

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 5, 2026; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Hunter Lander, Chris Rushton, Morgan Dunham

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

Public: Tom Wieczek, Barbara Wieczek, John Goldfrank, Claudia Diller, Susan Davis, Jeff Maget, Diane Christen, Mary Ann Bergeron, Polly MacMichael, Rob MacMichael, Will Jeffries

Via Zoom: Danielle Mathieu

Absent: Wade Browne, Kim Jordan

Chairman Lander calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from December 1, 2025 – there is motion made by Selectman Rushton to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Lander. Before vote is taken Selectman Rushton retracts his motion as he was not in attendance during the meeting. The approval of these meeting minutes is tabled until January 20, 2026.

The board reviews meeting minutes from December 16, 2025. Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Rushton. All in Favor.

Selectman Dunham asks for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Ginny Tripi and Judy Boyce.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The board reviews the warrant for Special Town Meeting. TM, Targett reads the articles as such:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. **Article 2.** To see if the town will release, discharge and abandon all of rights, title and interest to a Sewer Easement located at 368 Main Street, known as Town Tax Map 18, Lot 17 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds Book 748, Page 42 to S and B - Kingfield, LLC? Selectman Dunham makes a motion to accept warrant as presented to call for a special town meeting. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

The next item of business is to discuss gift of land from the late David Holmes. TM, Targett explains that David Homes wanted to gift the Town the parcel of land known as Tax Map 6 Lot 7 which is a total of 20 acres to be kept as walking or biking trails open to the public. To be forever wild and open to recreational activities. This property has an assessed value of \$51,351.00 with a tax bill of \$1,052.70. TM, Targett says that when she and David spoke about this she told him she could not accept the gift that it had to go before the municipal body. TM Targett says that Paul Mills has reminded her of the article is passed every year that reads as such: "Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all donations of monies, real property, personal property and any items deemed as donation and to allow the municipal officers to sell, dispose, convey, or grant any portion of said donations as they deem appropriate." TM, Targett says that Attorney Mills feels that the

selectboard could accept this parcel because the municipal body has already given the board the authority. TM Targett says that this needs to be discussed so that the board can determine how they wish to proceed. Option #1. Accept the gift during a selectboard meeting. Option #2 send the decision to the voters during the annual town meeting in June. Option #3 for tonight – table this discussion until there is a full board. Board agrees to table item until there is a full board.

The final item is to review and discuss a newly created social media policy. TM, Targett says that she attended a social media training course a few weeks ago that was very eye opening. This policy is highly recommended by Maine Municipal Association. TM. Targett says that she has reviewed a few town policies and in doing so has written one tailored for the Town of Kingfield. This policy defines who is allowed to post to social media, how to respond to social media and more importantly public records retention. Because of the retention laws her suggestion is that ALL town business including agendas, minutes, postings of any kind should be on the Town of Kingfield government Facebook page and town website only. Comments will be turned off provided it is not asking for input from the community.

TM, Targett says that this means that we should refrain from using any other Facebook pages to disseminate information and should direct people to the town government page. TM Targett says if we (selectmen, staff, boards, and committees) continue to post things on the Kingfield Community Forum, Kingfield Maine Forum, What's going on in Kingfield and so forth it can become a nightmare for to keep record of all postings and comments. If we limit it to the government page and website that we have control over it will be easier to keep records. TM, Targett says she is not looking for answers tonight as it is a new policy. She would like to have the policy accepted in a timely manner but wishes to provide the board with the opportunity to review. The board agrees to table this for an upcoming meeting.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion: None

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Dunham and Selectman Rushton spoke of the transfer station sticker check this past weekend where approximately 75 non-residents were turned away.

Public Comment/Other (not for new business):

Polly MacMichael respectfully requests that the board abandon the idea of a revaluation. Polly says that people are having hardships and with everything going on with the schools, the market changing and trying to encourage people to move here. She feels we should wait for the comp plan to come out with the vision for the town. Polly says reviewing the results of the survey indicated that most everyone wanted taxes lowered not increased.

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