

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27th, 2025; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff:

Public: John Goldfrank, Claudia Diller, Mary Ann Bergeron, Kathy Houston, Susan Davis, Jeff Maget,

Via Zoom: Leanna Targett (Town Manager), Dee Menear and Danielle Mathieu

Absent:

Chairman Lander calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from October 20, 2025 . Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Browne. All in Favor.

The next item is to open a Public Hearing for the Second Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing District.

Motion by Selectman Browne to recess Selectmen's meeting to open a public hearing for the amendment to the TIF. Second by Selectman Dunham. All in Favor.

Chairman Lander states that the purpose of the hearing is to provide Kingfield residents with information regarding a Second Amendment to the Town of Kingfield Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District Development Program, said amendment consisting of revisions to the funds allocated to approved projects.

The Town previously held a public hearing **April 22nd, 2025**, as required and the amendments were approved at the annual Town meeting held June 7th, 2025, however the posting of the public hearing notice was not **printed** in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, for this reason another public hearing must be held.

Chairman Lander asks for any public comment.

John Goldfrank suggests everything move forward as it was already approved.

Hearing no additional public comment Selectman Browne makes a motion to close the public hearing and to return to the selectman meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in Favor.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chairman Lander recognizes John Goldfrank to discuss Mill Pond/Mill Dam, previous storm damages, and TIF history. John says that Maine Emergency Management was willing to fund repairs however the Trump administration took all the money away so there are no federal grants. John says that it is just a matter of time, and the area will flood again. John says without repairing the sluice wall it would shut down Mill Street. The wall is two feet lower than it used to be. Selectman Jordan asks what the sluice is. John responds that it is part of the old mill. John says that the town owns the dam and the old lander mill. John says that water always went under the mill. John says the town owns the river embankment as well. If someone wants to pursue it, why neglect it, why not repair it, it is causing damage to private property. John says that the town repaired the dam on the side by Sue Davis. Our history is about Mill Pond. John says there is a major washout area above and below Pat Bucks' John explains his time on the TIF and how it was for economic development. The tax dollars should be to make a change, helping the community to grow, redevelopment of buildings. The area was Slum and Blight and the only one that received any grant funds from the designation was the wastewater department. John explains that a lot more money is coming for TIF and there should be a plan in place to spend it now and continue to spend it. Following further discussion Selectman Browne states that if it qualifies that we can use TIF then we can discuss it further. Board agrees to take this into consideration.

Kathy Houston is recognized to discuss the school withdrawal committee progress. Kathy states that the first meeting was held simply to elect officers. She is the Chair, Kim Jordan is Vice Chair, others appointed were Lillian Cheimis and Mathias Ringle. The board has extras such as John Witherspoon, Julie Talmage, Dorrie Dunham. Kathy says when she sends email she will send to all individuals. Kathy says the mission statement has been changed to remove the mention of a tax burden. She says we need to look at the big picture as a community. She wants to explore every option and keep it positive. She says she would like to get snail mail addresses as some may not use email. She has also set up a Kingfield cares page on Facebook as she would like to move away from the Kingfield Community Forum. Kathy says this withdrawal will be a long process and it may not go to vote until next November. It was voted not to close Strong school at the board level so everything is up in the air, and it could be Phillips or Kingfield. Following further discussion Kathy says that meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm in Webster Hall.

Sue Davis and Claudia Diller are recognized to discuss flower barrels. Claudia reminds the board that they were planted and placed this year by volunteers. 4-5 individuals helped and \$1,200.00 was spent. Sue Davis says that an additional \$200.00 was spent on the watering trough that was not part of the planter amount as it was donations. They are planning on the same crew next year to pick up, plant, place and remove in the fall. Next year they would like to request \$1,750.00 and add in the cost of the watering trough. Selectman Browne states that this request will need to come before the budget committee. Claudia states that she would like to see solar lights in them next year, so they glow at night.

Jim Boyce to provide updates on SnoWanderers club. Jim says the club has received the storage container and it has been tucked between the two buildings. He is excited to get stuff inside of it and locked up. He would like to make his annual request to place the picnic table and sign back on the hill. He also asks for permission to hold the annual fireworks and bonfire. Board agrees to both requests.

The board reviews the sewer commitment covering October 1 to December 31. Motion made by Selectman Browne to accept and sign. Seconded by Selectman Dunham. All in Favor.

Chairman Lander moves into two abatements for real property and personal property. He states that one is 80% complete and not 100% as was assessed and the other is a correction to a bill from \$22.50 to \$14.35. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to approve both and sign. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett states she has no updates to provide the board at this time.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Rushton mentions the waterskiing opportunities that are here in Kingfield. He says that the owner is looking for some help with the kids. Stratton is able to send someone from their school to help supervise. Selectman Rushton says that Dan is unable to run the boat and watch kids on the shoreline. The board suggests that someone talk to the school principal about this.

Selectman Browne notes that the second public works staff member has been hired.

Public Comment/Other (not for new business):

Kathy Houston is recognized she is concerned with the Poland Spring Wells being monitored. The board says that they are certain this is being monitored by the water district.

John Goldfrank noted that under the boards work in progress items there is an item listed which is the discontinuance of Island Road. He states that Mike Kankainen knows how to fix the road, and no one is talking to him. John suggests that this is done.

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

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