

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4th, 2025; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

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

Public: Susan Davis, Kathy Houston, Henry Williams, Taylor Lee, Jeff Maget, Dennis Burnell Lynn Burnell, Fred Nichols, and Lillian Cheimis

Via Zoom:

Absent: Hunter Lander

Vice-Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from July 21, 2025 . Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Rushton. All in Favor

Old Business: None

New Business:

Vice-Chairman Dunham moves into discussing the amount of money needed for article on first school withdrawal vote. Kathy Houston is recognized and informs the board that there was a consultant that she had been in communication with advised her that her charge would be \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00 this would get us to the final vote that she figures will happen in 2027. If additional funds are necessary for the vote and such the board could look at the 27-28 budget for this cost. The board discusses having enough to cover all known costs to include legal. Selectman Browne makes a motion to set the amount as \$15,000.00. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. All in Favor.

Fire Chief Fred Nichols is recognized to discuss the tanker truck. Chief Nichols says that the production of the new truck has been moved up and he is expecting delivery in January of 2026. The truck that is currently owned is what he would like to discuss. He would like to confirm how the board would like the sale to happen; this could be completed by a sealed bid process or through a broker. Chief Nichols suggests using Fire Tech Inc. in Vermont as they are national brokers. Discussing the truck with the brokers they thought the sale could be \$60,000.00 whereas if we do a sealed bid he feels this will be much less. The Broker charges 10% of the cost, they advertise with Municibid where the buyer pays the fees. Selectman Browne suggests a reserve price. Chief Nichols suggests the reserve at \$30,000.00; it is 29 years old but still has a lot of life left to it. Chief Nichols says he would like to get this to the brokers so that they could start advertising with a final sale in January after we take receipt of our new truck. The board agrees to let Chief Nichols handle with a minimum reserve amount.

Selectmen Browne moves to appointment of Lillian Cheimis to the school board. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Selectmen Browne moves to sign quit claim deeds for properties that have paid outstanding taxes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman Dunham moves the discussion into benches. TM, Targett explains that there are rules that must be followed to properly follow ADA guidelines such as placement on a hard level surface that is anchored into concrete. She explains that the owners that have previously signed must be contacted again to discuss specific locations for a few reasons, to determine if an easement is needed or approval from DOT if located in the right-of-way and for bid documents. Following further discussion, it is agreed that TM, Targett will continue to work on this in hopes to have the benches placed before winter.

The Board reviews the Title 36 MRS §906 Order on unpaid taxes. Selectmen Browne moves to approve and sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett states that she has been in communication with the town attorney about the current changes in the ordinances which is to incorporate LD 2003 and there has been a question as to proceeding further as the governor has just initiated new laws that coincide with LD2003 and housing. TM Targett says her concern is the cost for legal and voting. Following further discussion, it is agreed to have the attorney hold until additional information can be obtained to be incorporated.

TM, Targett says her other item is the possible need for contracted services for mapping out the underground wires for the sidewalk lights in connection with dig safe. Travis has called some companies to inquire who might provide the service and has found one that would cost us \$500.00 a month or \$6,000 a year for on call services. The only option is to purchase equipment to do it ourselves. Following discussion, the board is concerned with liabilities and such. It is agreed that this is tabled for future discussion.

Selectmen Discussion: Selectman Browne notes the upcoming public discussion for the repair of the Redd Brook culvert north of town headed toward Carrabasset.

Public Comment/Other (not for new business):

Public Comment: Sue Davis asks if there were any drawings as to where the lines were installed for the sidewalk lights. Travis Targett says no, the lines were buried by Sargent and an electrician wired them up, there are no drawings.

Selectman Browne moves to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) A – personnel matters. Discussion with Town Manager. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor. There are no motions made following the executive session.

Vice Chairman makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

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