

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent) Savannah Merrill (Town Clerk), Shanda Hargreaves (Treasurer), Brian Collins (Road Commissioner)

Public: Susan Davis, Henry Williams, Jeff Maget, Donald Aubrecht Kim Jordan, Claudia Diller

Via Zoom: Andrea Fenwick, Penny Hall and Danielle Mathieu

Absent:

Chairman Dunham call the meeting to order.

It is requested to postpone accepting the meeting minutes until later in the meeting.

Chairman Dunham recognizes Brian Collins to provide a quarterly departmental update. Brian says for the past two months we have been doing roadsides, putting up winter sand, maintenance to the trucks and loader and dealing with anything else that pops up. Selectman Browne asks if the sidewalk equipment is running and ready. Brian indicates that he went to HP Fairfield for cutting edges. Selectman Kilbreth asks if both machines run. Brian explains that he can't figure out the second one as it dies after 20 minutes of running. Se3lectman McMichael asks if he has purchased the rock rake. Brian says no if the gravel roads we have in town get turned to blue stone, then there would be no need to purchase a rock rake.

Savannah and Shanda are then recognized. Savannah says we are still learning as it is a lot to know. I have participated in elections training the past two days. Chairman Dunham asks if there are other trainings. Savannah says yes, she would like to attend a vitals training. Shanda states that she has been preparing for the upcoming audit with Leanna's help. She has also been learning and using a lot of excel spreadsheets Leanna has created for her which includes who to pay and when as it is a lot to remember. Overall, she is enjoying her job.

Travis indicates that all the pumping done, they have been winterizing everything and cleaning up. They recently lost power to the shop which runs underground. He has contacted CMP, IEC and Foster to get this fixed next week. He will also be certain to run a new line to the pump station near the shop.

Old Business:

AA, Targett indicates that there is no longer an opening on the UAC as Dan Davis has confirmed that he will stay on the committee.

New Business:

Chairman Dunham recognizes Andrew Chase to discuss hay fields. Andrew says he is interested in taking over the haying contract, however he would like to renew it within two years and not wait for the full five as he will be putting thousands of dollars into the fields for them to be certified organic. Selectman Browne asks that AA, Targett get confirmation from Casey that he is done first then to work with the Chases on a new contract. The board agrees with this.

Chairman Dunham notes that Bobby Brown will not be in attendance as he was not made aware of the meeting date change.

Chairman Dunham says she has two items to add to the agenda. One is a renewal liquor license from the Kingfield Woodsmen and the other is the Sewer Commitment covering October 1 to December 21, 2022. Board reviews liquor license. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor. Board reviews the sewer commitment. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

The next item of business is to discuss the email response from MMA on Town Manager form of Government. Selectman Kilbreth says that the board has a lot on their plates and feels that this should be put on the back burner for now, maybe table it for a few years. Chairman Dunham asks why the board doesn't just make a decision? Selectman Kilbreth says the form we have now works. Chairman Dunham says that Leanna deserves the title. Selectman Kilbreth says it is more than a title, he feels we need to advertise as we may get a lot of grief if there is someone else more qualified in town. Chairman Dunham says she has heard that most of the staff will leave if Leanna is released from her job. Selectman Kilbreth says we need to stand our ground and tell them we can't deal with threats. Selectman Kilbreth says we should wait until 2024. Selectman Browne says this is just one more item we would be kicking down the road. Selectman MacMichael says she knows what it is like to have a position eliminated and it is a very difficult position to be put in however she feels there is more to it than just a title there is more responsibility like the future planning and vision for the town and it will take someone with a lot of experience. Chairman Dunham says we have an AA with a lot of experience. Selectman MacMichael says it is our responsibility to get the best person for the job and Leanna may be that person, but we need to post. Selectman Lander asks why we are sitting on this and why we don't move forward. Selectman Browne makes a motion to move forward with the Town Manager style of government and to give that title to Leanna, to not advertise. It is a side move. Selectman Lander seconds motion. Motion passes 3/2.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett says she has talked with David Cota recently and he has requested Kingfield attendance at the November 1st County Commissioners meeting to show support for the regional housing efforts. AA, Targett says she can not attend as she will be with the auditor all day and asks if a couple of board members could attend.

Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman Browne says he appreciates the emails from Kathy Houston on what is happening with Shiloh and thanks everyone for their work on the bridge, roads, and camp. He asks when the new website will be operational. AA, Targett says it is already live. Susan Davis notes that there are some committee members needing updating and that a few committees are missing. Kim Jordan asks where recording can be found. AA, Targett says on the page with agendas and minutes however she has been unable to upload since the new site was created and is awaiting assistance.

Selectman Browne requests discussion on Island Road in the future as there was flooding again. Selectman Browne asked how the school meeting was. Chairman Dunham says it was about one hour, there will be another meeting November 2nd. They have come up with some survey questions for people to answer during election day. Closing the High School is still a big topic. Selectman Lander says his take away was that Kingfield should pull figures again to be prepared if a decision had to be made to possibly withdraw. Kim Jordan says it will be solid two years before we really know anything about this configuration and what it has saved us. Selectman Kilbreth says he agrees with Selectman Lander lets have the numbers together to look at.

Selectman MacMichael states that the northern Kingfield sign is missing. AA, Targett says maybe Dan Davis took it to paint, she will find out. Selectman MacMichael asks about the new Irving signs. AA, Targett states that she had Bill Gilmore investigate them. Susan Davis says Bill explained in the planning board meeting that the previous CEO had allowed them and that our current ordinance does not restrict any signs having interior lights. Sue says that Clay was going to contact AVCOG to have a work session about looking at our zooming ordinance and sign ordinance.

Chairman Dunham asks if the new sidewalk lights have plug ins as it would be nice to light the bridge near the cemetery. AA, Targett says yes, they are up high on the pole. Chairman Dunham says she would like to look into a water cooler/dispenser for water in Webster Hall if the closet will be locked up with all the electronics. She asked Ben Chase for a guesstimate on the cost of plumbing, and he thought it was \$1,000.00. The cost of the dispenser is about \$1,600.00. The board discusses further but no decisions are made.

Meeting minutes from October 3rd, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Kilbreth. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) Consultations with legal counsel. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

No motions are made following executive session.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Lander. 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.