

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

2-14-2024

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Herb Bates, Vondell Dunphy, Dave Gilbert, & Jo-Ann Brown.

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

Announcements: Town Office will be closed Monday February 19th in observance of President's Day.

Citizens: Dean Cray, Dave Leavitt, Christine Rowe, Gail Jones, Alan Hanscom, Travis Kitchen, Tracey Coolen, Jason Magnus, Randy & Joel Robinson, Pat & Diane White.

Public Access - Randy Robinson was present to speak to the Board about getting items belonging to him at the Garage. A receipt for a work bench and grinder was given to the Board. Randy was told he would be notified when a good time would be to pick up the items.

6:08 Vondell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Review with Diane, JoAnn second. AIF

6:29 Vondell made a motion to come out of executive session, Herb second. AIF

Reports:

Public Works – Christine Rowe informed the Board that her mail box had been taken down by the snow plow 3 times this winter. Herb informed the Board that a Study had not been done for speed limit on the Spring Hill Road so signs would be taken down. Norman doing some work on Trucks.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) – ACO has given his notice. Will continue until a replacement is found.

Cemeteries – Deed for extension to Warren Hill Cemetery is ready to be signed .

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted, Dave Leavitt updated Board on Planning Board activities. Hearing was held on Ordinance amendment for Town Meeting, no input. Herb contacted DEP concerning Tire pile on Main Street. Owner of the property has been given 30 days to clean up the tires or face fines.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Maine Resource and Recovery is working on a Grant to purchase Conex Boxes for storage. Would like to know if Palmyra is interested in any of the Boxes. 1/3 match in the cost may be necessary. Band called Night Shift would like to have a Halloween Dance here on Oct 26. Question on policy for allowing alcohol. Have information from KVCOG on regional purchases. Ron Rowe agreed to doing White Goods collection more often.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Dave second. AIF
- Board signed updated Agreement for Brandy Cloutier, payments to be made first Monday of each month, insurance requirement increased.
- Received response from attorney on Letter of Credit for Hometown Health. Everything is in order.
- Dave made a motion to accept Motor Vehicle Inventory Policy, Herb second. AIF
- Dave made a motion to sign Ordinance Certification, Herb second. Proposed amendment to the Planning Board Ordinance text will not be printed in Town Report so needs a certified copy.
Vote – AIF

- Discussion on completion of Annual Warrant: where to appropriate Local Relief Funds and appropriation of funds for projects in the Town Park. Was agreed to appropriate Relief Funds for refinishing gym floor, building repair and purchase of Solar Panels. Ask to raise funds for the Park, first project to be a playground. Adjustments will be made to the Warrant. Needs to be sent to the printers for the Annual Report tomorrow (the 15th). Warrant to be officially accepted and signed at next meeting.

New Business:

- Herb made a motion to issue a Quit Claim Deed to Elizabeth Martin and Arlo McDougal for property at 404 Madawaska Road, Jo-Ann second. Delinquent taxes have been paid in full. Vote - AIF
- Dave made a motion to allow Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services to defend against Dean Cray at the County Commissioners on the Boards behalf, Vondell second. Dean has applied for an appeal of abatement of property taxes denial. Vote – AIF
- Board agreed to advertise for Animal Control position.
- Board agreed to continue with Bolsters for curbside trash pickup. Rates are comparable to what we have been paying and much less than other company that sent a quote for services. Contract will be prepared for next meeting.
- Motion by Dave to increase Diane’s wage by \$2 per hour, Herb second. To be effective on anniversary. AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla Jones