

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2025; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

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

Public: Margaret Arbuckle, Michael Kankainen, Michelle Lucye, Tom Wiencek, Barbara Wiencek, John Goldfrank, Ralph Parker, Claudia Diller, Susan Davis, Jeff Maget

Via Zoom: Dee Menear, Heather Bell, Nicole Sirois, Douglas Rhein, Kathleen Houston, Ben White

Absent: Hunter Lander

Vice Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from October 27, 2025. Selectman Jordan makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Browne. All in Favor.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Vice Chairman Dunham moves into a discussion with the owners of Island Road. TM, Targett states that the board wishes to define what the town owns in connection to Island Road in order to be certain all parties are clear on maintenance responsibilities. The board wishes to formally recognize that the town has no claim to adverse possession or prescriptive easement beyond the 145 feet. Michael Kankainen notes that he had show to TM, Targett two stakes proving the property line before it was rebuilt. Michael Kankainen asks if the town would be removing the culverts installed in that area. TM, Targett says she does not believe so as they may have been funded by FEMA. Michael Kankainen says that they are in greater jeopardy with the culverts there.

Margaret Arbuckle explains how there are often incredible huge trees that accompany the water. She says by putting the road up higher they will definitely jam up which may not be the case if the road was lowered. Michelle Lucye states that the road is higher than the banking now and she is worried about her home flooding.

Selectman Browne says that the town has tried a few things and nothing has worked, not saying the culverts will either. We hired an engineer and were not able to get any perfect solution for this area. Selectman Browne says the culverts are a trial.

Margaret Arbuckle asks if there has been any discussion about the bridge and if anything could be done. The Lords Bridge used to be a three-tiered bridge however that was changed and that change has changed how all the water is diverted. Michelle Lucye says everything in the past has been a band-aid and not a permanent fix.

Caludia Diller asks what happens if the culverts wash out. Sue Davis suggests putting the road down to bottom level and let the water run through. Michelle Lucye states that putting culverts in is the least efficient way.

Following further public comment TM, Targett reads aloud the agreement that is before the board which states that the Town of Kingfield has no intention to claim title beyond this actual boundary wherever that may be, it does not thereby acquire title by adverse possession or prescriptive easement to land beyond the true line.

The Town asserts legal title held in a fee simple interest for 145 feet more or less from the center line of Maple Street for the passage and use of the general public by motor vehicle; to keep such ways passable if they become blocked or encumbered with snow and in repair so as to be safe and convenient for travelers with motor vehicles.

Motion is made by Selectman Rushton to sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Board reviews the supplemental sewer commitment. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM, Targett states that the TIF amendments have been approved. An RFP for realtor services has been sent out. Postcards have been printed for the Kingfield Cares committee, which have been labeled by Kathy Houston and should be mailed this week. TM, Targett says she has been busy reviewing financials, has been dealing with a FOIA request, gathering documents for the Town auditor who will be auditing the town books tomorrow. TM, Targett notes that she has received a quote for a reval and it has come in almost double what the board was planning for a cost.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Browne makes note of a pavilion drawing that he had forwarded to the Town Manager. He feels that building a permanent music pavilion in the field behind the former Valley Gas might be a good use of TIF Funds. He suggests tucking into the corner so that the building is facing south and the access could be between the Shirleys and Valley Gas (now Fabian) as the town has retained a 50-foot right-of way. He would like to gauge interest from the public on this.

Selectman Rushton says he is concerned about some activity in the recreational parking lot, especially at night that is damaging the parking lot. He wonders if additional cameras or lighting should be considered.

Public Comment/Other (not for new business):

John Goldfrank is recognized. He says he understands that the TIF will pay for the music pavilion, but the town will need to pay for the maintenance as TIF will not pay for it. John Goldfrank says Rangeley is a different community with lots of money and we should be comparing ourselves to them. The Pops is not as popular as it used to be. It could be a big burden on our taxpayers, and the board needs to do their due diligence. Selectman Browne says we need to talk to many people – not just 1 or 2. This is just an idea to bring to the people.

John Goldfrank says he feels that the town should reconsider the reval. With all these increases and people coming up short it may not be a good idea. John says he fears we are hurting certain people by increasing taxes and the board should pay more attention to the next budget and to try to keep things in line.

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