
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

3-11-2026

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

Citizens: Planning Board Member Dave Leavitt, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Rec Committee members Amy Fair & Elizabeth Richard, Jo-Ann & Glenn Brown, Rick Preble, Melissa Jones, Kristy Butler, Mackenzie & Adam Domonski, Kathy Bournival, Paulie Richards, Kasey Fair, Claude Thornton, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Garth Norris, Travis Turner, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Kasey Fair, Sierra Beem, Katie Trebilcock, Pat White, Jeffrey Hardy, Gregory Crump.

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

Public Hearing Opened – Brian explained the purpose of the Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance. Question as to if it would help food cupboards. Mike explained that it would make it easier for producers to operate Roadside Stands, won't be regulated by the State. Law was passed last fall concerning direct producer to consumer transactions. Each Municipality must pass their own Ordinance to comply. An article to vote on this will be presented at Town Meeting. Public Hearing Closed.

Announcements: Voting Friday 8:00 to 7:00 pm. Town Meeting Saturday 10:00 am.

Public Access: Travis Turner asked about hearing the Fire/EMS Reports, told he could make a FOAA request if he would like to have a copy of the report. Jeffrey Hardy asked for an explanation on Road Side Mowing this past summer. Herb answered that he mowed grass for \$3500 and Pittsfield mowed brush for \$2000. Kyle Halford asked questions concerning budget for Fire Protection and if there was a vote by the Select Board to end contracting for Fire Protection with Newport. Total budget will be presented for a vote at Town Meeting that will cover cost for Towns providing coverage. The Board did not vote on this. A letter was received in December from the Town of Newport stating that "Fire protection services will cease effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2026." The Board had no choice but to seek other options. A discussion on fire protection followed concerning insurance costs, fire ratings, Palmyra having its own fire station . . . It is understood that the ISO rating for Palmyra has always been a 9 due to the fact that we do not have our own Fire Department.

Reports:

Rec Committee - Amy Fair reported to the Board, she had attended a Rec meeting in St Albans. Some of the discussion concerned budgeting that she believed was a more appropriate discussion for the Select Board. Concerns were voiced on discussion of a Cal Ripkin baseball program getting fields upgraded for use. How this might affect Rec use of the fields if needed for a possibility of 4 Teams. The Rec Committee has obtained 501 3C Status and would like to apply for Grants thru Somerset County and the Federal Government. Grants from the Bureau of Parks and Land cover a broad scope and would go thru the town. Question raised on how to navigate division of 501 entity and Town. Committee is raising funds for Rec Program and anything purchased will ultimately belong to the Town.

Public Works – Corey gave the Board information on road miles plowed. He has been working with the State to purchase supplies for lower cost when possible. Grader is almost ready for use. Bump signs have been disappearing, found a pile of them at the end of Hicks Pond Road. CMP is doing work off the Badgerboro Road, only have permission to have vehicles as far as first residence off Rte. 2. Have agreement from them to repair any damage to road.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Report Submitted

Planning Board – Dave Leavitt reported – Working on producing a certified Zoning Map. A meeting is planned for Tuesday March 17th with Herb Bates, Pat White, Travis Gould and Dave to go over Map. When the Planning Board and the Select Board have had a chance to approve the Map it will be certified and sent to Webber Surveyors to be digitized and an official copy made.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date submitted. Asked if any information for Town Meeting was wanted.

Veterans Committee – Date for Ham Dinner is April 11th not the 18th.

Park Boosters – Lorna reported on a meeting with Larry of Maine Fire concerning Fire Suppression System and what needs to go under the Hood. With a narrower Grill a Fryolator could fit under the hood and the oven would not have to be moved. Lorna is going to discuss this with the Boosters.

Unfinished Business:

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

New Business:

- Mike made a motion to issue a quit Claim Deed to Adam Domonski heir of Joseph Domonski at 53 Camp Road, Herb second. Delinquent taxes have been paid in full. Vote – AIF

Public Access opened back up, Kathy Bournival had questions on Gym use for a Dance in November. Nothing more is being scheduled November thru February until the Rec Basketball schedule is ironed out. After discussion it was decided that Gym would be available after 3:00 pm on Saturdays so would not interfere with a dance.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 6:58

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones