

1. Roll Call 7:04PM
 - a. Paul Wisnewski – Absent
 - b. All others present
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Paul Burns invites public to comment, informs public of three minute time slots
4. Iris Cardin – Palmer
 - a. Wrote her thoughts on a paper to read
 - b. Prefers town meetings, selectman, and more public input
 - c. Wants freedom in Palmer
 - d. Also prefers more than four hearings
5. David Hale – Palmer
 - a. Conducted the charter petition with his group
 - i. 1200+ signatures
 - ii. States that 96% want to return to town meetings
 - b. Palmer charter needs a drastic restructuring
 - c. Wants a new town government
 - d. Suggests one lead selectman with possibly five total, number undecided
 - e. States that he is here to represent the people of Palmer, not himself
6. Dave Whitney questioned the validity and data collection methods for the 96%
 - a. Hale responded that 96% was calculated by verbal opinion
 - i. Used Palmer phonebook to pole people
 - ii. Claims if we survey 100 people we would have a good survey of the peoples desires
 - iii. He states that there has never been study in Palmer about the way people feel regarding the town government
 - iv. Recommends a telephone survey
 - b. Paul Burns responds that a survey may be costly and unaffordable at this point
 - i. He recommends people attend the public hearing to voice opinions
7. Dan Cardin – Palmer
 - a. Most people he has spoke to are unhappy with the current town government
 - b. Some people have called numerous times to speak with councilors and have been unsuccessful
 - c. He believes the council is not moving fast enough for Palmer
 - d. Some issues that people are unhappy about
 - i. Tag sale ordinance
 - ii. Yard clutter
 - iii. Unregistered vehicles
8. Don Reim – Palmer
 - a. The current charter is not being followed
 - b. Disappointed with the council
 - c. People want rights to vote, on tag sales, etc.
 - d. Burned houses in Three Rivers are a hazard, wants something in charter about it
 - i. Paul Burns stated that the burned houses wouldn't be in the charter, they are an ordinance issue
9. Tom Pajak – Palmer
 - a. The selectman to now has created a physical detachment

- b. Ex. The new secretary discussed at this weeks council meeting would not have passed if gone to a town vote
 - c. Budget
 - i. Council of 9 should not make the final decision
 - ii. Town meetings should be held to vote where to spend money
 - iii. Cuts by the state are happening and council hasn't been making cuts
10. Mike Borkowski – Palmer
- a. Charter was voted in because people wanted change
 - b. The selectman knew the town and didn't make 100k a year like the town manager
 - c. He feels the people aren't being heard
 - d. Tried for 6 months to reach the town manager and was unsuccessful
 - e. Doesn't think many people will show up at hearings because our minds are already made up
 - i. Paul Burns mentions that this is an objective, unbiased panel
 - f. Suggests that we use P.H.S. or Pathfinder to have students conduct polls in the community
11. David Hale – Palmer
- a. He wants a debate with commission instead of a one way conversation.
 - i. Paul Burns states the he disagrees with debate – this is a hearing
 - b. The advertisement of meetings was questioned
 - i. Paul Burns notes that it was listed in at least two papers
12. Iris Cardin – Palmer
- a. Submitted to the commission (received by Eric Duda) a document of her thoughts
 - b. She feels that Dave Whitney and Paul Burns being on the commission and council should be in question
 - c. Notes that she was insulted by former councilors, not Paul Burns or Dave Whitney
 - d. She hopes that we all have an open mind and that we let the people have the power
13. Motion to adjourn – Dave Whitney
- a. 2nd – Richard Fitzgerald
 - b. Yes - unanimous