
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

8-26-2026

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

Citizens: Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristi Butler, Lorna Rowe, Rick Preble, Mary & Neil Page, Jo-Ann Brown, Kasey & Amy Fair, Claude Thornton, Garth Norris, Jeff Hardy, Kyle & Hillary Halford.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Ronald Rowe - Flag Salute

Announcements: Ronnie reminded everyone of two upcoming events 1) White Goods day this coming Saturday, August 29th at the town garage from 8am to 3:30pm and 2) There will be a Town Hall Workshop next Wednesday, September 2nd at 6pm.

Public Access:

Rick asked to revisit the topic of First Park. Priscilla answered a few of his questions and explained that he could come in to the office to receive further information in the morning.

Scott informed everyone that the next General Assembly meeting for First Park will be held Thursday, September 17th at 5pm at the Oakland Police Department.

Jeff congratulated the road crew on a job well done with the sand shed project. He also asked if the Town put out bids for fuel and suggested that a competitive bidding process could be beneficial. He recommended purchase orders for the future as well.

Rick asked about the camera licensing fees and potentially shopping around for something cheaper. Scott explained the current pricing. Amy suggested asking other towns what they use and pricing.

Dave commented on the urgency of some purchases and urged the board to work together to get quotes and plan ahead to find the best prices possible.

Kasey asked about the trucks parked out front of the public works building. He submitted a verbal offer of \$5,000 for both trucks, good for 30 days. The board will explore costs for repairs and come back with more information and a decision.

Jeff asked about the furnace repair. Ronnie reported the total cost and what it covered. Mary asked if this was serviced every year. Priscilla responded that it is.

Rick asked how much Dragonfly Academy pays for rent. There was some discussion between him, Ronnie, Priscilla, and Mary regarding the families that this school services and how increasing costs would affect them. The board will do some contract research before exploring options.

Jeff commented on the cost of the Community Center as a whole.

Herb stated that he and Scott did not sign the warrant due to increase in camera licensing fees.

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy began with a thank you to public works for their help at the soccer fields. She reported that 75 children have signed up for soccer and uniforms have been received. Registrations for soccer ended yesterday. The children will be divided into 7 teams – 3rd&4th grades and 5th&6th grades will be participating in the Penquis League, Palmyra Rec will hold scrimmages and an end of year game for 1st&2nd grades. The kindergarten group will be instructional. She also asked a few questions (1) If anyone had a chance to look into the Rec Liaison Job Description? and (2) If there was a cover for the gym floor? Draft of Job Description was sent to be reviewed and Priscilla explained that the cover was looked into and questions were raised concerning, the expense, where it would be stored and inconvenience of use.

Public Works – Corey reported that the sand shed project is done, the winter sand is up, and they are currently working on culverts.

Planning Board – Report Submitted. Dave reported that there is not much new happening. They received plans but not an application for the interior work at Walmart.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Priscilla reported that the final coating on the gym floor has been finished. She gave an update on the trash now going to the new facility in Hamden. With that, there was a reminder of prohibited items for curbside pickup. A list is on the town's website and posted in the office. She also asked a clarifying question on a decision made at the last meeting regarding Corey's time off.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Charlie to accept the minutes of last meeting as written. The motion failed for lack of a second. Time off for Corey is unclear and will need clarification when a full Board is present.
- Kyle Halford, the town's realtor, explained the next steps in the sale process if the board chooses to accept or deny an offer. Scott made a motion to accept the offer from Christopher Savageau and Joshua Savageau in the amount of \$64,500 for the property at 1043 Warren Hill Road, Herb second. AIF
Scott made a motion to decline the other offer from Randy Bubar, Charlie second. AIF

New Business:

- Corey discussed some quotes he received for a 40ft storage box that would be used for extra storage space to store items such as hay, calcium, and signs that they are currently lacking space for at the garage. Scott and Charlie commented that they didn't think it was necessary.
- Discussion on replacing Guard Rails on Libby Hill. There is currently a cable type of guard rail. No action taken at this time.
- Herb made a motion to increase the classroom rental fees for karate to \$32, Scott second. AIF
- Scott made a motion to accept the abatement for Kenneth Shakespeare at 314 Webb Ridge Road with a total reduction of real estate value requested at \$25,800 which equals a tax amount of \$301.86, Herb second. A division of the property was not processed so needed to be abated and supplemented. Vote - AIF
- Scott made a motion to grant a quitclaim deed to Kristin Campbell for property at 146 Madawaska Road, Herb second. This is to clear title to the property for an old Lien. Vote - AIF
- Samantha explained a packet of information on establishing a road committee and recommended setting up a workshop like what is being done for the Town Hall. The board agreed and set the meeting for September 16th at 6pm.

Select Board Concerns:

Herb wanted to clarify the situation with the old trucks – whether they were going to be fixed or sold. Discussion on getting written quotes on needed repairs. He also asked about the new truck. Ronnie explained some of the current issues and what may be coming next. Corey, Ronnie, and Mike will be meeting with a representative from International and Allegiance to determine next steps. Dave mentioned K&F auction coming up and potentially looking at what they have for trucks. Herb questioned overtime in the summer.

Priscilla mentioned that if the vendor warrant only had 2 signatures than she would not be able to pay bills.

Payroll Warrant Signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:17 PM

*Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Lary and Priscilla Jones*