

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3rd, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Morgan Dunham, Walter Kilbreth, Polly MacMichael, and Hunter Lander

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent)

Public: Susan Davis, Henry Williams, Jeff Maget, Fred Nichols, Terry Coffin, Alan Stewart, Jim Boyce and Andrea Fenwick (via Zoom)

Absent: Wade Browne

Chairman Dunham call the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from September 19th, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman MacMichael. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Chairman Dunham states that she will be rearranging the agenda to hear from those in attendance first.

New Business:

Chairman Dunham recognizes Jim Boyce to discuss SnoWanderers items. Jim says he is before the board for a few things. First would be permission to do the bonfire and fireworks. Last year there were 250-300 people, and it was all over with at 9:00pm. This year New Year's Eve is a Saturday night, they would have free food and some basket type fundraisers for the club. He would also like to put the table and trash can out on Gilmore Hill again and the parking sign on Little Baker Hill that indicates winter parking. He will be out and about soon placing the orange stakes in the field. He indicates that the trail to Carrabassett Valley is shut off completely and doesn't think it will be back any time soon. He says that he has been working with the Lexington Club to get a trail from Kingfield through that way. Chairman Dunham asks the boards opinion. Board agrees to all the requests.

Chairman Dunham then recognizes Fire Chief Fred Nichols who was not listed on the agenda but requested a brief discussion with the board. Fred indicates that a few weeks ago he, Terry and Alan attended a meeting with the new County Administrator Amy Bernard about the Salem Fire Department. Part of the conversation was regarding if the Town of Kingfield was getting adequately paid for responses in unorganized Freeman and if there was interest to take over part of Salem if necessary. This would then have Kingfield covering parts of Freeman, Salem, and Mt. Abram Township. There is another meeting about this October 17th at 4:00pm in Strong with the fire departments and Strong Selectmen. Fred says it would be nice if Leanna and some of the Kingfield Selectmen could attend.

Old Business:

Chairman Dunham moves into the discussion about the Regional Housing/Workforce Housing Committee seeking voting representative for Kingfield. AA, Targett says she has not thought of anyone for this nor has she gone searching as she feels that Polly's suggestion for one of the Orcutt's was a good one as they meet most of the qualifications the committee may be looking for. Board agrees to have Leanna/Polly ask Cindy Orcutt to fill this position.

Chairman Dunham says the next item is Streetlights and the list of potential lights to be removed. AA, Targett explains that she has the list that Polly provided from previous discussions as well as a few

others that mentioned it on face book, and a few people that do not want the #2 pole on Route 16 removed, however she was hoping to have a map created that would help in the discussion. Unfortunately, she does not at this time but is hopeful to have it at the next board meeting after she has a chance to discuss further with Tasha at CMP.

New Business:

Chairman Dunham opens the one heating fuel and service bids. Board reviews bid and Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to accept the fixed rates provided by Dead River. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor. Board discusses the service plans further and does not move on this. AA, Targett did not have answers for what Ben charged last year for these services.

Opening on UAC – suggestions – AA, Targett indicates that Dan Davis has stepped down from this committee and states that someone that is on the system would need to be appointed.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett says she has no other updates other than the items listed on the agenda, Andrew Chase in attendance at Oct 17th meeting to discuss hay fields, supervisors will be in attendance at Oct 17th meeting to provide updates and Bobby Brown from UAC will be at Oct 17th meeting to provide update.

Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. She says she would like the board to consider changing the next meeting from October 17th to the 18th as she really would like to attend the Planning Meeting at Mt. Abram on that night as several individuals have talked with her about some issues. Selectman Lander says he would like to attend as well. Board agrees to move the next board meeting to the 18th.

Selectman Kilbreth says he has talked with Billy Gilmore about crazy camp and Billy told him there just needs to be an article at town meeting allowing the officers to sell the camp back to the people that have been paying the taxes. Selectman Kilbreth further explains that it has been in a trust for some time and Deanna and Philip McClure who have been paying the taxes for years would like to have it just in their name. AA, Targett explains that the article is passed every year allowing for the officers to decide things such as this on town foreclosed properties so it essentially would be up to the board when the time comes. Selectman Kilbreth asks AA, Targett to explain that to the McClures.

Selectman MacMichael says she is concerned with 7-8 political signs right under the welcome to Kingfield sign and it looks bad. AA, Targett says she is unaware of this and will investigate it further. Selectman Kilbreth says she would like to discuss the bridge plowing as this is a major concern for many people. AA, Targett says it is scheduled for the road work session. Selectman MacMichael says she

would like to discuss the email received from MMA about the Town Manager form of government. Chairman Dunham says she would like for Wade to be present when discussed. It will be added to the October 18th agenda.

Chairman Dunham says one more thing she wishes to discuss as she and her family are being constantly questioned. She has been receiving complaint about Walt and Polly meeting together a lot at Walt's house and it is making people uncomfortable. It doesn't look good. Selectman Kilbreth says he doesn't care what people think as it is not illegal, it is just bullshit, period. Selectman Kilbreth says if they don't like it then don't vote for us. Selectman Dunham says she was hopeful he would be open to not doing it. Selectman MacMichael says she is hopeful that the people don't feel uncomfortable, and they don't meet that often. Selectman Kilbreth mentions an email where Chairman Dunham says that Wade, Hunter, and Morgan asked MMA about two board members and that was illegal. He asked if they had a meeting to discuss or if Morgan just spoke on behalf of the board incorrectly. Chairman Dunham says no, she is not certain what he is talking about. Selectman Lander says he has not had any meetings on this. Selectman Kilbreth says it looks as if there are three of you against the two of us. Selectman MacMichael says we are buddies, sometimes we are trying to figure out stuff going on so we do talk about town business, but she would not go to a third selectman to discuss as she knows it is illegal. Selectman MacMichael says sometimes they are discussing books and gardening and such. Board continues to discuss and Selectman MacMichael says you have received the answer from MMA so hopefully that will help you answer people with confidence.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

*The minutes provided above are a summary. A voice recording is on record at the Kingfield Town Office and is available upon request. Minutes by Leanna Targett.