

**Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street**

**Attendance**

**Municipal Officers:** Wade Browne, Chris Rushton, Morgan Dunham

**Municipal Staff:** Leanna Targett (Town Manager),.

**Public:** John Goldfrank, Susan Davis, Kathy Houston, Jeff Maget, Henry Williams, Polly MacMichael, Dennis Burnell, Lynn Burnell

**Via Zoom:** Rebecca Richard

**Absent:** Hunter Lander, Kim Jordan

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from April 7th, 2025. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor

Selectman Dunham makes a motion to recess selectmen meeting to open a public hearing for TIF amendments. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne states that A public hearing has been opened to discuss the Second Amendment to the Town of Kingfield Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District Development Program.

**The two goals for this amendment are:**

1. To revise the Development Program. With this Second Amendment, the Town wishes to revise the amount of funding allocated to particular projects in the Municipal TIF Investment Plan table.
2. To update Terminology. Kingfield voted to adopt a Town Manager form of government on June 3, 2023, and so all references to Kingfield's "Administrative Assistant" will be changed to "Town Manager." Additionally, the ownership identity of Poland Spring's parent company has changed, and that information has been updated accordingly.

People wishing to make comments or ask questions are invited to do so now.

John Goldfrank is recognized. John says he is impressed with the results of what Leanna has accomplished. There are nineteen areas of possible expenditure, some are different from the first agreement and some are more restrictive. John reminds the board that the TIF must be spent by 2038 meaning it is really important to think about. The board should not wait until the end to spend a few million dollars.

John says numbers 14, 16, 17 all focus on Marketing and this is not a job for the Town Manager, it is a job itself, and the board should consider this.

John says as far as parking is concerned there is a lot in places like Farmington where there is a lot of foot traffic. John says I would like to think that Kingfield could have more foot traffic. There is \$65,000 in that account to create more parking.

As far as the septic system is concerned, that is money well spent. Back in 2010 with the blessing of the selectmen the Village Enhancement Committee came before the board to discuss Mill Street with Mill Pond being the key focal point. We were willing to deem our properties as slum and blight however the 5 of us never received any grants. He is glad to see that the board has added money to the grant funds account. Perhaps something can be done for some of the buildings in that area.

As far as the riverfront trail head was concerned – we found out the money could be used from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to put steps down to the river which I believe should be placed close to the bridge.

Polly MacMichael says the goal for TIF dollars is economic development. We suffer from an inventory problem. The tax base is among us people and not a larger amount of taxpayers.

John Goldfrank says young people can't afford to pay these prices. Selectman Rushton says the first think people do when looking at real estate is to look at our schools which there is a rather large problem with. Polly says they also look at taxes. Selectman Rushton says they look at the town and the schools not just the taxes.

Sue Davis notes that the dam must be fixed and asks if TIF money could be used to fix it and Mill Street as she is really worried about it.

John Goldfrank says all the development is happening north of us and his concern is with the Carrabassett river. In the December 2023 storm it totally wiped out Mill Street which had never happened before not even in 1987. I have talked with Kankainen, and we believe the mill pond needs to be dredged and a new fortified wall completed.

Chairman Browne asks if there is any other discussion on TIF. Kathy Houston asks about the AA Salary. TM, Targett explains that the language is changing to Town Manager. Kathy asks if this is additional money. TM, Targett says no, it is money that is concerned a revenue to lower the amount needed for the admin budget from taxpayers. Polly asks why this is not shown as a revenue like other budgets. TM, Targett says it just never has been. TM Targett explains that \$4,500.00 is taken from one line item for work specific to the TIF and another \$4,500.00 is taken from a line for economic development totaling \$9,000.00. This \$9,000.00 is not paid to me in addition to my wages. It is an amount that can be taken from TIF to reduce the amount of my wages paid by taxpayers.

Following further discussion Selectman Dunham makes a motion to close public hearing and to reopen the selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Chairman Browne

The board reviews the sewer commitment for March-June 2025. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in favor.

The board reviews outside requests and makes the following recommendations.

PROGRAMS				Selectmen	
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		REQUESTED	TIF	Motion/2 <sup>nd</sup> Made by	Recommendation
		2024-2025	2025-2026		
1	American Red Cross	400.00	400.00		Dunham/Rushton \$ 400.00 vote: 3 / 0
2	Community Concepts	no request	500.00		Dunham/Rushton \$ 500.00 vote: 3 / 0
3	Kingfield Festival Days	5,000.00	5,000.00	x	Rushton/Dunham \$ 5,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
	Kingfield Flags	500.00	no request		
4A	Kingfield Historical Society	5,000.00	5,000.00	x	Rushton/Dunham \$ 5,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
4B	Kingfield Historical Society	1,200.00	1,200.00		Dunham/Rushton \$ 1,200.00 vote: 3 / 0
5	Kingfield Pops	7,500.00	7,500.00	x	Dunham/Browne \$ 7,500.00 vote: 2 / 1 abstain
6	Kingfield Quadrunners	10,000.00	10,000.00	x	Dunham/Rushton \$ 10,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
7	Kingfield Sno-Wanderers	10,000.00	10,000.00	x	Dunham/Rushton \$ 10,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
8	Maine's Northwestern Mtns	6,000.00	6,000.00	x	Dunham/Rushton \$ 6,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
9	Safe Voices	1,200.00	1,250.00		Dunham/Rushton \$ 1,250.00 vote: 3 / 0
10	Stanley Museum	5,000.00	5,000.00		Rushton/Dunham \$ 5,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
11	United Methodist Economic Ministry	6,500.00	6,500.00		Dunham/Rushton \$ 6,500.00 vote: 3 / 0
12	Webster Library	12,000.00	15,000.00		Rushton/Dunham \$ 15,000.00 vote: 3 / 0
TOTAL		\$70,800.00	\$73,350.00		

**Town Manager Updates/Discussion:** TM, Targett says she received a call from Polly MacMichael last week requesting to do the planters again. She says she is in support of this however thought the board might like to provide approval. The board agrees with this request.

**Selectmen Discussion:** Selectman Rushton wants to make the board aware of a dog and pig on Maple Street that is attacking people. One resident was almost bit the other day. A call was made to the sheriff's office who in turn called the town's Animal Control Officer.

**Public Comment: None**

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