
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

5-13-2026

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

Citizens: Rec Committee Liaison Amy Fair, Rick Preble, Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristy Butler, Kasey Fair, Claude Thornton, Lorna Rowe, JoAnn Brown, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Pat & Diane White, Sandy Cooper, Isaac Sargent, Jack Iby, Norman Moody, Robert Worster, Herb Pearl, Joe Glidden, Mary & Neal Page, Lianna & Fred Maguire, Melissa Jones, Tanyea Wells, Don Chute.

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

Announcements: RSU 19 Public validation Vote May 19th 7:00 pm at Nokomis.

Public Access: Herb Pearl addressed the Board with concerns regarding issues with his use of the Town Hall for a Church and Soup Kitchen. Recent issue with a Grandson staying there and accusations which Herb denies. Sheriff was involved. Herb has been serving the Town for 33 years and is tired of the opposition so is making plans to vacate the building.

Claude Thornton had a question regarding his Dwelling valuation concerning the year built that is listed. Waiting to discuss with assessor. Also asked about written contracts for Fire Protection. Have written agreements with all but Pittsfield.

Rick Preble had questions regarding the camera licenses. Priscilla will look into, Rick will come to town office on Friday to get information.

Dave Leavitt also questioned licenses for cameras.

Kyle Halford asked if any changes are foreseen with the agreement with St Albans. Not at this time.

Jeff Hardy asked if it were possible to ban Solar Farms. State laws constantly changing.

Jack Iby asked if a microphone could be used by the Board.

6:18 - Scott made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A)
For an employee review with ACO Joe Glidden, Charlie second. AIF

6:33 - Motion by Scott to come out of executive session, Charlie second. AIF

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy reported, working on the Soccer Fields. Would like to cut down some trees to make room for drainage ditch. Board approved of this. They could use some fill if any is available from ditching.

Public Works – Corey left written report: Priscilla read out loud – Gale and Shy Roads have been graded, Beaver removed from Spring Hill, Cleared some trees around Goodwin-Webber and Smith cemeteries, Got the Grader repaired with no issues, cut down some high spots in Village Cemetery road, Leveled out entrance road to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The State will be doing speed studies on Spring Hill, Gale, Hope and South Ridge Roads. Norm handed each Board Member a letter and left the meeting. The letter was his resignation to be effective the end of May. Scott made a motion to have a special meeting on Tuesday May 19th at 5:30 pm for an executive session, Herb second. The Board wants to meet with Norm to discuss issues raised in his resignation letter. Vote - AIF

Planning Board – Report Submitted. Dave reported - Have heard from BD Solar concerning plans to address issues at the Main Street site. Hometown Health will be removing barriers to enable access to loop road.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – The Gym Roof replacement is almost complete. Had to replace some rotten trim boards. Have spoken with the Bank and our Attorney concerning TAN. May need to borrow funds from Investment Account to cover this weeks' Warrants.

Park Boosters – Some lights have been replaced and also added at the Park. Work has started on the Pavilion.

Veterans Committee – Banners and flags have been put up in Town. Plan to install lights over flags. Still looking for donations for the yard sale the end of this month.

Park Boosters an event planned in the Park August 1st. will be placing a Banner in the Park and are looking for Select Board Members, past and present to spend time in a Dunk Tank.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written with addition of Robert Worster as attendee, Scott seconded. AIF
- Have Tax Acquired property that have had no contact from previous owners. The Board would like to send one more letter giving them 30 days to respond with a plan before starting sale process.
- Tanyea Wells presented the Board with more information on Grants.
- IT Contract has some issues to be worked out, has not been signed yet.

New Business:

- Ron made a motion to accept Agreement with Newport for Fire Protection, Charlie second. Newport Select Board agreed to provide Fire Protection for Palmyra at a prorated rate of \$66,375 based on an annual rate of \$88,500. Coverage area will remain the same as it has been. Vote – 3 In Favor, Herb and Scott abstained, wanted more time to look over the Agreement.
- Supplemental Tree Growth Penalty for Lianna Hayden was tabled.
- Herb made a motion to sign RSU Budget Warrants, Scott second. AIF 5 Copies signed by the Board

Select Board Concerns: Herb would like to install Solar Lights on Palmyra Signs. Good Idea.

Scott has been monitoring applications for the Office Position and setting up interviews. Scott, Herb and Priscilla will do preliminary interviews the beginning of June and refer top candidates to the whole Board.

7:20 Motion by Ron to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Employee Review with Priscilla, Scott second. AIF

7:39 Herb made a motion to come back from executive session, Ron second. AIF

Ron made a motion to give Priscilla a \$2 per hour raise, Scott second. AIF

- Scott made a motion to make annual appointments as presented (List attached), Herb second. Mike read the list of appointments. Vote – AIF Appointment Papers signed by the Board.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla Jones

