

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

1-14-2026

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

Citizens: Planning Board Members Dave Leavitt & Corey Dow, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Kristi Butler, Travis Turner, Jo-Ann Brown, Claude Thornton, Lorna and Ron Rowe, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Kasey Fair, Norman Moody, Lorrie Farewell, Pat White, Garth Norris, Sandra Cooper, Attorney John Hammer.

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

Announcements: Second Budget Workshop scheduled for Wednesday January 21st at 6:00 pm.

Public Access: Lorna Rowe presented a letter to Herb Bates asking for his resignation (letter attached) then read the letter out loud. Dave Leavitt spoke in support of Herb. Corey Collins questioned mowing done by Herb. Members of Pittsfield road crew had been invited to attend meeting, could not attend.

6:10 - Scott made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for a Personnel Matter, Charlie second. AIF Attorney and Corey went into session with the Board.

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

Reports:

Public Works – Corey presented the Board with information on DEP Permitting. Purchased supply of cutting edges at a good price. Trucks are being kept clean and Fluid Film is being applied.

Planning Board – Dave Leavitt would like to have proposed Ordinances changes for Annual Town Meeting on the Agenda for the next Select Board Meeting. Copies will be available so the Board can be prepared to approve or suggest revisions. The Planning Board has taken into consideration recommendations from KVCOG.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Foreclosure Notices for 2023 Property Taxes going out this week. The Auditor will be here on January 28th to gather information for the Annual Audit.

Other Committees - The Veterans Committee is planning a Dinner for Vets.

Park Boosters are still selling raffle tickets for Fire Wood and an Ice House.

A meeting was held with Fire Chiefs and a representative from Dispatch in Skowhegan to discuss the changes in Fire Protection coverage. The Town of Detroit will be added to towns providing protection (Corinna, Hartland, St Albans & Pittsfield). The increase in the budget will not be as much as originally expected.

Unfinished Business:

➤ Herb made a motion to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Scott second. AIF

New Business:

- Mike made a motion to accept Auditor Agreement for 2025 Financial Audit, Charlie second. AIF Brian signed the agreement for the Board.
- Discussion on use of the Community Center for a backup for a Day Care at Home Town Health. To be part of their Emergency Management Plan. The Board questioned how many people this may involve, otherwise had no objections if this facility is acceptable to them.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:16

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones