

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday February 5th, 2024; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Morgan Dunham Kim Jordan and Hunter Lander

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

Public: Dee Menear, Sue Davis, Claudia Diller, Terry Coffin, Rob MacMichael, Polly MacMichael, Diane Christen, Charlie Woodworth, LeeAnna Lavoie and Rebecca, Jeff Maget

Via Zoom: Danielle Mathieu, Annie Twitchell and Wade Browne

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Board reviews meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. Selectman Lander makes a motion to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion passes 2 to 1 abstain.

Old Business:

Vice-Chairman Dunham states that the discussion of a municipal electronic sign will be tabled.

New Business:

Chairman Dunham recognizes LeeAnna Lavoie the Director of Healthy Community Coalition. LeeAnna says that the Healthy Community Coalition is a program of Maine Health, promoting health and wellness in Maine's Greater Franklin County. LeeAnna explains that Franklin County demographics are a 30,000 Population, the average income is \$51,000 (vs \$58,000 ME), 97% of the population is white, it covers 1,800 Square miles - central ME to the Canadian border and there are 17people per square mile (94 US).

LeeAnna indicates that the leading causes of death include 1. Cancer 2. Heart disease 3. Chronic lower respiratory disease 4. Unintentional injury and 5 Stroke. LeeAnn then discusses some statistics of Franklin County vs the state of Maine. She indicates that the Franklin Healthy Community Coalition looks at Chronic Disease Prevention & Management, Behavioral Health Prevention & Management and Community Outreach and Access.

The services they offer are Blood Pressure Screenings, Tobacco Quit Resources, Weight/BMI Screenings, COVID-19 Test Kits, Harm Reduction Supplies, Narcan Trainings, Healthy Recipes, Medication Safety, Resources, Health Insurance and Navigator Assistance.

LeeAnna says that Kingfield Elementary School had 92 Students that participated in an eight week growing gardens program and 92 Students participated in an 8-week healthy eating program. Mt. Abram High School had 64 Students that participated in a four-week vaping prevention class and 60 Students participated in two Tobacco and Substance prevention presentations. LeeAnna indicated that the data provided is old and is in the process of being recalculated to show date that reflects covid numbers and statistics.

Engineer Robert Lightbody is recognized for discussing progress with plans/bid documents. Bob says that he has had some issues with the surveys being complete due in part to the weather. He is before the board with Riverside plans being 75% complete and about 50% for West Kingfield Road, he is waiting for the survey data. He indicates that he has looked at the entire length of

Riverside Street from Route 16 to the gravel area/town line. His suggestion is to raise the grade from Rt 16 to Boyce's, and mill everything except the last 2000 feet as that doesn't seem to need much work. It seems to drain okay. He suggests raising 3" and not 6' as he would be concerned with how the water would shed if you built it up too much. He has observed four culverts that look like they have been done in the past ten years. Bob says after getting the milling done and the 3" gravel then 3" paving he believes this would complete Riverside Street. Bob says he is not ready to send this to bid yet.

Bob indicates that West Kingfield Road is about 50% complete. He has completed a lot of observations and has taken notes. He has been up and looked after both storms and is concerned with some drainage issues on West Kingfield Road.

He indicates that there may be some undersized culverts and although the board did not discuss any drainage studies he wonders if this should be looked at more in depth. If we looked at upsizing culverts, then it would lead to more construction costs. Bob says that there may be a need for culverts where there are none. The board agrees that culverts should be looked at more.

Following further conversation Claudia Diller asks about speed tables on Riverside Street to slow traffic. Bob says if that is something the board is interested in doing then he will need to look into it and will need to have directions as to where they would be placed.

Board reviews the Special Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Jordan moves to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Board reviews a supplemental tax bill and an abatement. Selectman Jordan moves to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett says she would like to request closing the town office office March 5th as it is election day and one of the staff members will be gone for the week leaving her short handed. Board agrees to close on March 5th.

TM, Targett asks when the board would like to reschedule a work Session for TIF and Webster Hall. It is agreed that TM, Targett will email a few available dates.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Jordan reminds the board and public of the upcoming Kingfield Winter Festival on February 17th.

Other:

Polly MacMichael asks if there has been any action on the health insurance. TM, Targett says yes, this was changed December 1st.

Polly then asks if the town manager's job description had been written. TM, Targett says yes.

Polly asks if the parking lines will be painted on Depot Street this year as it was not completed last year. TM, Targett says she will make certain that public works has this on their list.

Polly asks is there has been any work done on money held by the town in way of an interest rate.

TM, Targett says yes, she has been in contact with Skowhegan Savings on some CD renewals and new rates. She also has an upcoming appointment to discuss funds.

Polly asks what happened to the work sessions on road repair of West Kingfield Road and Riverside Street. TM, Targett says that is what Robert Lightbody will be discussing tonight. Polly then asks what is happening with Maine Rural Waters. Chairman Dunham says that Leanna has answered all their questions, and the ball is back in their court.

Selectman Lander moves to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 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 Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

There are no motions made following executive session.

Selectman Lander makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.