

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

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**8-27-2025**

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

Citizens: Planning Board Members: Dave Leavitt and Gail Jones, Denise Bemis, Vondell Dunphy, Corey Collins, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Road Commissioner Norman Moody, Claude Thornton, Sexton Jason Fitch, Jo-Ann Brown, Scott King, Pat & Diane White.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Cray - Flag Salute  
Brian arrived a few minutes late.

Announcements: Meeting with area Towns Thursday September 25 - 6:00 pm in St Albans.  
White Goods Day Saturday 8:00 to 3:30 at the Town Garage.

Public Access: Lorna Rowe asked about the dumpster at the Soup Kitchen. Concerned about who is using it.

### Reports:

Public Works – Corey updated the Board, Excavator has had some breakdowns, Corey has been in touch with Owner and we will be compensated for the time it is down. Has a list of items to budget for next year.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) – Report Submitted

Sexton/Cemeteries – Discussion on compensation for cleaning and repair work at the Warren Hill Cemetery. Was confusion and misinformation given on funding. There is a \$2000 budget, \$510 has been spent on supplies.

Mike made a motion to pay Women the balance of the account for the work they did, Herb second. AIF  
Charlie stated that he believed the Veterans committee would make up the difference. Herb also stated he would make up the difference if needed.

Planning Board – Minutes submitted Dave Leavitt brought up some unfinished business he would like to see addressed, adjustment to the Fee Schedule concerning fine for building without a permit. Charlie did some research on this, every Town he found had the same language as in ours. Merit in increase discussed. Belief that increase in fine may encourage residents to obtain permit before building. To steep a fine may cost more than it's worth to collect. If anyone building without a permit and found to be out of compliance were made to correct the issue may be punishment enough. Dave also brought up violations with the Solar Farm, (trees).

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer - Treasurers Statement submitted

Other Committees – Park Boosters received an MMA Safety Grant for Lights for the Park. Grant is for \$2800. The Town would have to purchase the lights then get reimbursed.

Mike made a motion to spend \$2800 on lights, Charlie second. Funds to come from the recreation account.

Vote – AIF Diane would like to apply for a Grant for a Recreation Trail. This would be for a Four Season Non-Motorized Trail. Application would be thru the Town. Diane is just looking for the Boards approval to go ahead at this time. The goal is to be able to create a trail without the use of property tax dollars.

Mike made a motion to allow Diane to apply for the Grant, Charlie second. AIF

Park Boosters are holding a yard sale in the park this weekend.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Charlie second. AIF

### New Business:

- Mike made a motion to abate Xerox Personal Property tax, Charlie second. Property was disposed of before April 1st. Vote - AIF

- Herb made a motion to abate Randall Family Camp Trust \$148.50, Charlie second. Waterfront was listed as 150 feet. Deed states that lot is 100 X 100 with only 100 feet of water frontage. Vote – AIF
- Charlie made a motion to accept Supplemental Penalty of \$5854 for taking lot owned by Theodore Smith out of Tree Growth, Herb second. Lot is being sold, had request to take out of TG. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Mike to accept Road Name of Maker Drive, Herb second. AIF
- Motion by Mike to accept and sign Municipal Valuation Return, Herb second. AIF
- Discussed options concerning vacancy on the Select Board due to the passing of David Gilbert.  
Mike made a motion to hold a Special Election on November 4, 2025 to fill vacant seat on the Select Board, Herb second. AIF Term will be up in March of 2027
- Mike made a motion to switch Public Works positions and raise Corey’s pay rate to \$25 per hour, Charlie second. Corey Collins now Road Commissioner with a probationary period of 90 days. Vote – 3 in favor, Herb opposed.
- Mike had information from DOT concerning plans for a Roundabout at 152/Ell Hill intersection.
- Chairman Brian Barrows announced that in the future items not on the Agenda will not be discussed.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:17

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Priscilla Jones*