

**Palmer Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2017**

1 **Call to Order**

2 The Palmer Town Council Meeting of Monday, October 16, 2017 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Town  
3 Council President Barbara Barry. Councilors Lorinda Baker, Mary Salzmann, Karl Williams, Michele Sikes  
4 and Robert Lavoie were present. Matthew Lemieux was absent. Also present was Town Manager,  
5 Charles Blanchard and Executive Assistant, Nicole Parker.

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7 **Visitors Comments**

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9 No one from the public was present.

10 **Minutes: September 18, 2017**

11 Motion was made to approve as amended by L.Baker. Seconded by R.Lavoie. Motion passed (7:0)

12 **Converse Middle School Reuse**

13 An RFP will be put together for the three components; architect, market study and housing consultant.  
14 C.Blanchard also stated that there is some furniture left over that couldn't be used anywhere else.  
15 Aaron Osborne, Business Manager at the high school, stated that the school committee would like to  
16 have a "tag sale" and mark prices on all of the equipment and sell it. C.Blanchard stated that if the  
17 Council has no issue with that then he will work with them on it. The school committee will declare  
18 surplus at their next meeting.

19 **Old Business**

20 Public Hearing: Recreational; Marijuana Moratorium

21 R. Lavoie read the public hearing notice.

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23 B.Barry opened the public hearing at 6:35PM. There was nobody from the public present. M.Sikes stated  
24 that in the definitions it isn't clear if the ordinance is referring to solely recreational marijuana and  
25 would like clarification so that this cannot be misconstrued to include medical marijuana, especially  
26 considering the Council and Planning Board had recently approved a medical marijuana facility.

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28 C.Blanchard stated that he would look into it with the Town Attorney and get back to the Council.

29 B.Barry stated that the vote be at the next meeting unless there is an issue with the language.. The

30 Public Hearing was closed at 6:39.

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1 Town Manager Goals Update (attached)

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3 C.Blanchard reviewed with the Council the progress to date on his goals. The document is attached to  
4 these minutes.  
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6 Special Legislation: Junction Variety

7 An All-Alcohol Off Premises Liquor License request was approved. The applicant will now need to apply  
8 to the local licensing authority.

9 There was no new business. B.Barry brought up the new meeting law guidelines regarding whether or  
10 not the agenda will need to specifically address all items under old and new business that are going to  
11 be discussed or if the council can continue with its current practice. She stated she would do more  
12 research on the matter.

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14 Town Manager's Report (attached)

15 The Town Manager reviewed his report. He stated that the Citizen Leadership Academy is going very  
16 well and he is pleased with the attendance as well as the presentations. There was also discussion on  
17 implementing the new False Alarm Ordinance. He is currently discussing the procedure with the Police  
18 Chief.

19 **Town Council Roundtable**

20 B.Barry stated that some of the Lake Thompson residents reached out to her and R. Lavoie regarding  
21 the condition of some of their roads. Approximately two weeks ago she, R.Lavoie, C.Blanchard and  
22 G.Skowronek met with the residents to discuss the issues.

23 Town Officials offered a betterment for road improvements and the DPW made some minor repairs to  
24 the roadways. After all of the improvements were made they reached out to B.Barry to state that they  
25 are satisfied with the improvements and will not be looking into other options at this time.

26 MMA Conference is upcoming. Two Councilors are allowed to go. The budget allows two councilors to  
27 attend. B.Barry stated that the sign at Burleigh Park Rules is deteriorated. She asked G.Skowronek to  
28 look into the cost of a new sign.

29 B.Barry requested G. Skowronek get prices for one or two more pedestrian crossing signs to be placed  
30 near the school campus.

31 **Next Meeting Date**

32 The next meeting date was set for November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

33 **1. Adjournment of Formal Session**

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35 7:45PM

36 Motion to adjourn from formal session by R.Lavoie seconded by L.Baker. Motion passed (6:0)