

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday July 3rd, 2023; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Hunter Lander, Morgan Dunham, and Kim Jordan

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Town Manager). Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent)

Public: Sue Davis, Jeff Maget, Annie Twitchell, Jim Boyce, Angela Boyce, Henry Williams, John Goldfrank

Via Zoom: Sylvie Haslam

Absent: Wade Browne

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Board reviews meeting minutes from June 19th, 2023. Board tables motion to accept until the next meeting.

The first item of business is the election of officers. Chairman Dunham makes a motion to elect Wade Browne as the Chair and she will be the Co-Chair. Selectman Lander seconds motion. All in Favor

Old Business:

Co-Chairman Dunham states that the discussion on the VEC engineer proposal for picnic area on river has been postponed due to the VEC requesting additional time.

The board reviews the Health Insurance options and it is agreed to table this discussion until the new selectperson on the board has time to review the options.

Board reviews job description for Town Manager. Co-Chairman Dunham says this has been a work in progress and feels that the job description should be what is already written in state statue. It is agreed that this will be placed under work in progress at this time as the Town Manager will follow statue.

New Business:

Not on the agenda: The board recognizes Bobby Brown on behalf of the Utility Advisory Committee to provide an update. Bobby details how the committee has been delayed a bit as the report and stick drive was here at the office and he was not aware of it. Bobby says we have not been able to figure out the budget, we are not quite there yet, and the feeling is that the revenue and expenses could be more exact. Bobby says he understands that the loan in the amount of \$90,000.00 was paid and the \$7,000.00 is no longer in budget. Bobby says we are waiting for final numbers. Bobby says we just got the presentation, and it may take us until at least September to crunch numbers and such. Bobby says language is very important and I ask for permission to speak with the town attorney or MMA to put in light of the truth and need. Co-Chairman Dunham says she would be willing to forward requests to MMA. Bobby says we just need to know the language. Selectman Lander and TM Targett suggest that Bobby have a conversation with Maine Rural Water instead as they will be able to provide answers and language.

Discuss vacated selectmen seat. As a housekeeping item TM Targett asks for an official motion of acceptance. Selectman Lander makes a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Co-Chairman Dunham. All in Favor. Co-Chairman Dunham explains that the board has two options. One is to operate with a four-member board, the other is to hold another election which involves a lot of time, and the cost is approximately \$2,500.00. Selectman Lander states that his concern is for discussions on roads, if Jordan Excavation is a bidder than Kim will need to abstain from any discussions and Morgan too. Selectman Jordan says that she understands that she would need to abstain however there is no reason why Morgan must abstain as she does not have a pecuniary interest, nor does anyone in her direct family. TM, Targett says that is correct, the law states that if she has any financial gain then she must abstain however she does not. In the past she has abstained only because of the appearance of. Co-Chairman Dunham feels that the board should consider waiting until next year to fill the seat. The board agrees that this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Board reviews a list of TM appointments of all necessary officials and board members.

Board review liquor license for The Beer Shed. Selectman Lander makes a motion to accept and sign as presented. Seconded by Co-Chairman Dunham. All in favor.

Board reviews additional appointments for Town Manager. Co-Chairman Dunham makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to accept the resignation from Ashley Farrar from the VEC and to post opening. Seconded by Co-Chairman Dunham. All in favor.

TM Targett explains that the Webster Library would like to request permission to place permanent signs in the field and park for the story walk. Following brief discussion, the board requests that someone from the library come to a meeting and provide details as to what and where.

Co-Chairman Dunham notes that the ladies travel basketball team would like permission to do a toll booth on bridge. TM Targett states that she told them they would need to call Sheriff Nichols for permission as it will affect traffic.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett says on the streetlights we have a new contact, the new contact drove here to look at all our streetlights and was putting a contract together after she was told of all the lights the board wished to remove. We are now awaiting a contract. TM Targett says rapid renewal has been activated however there is a glitch within Trio or Maine.gov and this is being worked on.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Hunter asks if on the town website we could go back to the old way of posting agendas and stuff as it is so hard for anyone to figure out the new system. TM Targett explains how she fought this, and the board directed that it was completed as blog posts only. She will do as the board directs and if the board wants to go back to the old way her only suggestion would be to continue with the blogs as

she feels that a lot of individuals may have signed up for the e-alerts. It would just involve her doing double the work.

Selectman Jordan speaks of the great success Kingfield Pops was. There were great volunteers, and it was a fun day. She would like to remind everyone of Kingfield Days beginning on the 13th with bingo, the 14th with lobster bake, Saturday the 15th with the parade and street dance as well as a lot of water stuff provided the water stays at safe levels with all the recent rain.

Selectman Lander discusses how he and Selectman Jordan recently attended the wildlife refuge meeting in Carrabassett and wanted to note that there is another one scheduled for anyone to attend July 10th at the Carrabassett Library.

Co-Chairman Dunham asks about the flowers that TM Targett received information on. Following board discussion, it is agreed that TM Targett will ask property owners for permission.

Public Comment/Other:

Bobby Brown is recognized and speaks of a friend who is a restorationist that has discussed with Bobby some of the cemetery stones that are black and could be restored to white. He would be willing to help with this and would provide training. Bobby says he will investigate the details further and will provide the board with information.

John Goldfrank asks for an explanation that public comment cannot be new business. TM Targett explains that the intentions are for you as the public to discuss anything already on the agenda and to not bring up any new business that the public not in attendance may not be aware of. John says he would like to note Leanna's job description and adds more authority that MMA should be able to help the board with this. His concern is with the new authority it may be too much, and she might forget the little things. She needs to remember to do those as well. John says he would encourage the board to go on to 405-6 A dealing with personnel matters to understand that this means that when you go into executive session then the person you are discussing needs to be invited to attend, he suggests the board understands executive sessions. John says as far as the streetlights he wonders why there are no brackets on the new poles for flags and such as the TIF would pay for it, and it would be so much nicer. TM Targett states that there are 14 brackets that were already purchased with the sidewalk lights.

Jim Boyce states that he is concerned with the Webster Library placing permanent signs in the field as he worries about snowmobiling. What if one is reeked – where is the liability? Which is his same concern with mowing.

John Goldfrank says as far as the picnic area across from Sue Davis's he believes that it is a shame to spend additional TIF money knowing that getting permits was that hard. John says I encourage you to spend lightly and not too much on this project. John says when the Mill Street project was being discussed there was a 25-foot set back from the river. Sue Davis says this is why we removed it from tonight's agenda – there is more work to do.

Co-Chairman Dunham welcomes new Selectperson Kim Jordan to the board.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) C. Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition, or the use of real property and 405 (6) A. Personnel Matters - discussion with Town Manager on disciplinary action and 405(6) A. Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, or duties of an individual. Seconded by Co-Chairman Dunham. All in Favor.

There are no motions made following Executive Session discussions.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Co-Chairman Dunham. 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.