PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

9-23-2026

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

Citizens: Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristi Butler, Lorna Rowe, Rick Prebble, Jo-Ann Brown, Kasey Fair, Jeff Hardy, Pat White, Sue London, Lee Mencl, Matthew Lary, Kevin & Abby Bowman.

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

General Assistance Public Hearing:

Public Hearing Opened 6:01 PM. No questions or comments. Public Hearing Closed 6:02 PM.
Ronnie made a motion to accept the GA Appendices, Herb second. AIF

Announcements:

Hazardous Waste Disposal is Saturday, October 3rd. Sign up sheets are in the office.
Taxes are due next Tuesday, September 29th.

Public Access:

Kevin Bowman presented on the lot at 1050 Main Street. Lot to be separated into 2 lots that will be less that 2 acres. Both lots are already developed so according to Section 10-5 of the Palmyra Zoning Ordinance lots may be sold as/on a separate lot.
Charlie made a motion to accept nonconformance of the lots at 1050 Main Street, Ronnie second.
Vote – 3 in Favor 2 Opposed (Scott & Herb)
Rick revisited the topic of First Park and Dragonfly Academy. Herb, Scott, and Dave also commented.

Executive Session:

Ronnie made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.
Scott second. AIF Executive Session began 6:26 PM. Selectmen returned 7:23 PM.
Scott made a motion to return from executive session, Ronnie second. AIF

Ronnie made a motion to give Matthew a $2 an hour raise effective immediately, Scott second. AIF
Herb made a motion to revert Samantha's probation period to 90 days, Scott second. AIF

Reports:

Rec Committee – Kasey reported work being done on the fields and multiples games happening this Saturday.
Public Works – Ronnie reported the guys have been working on grading. There was a part that broke and is being fixed. They have also been working on replacing some culverts. DOT submitted a report on recommended speed limits for some roads. Corey will be ordering speed limit signs.
Planning Board – Dave reported the board is waiting on an application from Walmart. There was some discussion on future plans for the trees at the solar farm.
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurer's Statement Submitted. Priscilla reported that the dumpster may have to be moved again. Construction debris and other prohibited items have been found inside it. KVCOG will be hosting their annual meeting Tuesday September 29th at 10am. A zoom option will be available for attendance.
Veteran's Committee – Mike and Charlie reported on the recent workshops where discussions on plans for the old town hall occurred. Ronnie made a motion to grant the Veteran's Committee the usage of the old town hall as a home base, Herb second. Vote – 4 in favor 1 abstain (Charlie)
The next committee meeting will be October 20th at 6 PM.

Unfinished Business:

- Scott made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written, Ronnie second. AIF
- Ronnie presented current items that Public Works is looking at buying. The board chose to hold this discussion until written price estimates are received.
- Mike discussed a section of statue relating to camera access by selectmen. Ronnie made a motion to abide by MRSA 30-A § 2635, Charlie second. A policy will be put in place so access to cameras will be only through the Town Office. Vote – 4 in favor 1 opposed (Herb)

New Business:

- Two junk yard permits have been submitted. They have been paid but not inspected.
  Herb made a motion to accept Stephen Rowe's permit at 114 S Ridge Road, conditional to the accepted inspection from code enforcement, Scott second. 4 in favor 1 abstain (Ronnie)
  Charlie made a motion to accept Ronald Rowe's permit at 777 Main Street, conditional to the accepted inspection from code enforcement, Scott second. 4 in favor 1 abstain (Ronnie)
- Mike read the abatement for Michael and Alicia Vining.
  Herb made a motion to accept the abatement, Scott second. AIF
- Scott made a motion to accept road name of Pond View Lane, Herb second. New road is off the Madawaska Road. Vote - AIF
- Scott read a proposal from Northeast Technologies to replace the broken camera at the public works garage.
  Herb made a motion to accept the proposal with no extra fees to the town, Scott second. AIF

Select Board Concerns:

Herb asked a few questions regarding public works. Ronnie responded. He also asked about insurance stipends which the town has no policy on.

Scott mentioned a concern from a resident about roadside mowing. At this time there are no further plans for roadside mowing this year.

Charlie made a motion to retroactively pay holiday pay to the two recent employees that did not receive the pay within their probation period, Herb second. AIF

Meeting Adjourned 8:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Lary