

**Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street**

**Attendance**

**Municipal Officers:** Hunter Lander, Wade Browne, Kim Jordan

**Municipal Staff:** Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent)

**Public:** Tom Wiecek, Barbara Wiecek, Claudia Diller, Susan Davis, Mary Ann Bergeron, Polly MacMichael, Rob MacMichael, Will Jeffries, Jessica Beers-Jeffries, Steve Yates, Kathy Houston, Ian Donnelly, (3 unidentified)

**Via Zoom:** Leanna Targett (Town Manager), Danielle Mathieu

**Absent:** Chris Rushton, Morgan Dunham

Chairman Lander calls the meeting to order.

The board reviews meeting minutes from January 20, 2026 Selectman Jordan makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Browne. All in Favor.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Lander states that the Social Media Policy is before the board for discussion however he feels it may be best to discuss further when there is a full board. Selectman Browne says he has reviewed it and is in favor of it. Chairman Lander says he is as well. Selectman Browne says he just wants to clarify who the administrators for our sites are. Selectman Jordan says she understands the policy and is support of it she just wants to point out that a lot of people do like postings on the Kingfield Community Forum. Selectman Browne says that postings could be shared from the towns page to that page as it would be considered at duplicate which is defined in the policy. Board agrees to have final vote at next meeting in an effort to give Selectman Dunham and Rushton time to review and provide comments.

**New Business:**

Ian Donnelly from (CRNEMBA) is recognized to discuss installing a pump track for bikes at the Gateway parking area. Ian provided the board with a packet of information which included location, information on pump tracks and letters of support. Ian says he is before the board as a member of Kingfield Trail Builders, which is part of CRNEMBA. Ian says this request has come about from supporting boys on bikes which is a program started by Erica Luce at the school. Ian says we want more opportunities for this.

He explains that in the package there is a photo of rollers and berms which allow you to ride without peddling. The second page is a map detail which shows it at the gateway trailhead between the snowmobile and ATV trail which is fairly flat. The school trail will connect to that area which will be nice and visible. Ian says there are also letters in favor of it. One of which is from Rob Lavoie who is currently one of two state representative foe New England Bike Association. Ian states that he did talk to the CEO to receive approval.

Selectman Browne asks who will maintain. Ian says the Kingfield Trail Builders and volunteers. Selectman Browne states that his concern is if replacement beds are needed he asks that Travis Targett speak to the wastewater system in that area. Travis explains that there is a lot of underdrainage in that area and notes that the area they have selected is dead center where the

snowmobile trail is. Travis suggests moving the area between the current bike trail and the river. Selectman Browne states that the town has several pieces of land such as one on Maple Street, Shiloh Pond and on Stabley Ave. Selectman Jordan asks if there is a reason they want it in that particular area. Ian says visibility for people to see it. Selectman Lander says he is concerned with doing this on the Maple Street property as he worried about damages from pedelegs. Selectman Browne notes there is a lot next to the cemetery that may be of interest next to the caretaker garage. Ian says the current proposal already has a parking lot. Selectman Browne asks if the area Travis suggested would work. Ian says not a pump track because its sloped and not level – you need a flat area. Travis mentions an area on the Gilmore parcel next to the pond where there is a flat area. Selectman Browne and Lander both say they are not opposed to finding a spot for this. Board suggests that Ian discuss areas further with Travis.

Kathy Houston is recognized as chairman of the School Options Committee to provide an update. Kathy says we are working to save our school. We recently had two really meaningful meetings as there is a huge set of steps to follow, she did put on Facebook the essential elements that are involved. Kathy says some of our conversations are in Executive Session due to negotiations with SAD 58. Once we have a draft of the withdrawal agreement we will send it to the board and get on social media. Kathy says we plan to have public meetings as well. The budget will follow. The goal is that no one has a hidden agenda, to keep the quality of our school and to keep taxes somewhat reasonable.

Selectman Browne asks if they have received the numbers from the state. Kathy says yes, three different versions and new ones will be available in February. Kathy says we are looking at ideas of being an independent school instead of in a MSAD. Selectman Jordan says we want this to be apples to apples which is hard to show, until the school year starts you have no real idea as to the numbers of kids and staffing needed. Kathy says that they are asking for tuition agreements from MSAD #58 and SAD #9 for high school students.

Claudia Diller asks about the towns of Phillips and Strong. Kathy says they are both in different places. Strong is further along than Phillips. Kathy says if we are all talking about things such as busses then we should all be sitting at the table.

Polly MacMichael asks if Kathy has any examples of what other towns are doing, what about SAD 74?. Kathy says no, Embden voted it down. Kathy says at first she wondered why we needed a contract with SAD 9 and basically if we don't we would have superintendent agreements where there are no guarantees.

Travis Targett asks about the plan for unorganized territory kids and if that has been discussed. Kathy says we care about the whole district, but our concern is about Kingfield not Salem. Their superintendent will make plans as to where to send the kids.

Selectman Jordan thanks Kathy for the enormous amount of work she has been doing.

Kathy says on another note there are two individuals interested in being on the Shiloh Pond Committee and there is one vacancy. Josh Fancy and Nate Smith. Kathy says we have room for both as we could make Nate an alternative member. Chairman Browne questions about non-residents being allowed soon boards as he remembers that when the committee was established we didn't want that. Selectman Browne says we cannot get enough volunteers – so he says yes to both.

Board reviews and sign sewer easement termination.

**Town Manager Updates/Discussion:** None

### **Selectmen Discussion:**

Selectman Jordan says the winter festival is coming up and they would like to create sloths for the downhill slide event, making it fair for all. Raymond has offered to bring his tractor in to pile up snow to do this. The board agrees to this. Selectman Jordan says it is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Selectman Browne asks TM, Targett to look at funds left over from West Kingfield Road and Riverside Street repairs for the culvert on West Kingfield Road. Claudia Diller asks if we are looking at grants. Chairman Lander says yes.

### **Public Comment/Other (not for new business):**

Polly MacMichael asks if the town has had to deal with any lawsuits recently as she noticed there are limited funds in the legal line item. Selectman Lander says no, none at this time.

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

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