

**Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street**

**Attendance**

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

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

**Public:** Jeff Maget, Henry Williams, Dennis Burnell, Lynn Burnell, Ben Davis, Terry Coffin and Myra Coffin, Laura Columbia, Mary Ann Bergeron, Claudia Diller, Mary Nodine, Kathy Houston, Stephanie Rushton

**Via Zoom:**

**Absent:** Kim Jordan

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from May 5th, 2025. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Lander. All in Favor

**Old Business:**

Chairman Browne states that the only item is Island Road and further states that this will be tabled until after town meeting.

**New Business:**

Superintendent Laura Columbia to discuss MSAD #58 fiscal year budget. Laura indicates that the proposed budget is an overall increase of 6.39%. With the total being \$12,644,289.00 this includes the adult education cost of \$25,000.00. One of the items she would like to note is the \$685,000.00 balance forward its okay but not great, generally she would like to see that at \$200-300,000.00. Laura says we need to be financially conscious. Laura explains that in the Ed Tech line-item money is shown as a reduction as they are using previous years' money, which is not sustainable. Laura explains the EPS funding and how an increase in MSAD #58's state share is an instant increase because the state money is needed there is a requirement to raise the local amount as well. The additional local contribution is needed to provide a quality education.

Mary Nodine presents the board with a paper indicating that it is an even more digestible copy on the school.

Laura notes that this budget is for all four schools, however they are not planning for that next year. Laura says we need to do something; you are paying more then what you are getting for services. Laura says there will be major changes proposed. The board will review then it will go to the voters, which could happen this November and would take effect the following year. Laura says we are not sustainable. Laura says she knows some towns are discussing withdrawal and that every town must do was best for themselves. The board does not agree 100% with everything. Following further discussion, Laura is thanked for her presentation.

The board reviews the MSAD #58 Warrant and Notice of Election. Selectman Lander makes a motion to approve and sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in favor.

Chairman Browne notes that Erica Bufkins from AVCOG was unable to attend the meeting tonight to discuss survey for comprehensive planning so this will be tabled.

Next item of business is to adopt wastewater rates for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to adopt the rates that were approved at the March 3rd Board meeting, which was followed by a public hearing on April 7<sup>th</sup>, being at least 30 days following. Selectman Dunham moves those rates to begin July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. With Residentials corrected EDU's will be \$80.50 per quarter. Businesses flat fee of \$250.00 per quarter plus water usage. The per 1,000-gallon cost will be \$1.50. Motion is seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in favor.

The board reviews the modifications made to the Shiloh Pond committee establishment. TM, Targett explains that there is an addition of two alternates and corrected language to Town Manager. Motion is made by Selectman Rushton to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in Favor.

**Town Manager Updates/Discussion:** TM, Targett says she wants to clear us some misinformation. LD2003 and the sign ordinance are not on this year's annual town meeting warrant. These are still under review and will need a public hearing prior to the board deciding if they wish to hold a special town meeting this fall.

**Selectmen Discussion:** Chairman Browne wants to be certain that the caretaker has the cemeteries done for Memorial Day weekend, which includes weed whacking. TM, Targett states that she has already discussed with the caretaker numerous times including this morning and he is well aware that it is a priority.

**Public Comment:** Claudia Diller asks when the speed radar sign will be available for Riverside Street as vehicles are setting record speeds. Chairman Browne indicates that we have one staff member who is busy with many other items, and the radar is not a top priority at this time.

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

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