

**Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street**

**Attendance**

**Municipal Officers:** Wade Browne, Hunter Lander, Chris Rushton, Morgan Dunham, Kim Jordan

**Municipal Staff:** Leanna Targett (Town Manager). Audra Swanson (Tax Assessor)

**Public:**

**Via Zoom:** Attorney Meader

**Absent:** None

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Board reviews two options for tax commitment provided by Audra Swanson. Board discusses both options. Audra notes that outbuildings did not receive the 30% increase last year so that was implemented this year. She says we are also committing at 100% meaning property owners will see the full \$25,000.00 homestead reimbursement again this year. Last year they only saw \$20,000.00 Audra indicates that she has found some additional value, added some new homes, changed completion percentages on others and has added a few churches back onto the tax rolls that have not held services or operated as a church for some time.

Chairman Browne says he likes the idea of keeping the mil the same as last year which is presented as option two. He would rather keep it the same then to go down a half a mil and take additional funds from surplus then to give a false sense of hope that it would continue to go down.

TM Targett explains the differences in the options, what would be necessary from surplus, what would be overlay and the overall effect on the taxpayer. She summarizes this with the explanation that with the increased cost to the school district Kingfield mil should have gone up 1.389 to 19.40 if there was no additional tax value added to the tax rolls. She says setting the mil at the same amount as last year should be well received.

Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept option 2 with a mil rate of 18 (0.0180) Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Selectman Dunham makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)A,E. Consultations with legal counsel and personnel matters. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

There are no motions made following executive session.

Selectman Dunham makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

**September 3, 2024, edit: These minutes, although accurate and approved should reflect that the motion made in reference to the mil rate for commitment was changed during the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting due to computer errors in calculations.**