PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

10-14-2026

Members Present: Michael Cray, Ronald Rowe, Herbert Bates, Charles Fields and Scott King

Citizens: Road Commissioner, Corey Collins, Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristi Butler, Lorna Rowe, Rick Prebble, Jo-Ann Brown, Amy & Kasey Fair, Jeff Hardy, Jack & Melissa Iby, and Garth Norris.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Michael Cray - Flag Salute

Announcements:

The election is Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls will be open 8am to 8pm.
Absentee ballots are available now through October 29th.

Public Access:

Rick brought up a few questions about First Park. Scott addressed those he had knowledge of and informed him of another meeting coming up. He will be looking into that date. Dave also commented and stated he would be interested in getting the information on the next meeting as well.

Lorna brought up concerns about vehicles parking overnight at the park. There are currently no signs there to state any restrictions. Corey will order signs to be put up.

Jack raised a concern about using two trucks for roadside mowing and also inquired about the final results of the sand shed project. There was some discussion about purchase orders.

Executive Session:

Ronnie made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Review and other discussion, Charlie second. AIF
The board left for executive session at 6:10pm and returned at 7:21pm
Scott made a motion to return from executive session, Ronnie second. AIF

Scott made a motion to give Samantha a $2 per hour raise, effective immediately. Herb second. AIF

Scott made a motion to schedule an executive session pursuant to1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters with Corey and Matthew during the selectmen's meeting on November 12th.
Herb second. Vote 4-1 Ronnie opposed.

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy reported. Rec Liaison Draft is still in the works. The next fundraiser will be for holiday wreaths. There will be a few on display during the November election and pre-order forms available. Work is continuing on the soccer fields at the park. A donated dozer is coming on the 23rd to finish things up. There were some trees that needed to be cut. There is someone willing to haul the wood to a mill for free. It was requested that the money be allowed to go back into the rec account to pay for grass seed in the spring. No one from the board opposed the idea. Soccer season will be ending in two weeks. The goals currently set up at Somerset Elementary will be coming down soon and will be stored in the double wide building. There will be one more invoice coming from Nature's Way for the port-a-potty. Basketball season will be starting soon. The Penquis League meeting is in Dexter tomorrow night at 6. Online sign-ups will be from October 7th to November 6th. An in person sign up will be held at Somerset Elementary trunk or treat Friday, October 30th. Basketball Jerseys will need to be ordered – probably around 50 to 60 will be needed. The younger groups will be able to reuse soccer jerseys. Between fundraising money and some in the account there should be enough to pay for them. An ok from the board was requested to give the bathrooms a face lift – new paint and locks on the stalls. All members were on board. Herb offered to donate new locks.

Public Works – Corey reported. The grader is back together, the chipper has been fixed, and trucks are being fluid filmed for winter, except for the International. Raymond Road culverts are going to be paved tomorrow (10/15) and Tuesday (10/20)
Fire Department – Discussions will begin in November for next year's mutual aid agreements.
ACO – Report Submitted. Mike commented it has been a quiet couple of weeks.
Cemeteries – Corey reported that the tree guy is coming tomorrow. The wood that is cut will be available at the town garage.
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Priscilla reported. The boiler is going to need some work done. A technician came out to look at an issue with a switch and discovered it will need to be replaced. An insurance inspector from MMA will be coming November 2nd at 9am to inspect the old Town Hall building. The proposed 2027 State Valuation is available upon request. The trash cans at the park were addressed. Charlie stated that they were supposed to be put away and will be taking care of that. Priscilla mentioned that Diane is looking for one more Republican ballot clerk to work the morning of the election.
Veteran's Committee – Charlie reported the next meeting will be October 20th at 6pm.

Unfinished Business:

- Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written, Ronnie second. AIF

- Corey presented a packet of quotes he received for items requested by Public Works.
  Ronnie made a motion to hire Superior Construction Services to replace the guardrails on Libby Hill for $18,500 to be done the beginning of November. Public Works will be responsible for cleaning up the old guardrails. Charlie second, Vote 4-1 Herb opposed.
  Ronnie made a motion to purchase a compactor from Jordan Equipment for $4600 with free delivery. Charlie second, Vote 3-2 Scott and Herb opposed.
  Scott made a motion to not move forward with the purchase of a CONEX Box. Herb second, Vote 4-1 Ronnie opposed.
  Mack truck repair quotes were discussed. There was one written quote for $96,000. Corey will get more quotes before the board makes a decision.
  Charlie made a motion to sell one of the old plows for $600 to the same individual that purchased the old International. Ronnie second, Vote 4-1 Scott opposed

- Scott made a motion to issue Pratt's junkyard permit with the condition that the vehicles must be moved. Travis will inspect again in two weeks. Charlie second, AIF.

  Scott made a motion to issue the renewal junkyard permit for Ben's Auto. Herb second, AIF.

- The next road committee workshop will be Wednesday, November 4th at 6pm.

New Business:

- Scott made a motion to accept the quitclaim deed for Roxanne Brooks. Herb second, AIF.

Select Board Concerns:
Herb asked about Ronnie filing general liability insurance with the town. He will bring in a copy to file. He also mentioned an issue with plugged culverts on Gale Road and asked for an update about trees at the solar farm. The possibility of use logs for town vehicles was also discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Lary