issues from March Meeting.
- Update on Wal-Mart Abatement Request - An extension was granted to gather more information. Complete information requested was not received by Appraiser. Extension deadline has gone by which means Abatement was denied. Wal-Mart may appeal decision. Appraisal done as part of Revaluation project came in at approximately \$1,000,000 over last year's value.
- Gail Jones asked about the Welcome to Palmyra Signs. They have been taken down to be repainted.
- Mike Cray has been contacted by ATV club concerning access to trails via Town Roads. Would like to be on the agenda to discuss next meeting.

- Herb made a motion to advertise in the Rolling Thunder for Road Crew (Road Commissioner & Laborer), Jo-Ann second. AIF
- Board agreed to take down sign to Village Cemetery to repaint.
- Planning Board request to be paid per meeting whether attend or not.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:05

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Priscilla Jones*