

Kingfield Planning Board

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Location: Webster Hall
Time: 6:00-6:40
Topic: Contract zoning ordinance
Present: S. Davis, R. Hawkes, S. Hoisington, C. Tranten, M. Wahl; Billy Gilmore, interim CEO
Absent: J. Clukey, B. Smith,
Public: Mark Green, John Beaupre, Tom Hildreth

Chair Clay Tranten called the Tuesday, February 14 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Scott moved acceptance of the minutes of the 1/10/23 minutes, seconded by Mark Wahl and passed unanimously.

Schedule

Tranten has asked to be on the Kingfield Select Board agenda at its February 21 meeting to outline the Planning Board's current work on zoning, with particular reference to contract zoning. This is to let the Select Board know the Planning Board's intention to put a zoning article on the Town Warrant by the April deadline.

The Carrabassett Valley Planning Board has arranged to have a lawyer hired by the regional Workforce Housing Coalition explain the legal aspects of contract zoning for Maine towns at their regular meeting Thursday, February 16. Members of the Kingfield Planning Board plan to attend. Richard Hawkes has created a matrix of Maine towns that are now using contract zoning. From that Hawkes has created questions for the lawyer, which Carrabassett has done as well.

Approval of zoning ordinances

Scott Hoisington made a motion that the Planning Board approve the ordinance that Tom Marcotte and the Planning Board have updated, which now includes the contract zoning and an amendment to the existing sign ordinance, for consideration of municipal approval and acceptance for an article in the Town Warrant. Seconded by Mark Wahl. Approved unanimously. One remaining Planning Board action is to review the fee schedule.

Hawkes does not think the wording is perfect yet, that some things will be tweaked after the meeting with the lawyer on Thursday. He suggested that at some point he needs to consider it done.

New Kingfield code enforcement officer

Interim CEO Billy Gilmore told Planning Board members that Buzz Lightbody from Embden has been hired as the new CEO. The Board was pleased to hear the news.

Dates for informational meeting and town hearing

Subject to Select Board approval, the Board set dates for two public meetings to introduce contract zoning to Kingfield voters: March 7 for an informational meeting; March 14 for a Public Hearing.

Preparation for public meetings

Hawkes will prepare the language about what the meeting is for. The Board agreed to meet a half hour before the March 7 meeting to go over explanations, etc., of contract zoning for the informational meeting.

Hawkes moved to adjourn at 6:40, seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Davis, Secretary