

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 2, 2024; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Kim Jordan and Hunter Lander

Municipal Staff:

Public: Sue Davis, Claudia Diller, Jim Boyce, Gary Cheimis, Valarie Cheimis, Diane Christen, Dee Menear, Mark Green, John Goldfrank, Ryan Reed, Tom Hildreth, Jeffrey Maget, John Beaupre, Mike Gilmore

Via Zoom: Heidi Murphy, Annie Twitchell, Kathy Houston

Absent: Morgan Dunham, Leanna Targett (Town Manager).

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Board reviews meeting minutes from November 20, 2023. Selectman Jordan makes a motion to accept both minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in favor.

Chairman Browne states that the next item of business is to hold a Public Hearing for Phase II to comply with Title VI Requirements

Motion by Selectman Lander to recess Selectmen's meeting to open a public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Unanimous.

Chairman Browne explains that this public hearing is to discuss the acceptance of a \$90,000 Economic Development Program CDBG Grant. The purpose of the grant is for gap financing for equipment and inventory purchases, working capital, and LMI job creation at Mountain Village Farm, LLC.

Chairman Browne says that 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.

Chairman Browne asks for any public comment.

John Goldfrank asks if there is a time frame to apply for grants. Valarie Cheimis explains what she went through for a process. The board explains that Town Manager Targett could explain better if John wanted to stop by and she her as she was sick and not in attendance tonight.

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

The board then signs all necessary documents necessary to receive the grant funds.

Old Business:

Board reviews the draft of policy for disposition of town tax acquired property. Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve. Seconded by Selectman Lander. Unanimous.

Board reviews draft of a land lease agreement for park benches and bulletin boards. Motion by Selectman Lander to approve. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Unanimous.

New Business:

Board moves into discussion on WHCWMM Contract Zoning application for workforce housing. It is agreed that the changes will go back to the planning board next week for final approval. The board is aiming for a March 5th vote to coincide with State Primary elections.

Claudia Diller with VEC discusses with the board a concept for a Town News Bulletin Board. The board takes no action on this.

Sue Davis discusses the River/Dam access to include ground repair, steps and parking and moving the guardrail. The board takes no action on this.

Board discusses merging the caretaker position with maintenance person/public works/grounds keeper position for year-round employment. No action is taken at this time.

Board reviews the recreation committee establishment document provided by TM Targett. The board is in favor of moving forward as presented.

Board reviews the real estate abatements for duplicate account billing. Chairman Browne makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Unanimous.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

Board reviews the 2024 Selectmen Meeting dates.
Board reschedules Work Session from January 10th to the 24th.

Selectmen Discussion: TM Targett requests permission to work with MMA Legal for information on rank choice voting. Board gives authority.

Selectman Jordan asks for clarification on Island Road. Chairman Browne indicates that the town is only responsible for a small section entering the island. The loop is not the responsibility of the town, it is just used as a plow turn around. Mike Gilmore needed a better understanding as well as he was told the town would not be plowing anymore.

Public Comment/Other: Board hears from John Goldfrank about the dam and his concern with erosion from the recent storm. Chairman Browne assures him the TM Targett is probably aware and working on it.

Jim Boyce requests an executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) A – discussion of continued employment. Moved by Chairman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Unanimous. There are no motions made following Executive Session.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Unanimous.