

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

6-12-2025

(Unable to have a Quorum on regular meeting night)

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Herbert Bates, Michael Cray and Charles Fields

Citizens: Planning Board Members: David Leavitt, Katie Burrill, and Gail Jones, Kathy Bornival, Polly Richards, Christy Butler, Diane & Pat White, Vondell Dunphy, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Norman Moody (Road Commissioner), Corey Collins, Roxanne Brooks

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

Announcements: The Town Office will be closed next Thursday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

Public Access: Kathie Bornival of Newport requested to rent the Gym for Monthly Dances. She presented a list of dates with various Bands. Calendar will need to be checked for availability. Mike made a motion to allow Dances and require Event Insurance, Herb second. 3 in favor, Brian Abstained due to conflict of interest.

6:09 Charlie made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for an Employee Review, Herb second. AIF Priscilla went out with the Board.

6:20 Priscilla back, Diane met with the Board.

6:30 Motion by Herb to come out of Executive Session, Mike second. AIF

Reports:

Public Works – Norm reported to the Board. He and Corey have been working on signs and clearing brush at intersections. Assessment of equipment, Mack Truck in poor shape, Grader needs seals, Back Hoe worn out, still having trouble starting at times. Looking into Excavator rental for culvert replacement and ditching. Would be much more efficient and less wear and tear on the Back Hoe. Have a price of \$9000 a week so far.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Report Submitted

Sexton/Cemeteries – Need to purchase materials for repair of stones.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted, Dave Leavitt gave update. Still working on the 2 Commercial Applications. Planning Board is short a Regular Member and an Alternate. Would like to see positions filled. Have requested rate information from KVCOG for assistance over and above what annual dues cover. Have some recommended changes to the Fee Schedule. Mobile Home Parks not addressed in Fee Schedule. Increased Penalties for violations discussed. Fee Schedule attached.

Charlie made a motion to change Fee Schedule, Herb second. Add Mobile Home Park to Subdivision Permit and add family to dwelling unit (whichever is greater). Vote - AIF

Dave suggested setting up a Committee made up of Planning Board Members, Select Board Members and citizens to work on updates to Ordinances.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Copy of a Policy on Accepting Private Roads for Trash Curbside Pickup that was adopted 2005 given to the Board to look over. Have had a request to pick up Windfall Lane. The RSU Budget passed. Palmyra's share increased by \$5,448 a month or \$65,378 for the year. The County budget increased by \$18,000 for the year. Have had a couple of request from Women looking for assistance with household chores, mowing, etc. Would like information on volunteers or someone able to help for a small fee. Mike and Travis would like to have a town email setup.

Unfinished Business:

➤ Motion by Herb to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Charlie second. All in favor

- Mike made a motion to put Michaud Road Paving out to bid with 2 options, Herb second. Option for shim and overlay and grinding up and repaving. Vote – AIF
- Mike made motion set salary for Priscilla at \$27 per hour, retroactive to anniversary, Charlie second. Rate is based on 33 hours per week beginning June 1 (anniversary is end of May).
Vote - 3 in Favor, Herb opposed.
- Mike made a motion to set pay rate for Diane at \$25 per hour retroactive to anniversary, Charlie second. AIF
- Mike made a motion to accept Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Herb second. Warrant attached. AIF
A Public Hearing will be set up for the amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance after checking with CEO for availability.

New Business:

- Charlie made a motion to approve amendment to Somerset Pour House Liquor License barring any complaints, Mike second. Amendment is for a Temporary Extension of Premises for a charity event.
Vote – AIF
- Information on mix up of lots on Estes Avenue discussed. Lot was divided in error years ago when interest was divided into thirds to three individuals. Lot that is described in Deed as one lot is depicted on the Tax Map as 6 separate lots. The Town has acquired 3 of the lots. The remaining 3 are owned by 2 tax payers. Would like to put the lots back into 1 lot and give remaining tax payers each a 50% interest thus cleaning up the Deed and putting entire lot back on the tax roll. No decision at this time.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:45

*Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla Jones*