

## Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5th, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

### Attendance

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

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

**Public:** Susan Davis, Henry Williams, Jeff Maget, Annie Twitchell, Adrianna Morse, Julie Swain, John Goldfrank

**Via Zoom:** Andrea Fenwick and Claudia Diller

**Absent:** Morgan Dunham

Vice-Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from November 21, 2022, are reviewed. Selectman Kilbreth and Selectman MacMichael question a few items in the minutes. Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to hold off accepting the minutes until we hear back on the items of concern. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

Julie Swain to address board with concerns. Julie says she is renting the old Keenan building and the sidewalk is very icy outside her shop. She contacted DOT about it and they informed her Kingfield signed a contract to assume the liability of the sidewalks. Julie says I am willing to shovel sand I just can lift the buckets myself. She says I have seen a few people take a spin on the ice and was just hoping the town would stick out some buckets of sand that they could refill when they are maintaining the sidewalks. The board discusses placing a few buckets on both sides of the downtown area. Vice-Chairman Browne suggests maybe a 55-gallon drum. Selectman MacMichael says maybe a galvanized trash can with a small shovel would look nicer. Following further discussion, the board agrees that 2-3 should be placed among the businesses and that Public Works could check it when they go by.

The next item is to discuss vacation and earned paid leave on the books. Whether staff should be paid out, if there was or should be a cap, how earned paid leave was separate and more. After a lengthy discussion, Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to discuss further at the next meeting and to look further into changing the labor policy to reflect changes. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

### Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett says she would like to provide some updates to the board.

Update on CMP streetlights – She has obtained all the CMP pole numbers for the ones that will be eliminated on Main Street. However, one thing that came to mind was the two near the intersections of Route 16 and 142. She has an email into DOT to find out if those must remain for vehicle and pedestrian safety. She wants to confirm with the board the elimination of the one on Riverside Street that Claudia Diller spoke of. She has obtained all the neighbors' approval to remove. The board agrees to this. The other item is Maple Street where we heard from some residents about the light outside their bedroom window. I would like to suggest lower wattage lights installed in that area, which could also be done on

Winters Hill Rd. Tasha said we could even select an entire road and do a trial of two wattages. The plan would be to go from 26watt to 19. The board agrees this is a good compromise.

Next is to provide an update on Property Tax Stabilization's applications. We received 116 of them of which 115 qualified and only one was denied. The total tax assessed dollar amount was \$17,530,776.00 or 7.5365% of our total commitment. This sounds like huge numbers but to put it in a different perspective. That amount of assessed value taxed at .20mil would be \$350,615.52 and say we increased our mil next year by 1 mil. That value would be \$368,146.29 so essentially it would be \$17,530.77 in funds that would be frozen, and the state would be paying us.

To provide an update on Tufts Pond bid timing. The plan is to put out to bid January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-bid Meeting January 10<sup>th</sup> and Bids Due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lastly, for planning our upcoming roads work session. I would like to invite an engineer that has worked well in the past with the town to discuss a better roads management product that they offer and to see if he might be what we need to assist us with our other roads. The board agrees that this is a good idea.

#### **Other:**

Vice-Chairman Browne asks for any other. Vice-Chairman Browne says he just wants to circle back to last meetings discussion about the motion he made. He never intended to have a name put in the warrant. He says the plan was for the warrant to go in and to appoint Leanna afterwards. Selectman MacMichael asks if needs to be rescinded then. Vice-Chairman Browne says no. Selectman MacMichael says she is wondering if everyone is feeling prepared for the upcoming informational meeting as she is not and will need to do some homework between now and then. AA, Targett offers to send to the board the information she has prepared for the public.

John Goldfrank is recognized he asks if there is warranty on the Tufts Pond Work. AA, Targett says yes, 1 year. He then asks if there have been surveys of other towns completed as far as vacation and sick time. AA, Targett says yes, for most of Franklin and Somerset County. As far as parking it would be nice if there was signage on Depot Street for public parking. This doesn't necessarily need to be boxed in lines, just some signage to alert people. John says I know this town is continuing to grow and this would help some of the small businesses in town. I am not asking for Anni's, or Longfellow's, I am talking about some of the new businesses like those that have moved into the old Keenan building. The board indicates to John that this has been a topic of discussion and will be continued at upcoming work sessions.

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