

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday July 17th, 2023; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Morgan Dunham, and Kim Jordan

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

Public: Sue Davis, Annie Twitchell, Jim Boyce, Angela Boyce, Henry Williams, Terry Coffin, Myra Coffin, Valarie Cheimis, Gary Cheimis

Via Zoom: Sylvie Haslam, Heidi Murphy

Absent: Hunter Lander

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Board reviews meeting minutes from June 20th, 2023. Selectman Jordan makes a motion to accept as written. Selectman Dunham seconds motion. All in favor.

Board reviews meeting minutes from July 3rd, 2023. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept as written. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in favor.

The board reviews the year-end financials.

Old Business:

Chairman Browne moves into discussing the vacated selectman seat. TM, Targett explains Option 1 is to stay with a four-member board until next June. Option 2 is to hold another election. With option two it would be approximately one hundred days from a motion to hold the election or the timing could be shortened to 64 days if it is time sensitive, but she would not recommend the 64 days. This comes with an estimated cost of \$2,500.00. The board discussed what Selectman Lander had for a concern at the last meeting which was further clarified and agreed that there was not a conflict. Following further discussion Selectman Dunham makes a motion to continue as a four-member board until next June. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Board reviews the streetlight led contract. TM, Targett explains that she has removed all the Main Street Lights where there are new sidewalk lights. She left the lights located at the intersections of Route 16 and 142. She explains that there is one light of concern and that is the light on Riverside Street. Claudia Diller had come to the board to have the light removed outside of her residence and the board instructed her to get neighbors to agree to this and they would consider. In the past few days three emails and 3 phone calls have been received that do not want the light shut off. Board discusses more and it is agreed that TM Targett will contact each property owner on Riverside Street to ask how they feel about disconnecting this light.

New Business:

Board reviews the Sewer Commitment covering July 1 – Sept 30, 2023. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in favor.

Board reviews a BYOB liquor license for 164 Main Street for a Blues in the Barn event. Selectman Jordan makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in favor.

Board reviews a supplemental tree growth penalty. Chairman Browne makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in favor.

Chairman Browne recognizes Wastewater Superintendent Travis Targett to discuss drainage ditching in Gilmore Field. Travis states that he has provided the board with a drawing of the plan. He explains that this is the same project he has discussed with the board with the only difference being that he has split it up into two projects. He has requested bids and the town manager has three. He explains that the cost would come from the gray water beds which the town has about \$60,000. He also requests that the ATV trail get moved so that it follows the snowmobile trail and there is only one path in that location. Following further discussion Selectman Dunham makes a motion to approve the requests, have this project completed and to take the money from the town's grey water reserve fund. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett says she has reinitiated supervisor meetings of which she has held two. These seem to be well received and are good for safety training.

TM, Targett says that the Story Walk will continue this year with temporary stakes as the library is not ready to present to the board the idea of permanent signposts.

TM, Targett says she has updated the website to go back to the old way of posting minutes and agendas as the board requested.

Lastly, TM Targett reminds the board of the upcoming Focus Group/Charette meeting – Thurs. July 27th 6:00pm and asks if anyone of the selectmen members wishes to attend. Following discussion it is agreed that Selectman Jordan will attend.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Dunham feels that the town should begin with the smaller project of wildflowers as previously discussed. It is agreed that the TM will get ask for owner approval before a mix is determined.

Selectman Jordan talks about how successful Kingfield Days was. From Bingo Thursday night to serving 300 people at the lobster and steak dinner Friday night. Saturday's parade and lots of activities during the day and street dance at night all of which had a great attendance. On Sunday there was lawn mower races and smash a car event all of which were also well attended despite the rain. Some of the water activities were cancelled due to all the rain and high water and the ATV pulls were cancelled. There were no issues and was a fun weekend.

Chairman Browne discusses his attendance at the wildlife meeting and says that it was very informative. He says that he is still on the edge with this and is not certain that it affects Kingfield. There was a lot of information presented. Selectman Jordan says it will be interesting to see what will transpire. The issue that she has heard from others is their concern with the federal government being involved. TM, Targett explains that there may be a need for the board to define their stance on this.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne states that the representative from FMH will be before the board to discuss a critical access hospital plan – August 21st.

Annie Twitchell is recognized she explains that with the national wildlife refuge there are going to be stakeholders such as individuals from ATV Maine, Snowmobile Association, Trappers Association and more that are all impacted by this, and they will come together as an advisory board to assist the US Fish and Wildlife to create a plan. Annie says there is more to come on this and it is not just to protect the Atlantic Salmon but to also protect some higher altitude birds and migratory bird species. Sue Davis says her understanding is that anyone can be a stakeholder as they are looking for volunteers and points of contact in the community.

Terry Coffin asks if cold patch could be placed on West Kingfield Road and Riverside Road. The board agrees that the Road Commissioner should be directed to get this completed and should review all other roads for cold patch.

The final item is to discuss rescheduling of TIF training. The board agrees to a TIF work Session following the August 7th meeting provided there is not a huge agenda. If there is it will be postponed to August 21st.

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