

Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 5th, 2023; 6:00 PM; 38 School Street; Webster Hall; Kingfield

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Morgan Dunham, Walter Kilbreth, Wayne Rundlett, Ray Poulin, Tina Poulin, Bob Carleton

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); David Taylor (Transfer Station Supervisor)

Public: Susan Davis, Travis Targett, Kate Ray

Absent: Hunter Lander

Chairman Kilbreth calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from September 29, 2023, are reviewed. Motion to accept minutes as presented by Wayne Rundlett. Seconded by Ray Poulin. All in Favor

Board reviews financials presented by AA, Targett covering 6 months July through December. There was discussion about the hauling and tipping fees leading into the upcoming budget discussion. Motion to accept the financials as presented by Ray Poulin. Seconded by Tina Poulin. All in Favor.

David says everything is going well. The roads are a little muddy right now, the bucket loader is running again thanks to Travis Targett putting belts on, it is still a little jerky though. Trash in general is out of control partially due to Amazon and their abundance of boxes. Refrigerators are going to Oakland after the freon is removed. Ray Poulin asks how David is doing working alone. David says fine the only issue is answering people's questions, they may have to wait if I am compacting or with another person. Wayne Rundlett indicates that David deserves a raise. David agrees it is time to look at the wage scale. The board discusses and understands that this will be introduced within Kingfield's budget planning and will take effect July 1. It is noted that there will be some wiggle room in the upcoming budget with what is planned in the managers line item and the assistants. Chairman Kilbreth asks how Mike Allen is working out. David says fine other than her must climb up in Mikes truck to empty it which takes time away from other things.

Ray Poulin indicates that he did look for new equipment, however everything is way out of our price range except for the concept of a tractor. He has talked with David about this and thinks it may be the way to go, the brand he looked into was a Kioti from Manchester Motors. Board discusses tire chains, warranties, foam filled tires etc. Following further discussion. Ray Poulin makes a motion to expend not more than 60k on the tractor purchase. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. Ray Poulin is put in charge of this and is instructed to look at the NX model. All in Favor. Motion passes.

Board reviews two options for a budget. The first budget is for no increase for expected revenue from the towns/county. The second one shows increases. Following discussions on the tipping fees and land improvement line item that may include blue stone for the upper level. Morgan Dunham makes a motion to accept option #2 budget. Seconded by Ray Poulin. All in Favor.

Chairman Kilbreth asks if there have been any updates on the well. David says he has been told that it needs to be dug up and for the line to be placed down 6-feet. Chairman Kilbreth says he spoke with

Tellis Fenwick today who installed the line, and it is already at 7feet deep. He believes there is an issue with the second well tile, and they may need to be placed deeper. Following discussion, it is agreed that this will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Bob Carleton states that he is really concerned with the flow of traffic at the transfer station as it is a huge safety issue. Bob says it worked well when Peter Gardner was there, and he had barrels instructing people of the flow of traffic. David is instructed to place some signs/arrows to direct traffic.

Kate Ray asks if the board would be interested in looking into a glass grinder or composting as she would volunteer as an advisor. The board also discusses cardboard bailers and agrees this needs to be in future discussions. Chairman Kilbreth repeats that he has someone looking into if we can just go back to operating a dump and dealing with our own garbage to not have the cost of a transfer station.

Ray Poulin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor.