

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

12-22-2025

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

Citizens: Planning Board Member Dave Leavitt, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Travis Turner, Claude Thornton, Lorna and Ron Rowe, Josh and Amy Johnson, Kyle Halford, Pat White.

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

Announcements: Town Office will be Closing at Noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Tuesday December 30th. Trash will be picked up on Saturday this week.
The first Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday January 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Public Access: Claude asked about Fire Protection from Newport and increase in cost for 2026. Brian and Mike are working on this with Newport.
Lorna Rowe had some follow up questions concerning previous Board decisions. Have we gotten any information from the Traffic study done by the State on Lang Hill Road ? (No)
Have we received Deed to property donated by the Curtis's and has the piece been sold to the abutter ? (Yes to both)
Have trees been taken down in the Warren Hill Cemetery ? (Not yet)
Question on roadside mowing. (On the agenda)
Kyle Halford asked what truck did the new truck replace and if a truck is sold where did the money go ? Right now the 04 and 05 International trucks are going to be sold. A decision on the Mack Truck is yet to be determined. Funds realized from the sale of equipment goes into the Public Works account.

6:10 - Scott made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for an Employee Matter with Corey Collins, Charlie second. AIF

6:47- Motion by Scott to come out of executive session, Charlie second. AIF

Reports:

Public Works – Corey Reported, New truck arrived today, working on getting it set up and ready to go for upcoming storm. Going over Back Hoe.

Fire Chief – Travis Turner had numbers on calls by Newport to Palmyra.

Planning Board – Dave Leavitt updated the Board, Planning, Meeting scheduled for the 23rd has been postponed to the next week on the 30th. Palmyra has until the end of 2027 to make adjustments for new law on Housing Density.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Minutes for Special Town Meeting given to the Board. Any corrections or questions should be brought to Diane's attention. Had problems with tags disappearing from the Giving Tree this year making it difficult to know what was needed till the last minute. Will have to handle differently another year.

Other Committees - Charlie asked about Rec account and if soccer equipment had been purchased, and if funds were available for security cameras for the Town Park. An account has been set up and Amy Fair will be in next week to order Goal Posts for soccer field. Also mentioned that the Grill in the kitchen needs maintenance, not working properly.

Unfinished Business:

- Charlie made a motion to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Scott second. 4 in Favor, Brian did not attend the meeting.

- Revisited sale of 04 and 05 Trucks to clear up confusion on minimum bid or best offer. Decided to put out to an Open Bid and provide a good description of equipment.

New Business:

- Mike made a motion to issue a Quit Claim Deed to John Merry for property at 527 Madawaska Road, Herb second. Delinquent taxes have been paid in full. Vote - AIF
- Discussion on Bill for Roadside Mowing from the Town of Pittsfield. It appears that mowing was done without a clear understanding of the cost. The Board voted on and paid for the roadside to be mowed as in previous years. There was no discussion by the Board on mowing brush this year. Needs further investigation.
- Access to security cameras by Select Board member was brought up. Brian will take care of.
- Scott would like to initiate a Sand for Seniors program. Sand would be delivered to Seniors and disabled persons if needed. Questions as to how it would be administered and advertised, and will we have enough sand. Like the concept, needs more thought.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:39

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones