

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 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, Jeff Maget, Annie Twitchell, Kate Ray, Adrianna Morse

Via Zoom: Ryan Reed and Morgan Dunham

Absent:

Vice Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from November 21st and December 5th, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Kilbreth. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman Browne says the next item of business is to open a Public Hearing for Phase II to comply with Title VI Requirements. Motion by Selectman MacMichael to recess Selectmen's meeting to open a public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman Browne explains that this public hearing is to discuss acceptance of a Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Special Projects Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$60,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds for working capital, inventory and equipment to sustain recent expansion space and menu options, and to create new job opportunities for LMI individuals. For The Maine Beer Shed. Vice Chairman Browne says public comments are now being taken and will be submitted as part of the Project Development Phase. Anyone wishing to make comments or ask questions about the acceptance of these funds is invited to do so now.

Selectman Kilbreth asks if this is the only business that will be getting grant funds. AA, Targett says for this time frame yes. Susan Davis says it is a fabulous expansion of an already successful business. Kate Ray explains that it is a special project grant as she has missed the deadline window twice.

Hearing no additional public comments, Vice Chairman Browne deems the public hearing closed and the Selectmen's meeting is reopened.

Old Business:

The next item is to discuss vacation/earned paid leave on books. The board discusses this at length, Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to pay off vacation only to bring everyone down to cap of 120 from Selectmen contingency. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor. It is agreed that capped hours, combining vacation and earned paid leave and other items will be discussed more in a labor policy work session.

Vice Chairman Browne tells the public that the board had discussed the services of Robert Lightbody from Sewell Engineering on better roads management. Vice Chairman Browne makes a motion to hire him for this purpose with the cost he gave us to assist us in getting all of our roads done. Selectman Kilbreth seconds motion. All in Favor.

The next item is to discuss placing a public parking sign on Depot Street sign. AA, Targett explains that there was direction given at the last work session to look into placing a municipal parking sign below the Depot Street sign directing people to Depot Street. She has discussed this with Maine DOT and there were concerns about visibility issues in the location and she was told that generally you do not have a sign directing people to on street parking, you direct them to parking areas or parking lots. She has asked Maine DOT to assist with a better solution for this and is awaiting a response.

New Business:

Board reviews a resolution with AVCOG. Vice Chairman makes a motion to sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Board reviews a special town meeting warrant for January 17, 2023. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to accept and sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion: None

Other:

Vice Chairman Browne asks for any other. He says his only other item is to postpone the labor policy scheduled for Wednesday. The board agrees to reschedule it to January 3rd after the public hearing provided there is not too much on the agenda. Selectman MacMichael asked about breakdowns. AA, Targett explained it was the 2019 truck and the sidewalk equipment. Susan Davis asks if the sidewalks could be cleaned with the wing of the plow. It is explained that it would not be a simple task as the wings are very long and now there are streetlights and other obstacles such as granite curbing. Jeff Maget would like to make note of a section of Maple Street just after Sunset Lane that becomes quicksand every spring that the new engineer may want to look at the underlayment.

Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)C – Certain Property Matters – Discussion of possible real estate purchase/project. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

No motions are made following executive session.

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