

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday June 15, 2026; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Morgan Dunham, Kim Jordan and Chris Rushton

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Town Manager),

Public: Tom Wiencek, Barbara Sergio, Claudia Diller, Sue Davis

Zoom: Danielle Mathieu

Absent: Wade Browne, Hunter Lander

Vice Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes for May 18th and 25th are tabled until next meeting due to prior attendance.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Barbara Sergio from Maine Health shares updates regarding the hospital's Emergency Department renovations. She says that the project has been underway for more than a year and is in the second of five phases with the third phase starting soon. She indicates that phase two doubles the Emergency Department capacity. The number of emergency department rooms will increase from about seven to almost 20. The increase comes as patient volume has steadily grown, the growth has been gradual, and the addition of urgent care services has helped direct less critical cases away from the emergency department. While the expansion will improve capacity, Barb said upcoming construction phases will disrupt access to the hospital's main entrance. The front area used for patient drop-off and pickup will be replaced due to structural issues, and the main lobby will be fully renovated. Barb said the hospital is working to keep the public informed, including outreach at local meetings and updates through news and social media. In closing, despite the disruptions, she said the long-term outlook remains positive.

Review/accept finalized TIF grant guidelines, application and attachments. TM Targett says that the board has worked on this through many work sessions. The only item she was expected to add was language about repeat applications which as we had thought were already in the application. It reads as such: *"The subject property, upon which the project will take place, shall be eligible for a TIF Grant only once every three years unless there are no other applications pending and there are unobligated TIF Grant funds available."* The board discusses that they would like to remove the additional language *"unless there are no other applications pending and there are unobligated TIF Grant funds available"*. Motion made by Selectman Rushton to approve the TIF grant application with changes just made. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. All in Favor.

Board reviews the TIF grant review committee establishment created by TM, Targett and approves.

Next item is to discuss permanent sewer termination for 372 Main Street. TM, Targett explains that 372 is where the Woodsman was located. Hammond wishes to remove the town-owned septic

easement. This will go through a legal review (paid by Hammond), Public Hearing, and town meeting vote. She says that she would like the board to consider placing the article on the July 13th warrant with the moratorium (transient overnight recreational developments) so we can have one special town meeting. TM, Targett explains that this item on the agenda plays into the review and acceptance of a Special Town Meeting warrant for July 13th. Board reviews the two options presented. The first option includes both articles; the second option is an article for the moratorium only. Selectman Jordan makes a motion to approved and sign option 1. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

Town Manager Updates/Discussion:

TM Targett states that on June 1st she appointed Mary Nodine to the school withdrawal committee after Lillian resigned from the committee. She is scheduled with a DOT engineer later this month to discuss placement of the benches in town. She has been working with Patty Thomas to move the banner project forward this includes a contract and release form she has drafted. The results of the recent town survey were as follows: Pavillion 209 Yes, 118 No and 3 Blanks and the Arts Center had 202 Yes, 125 No and 3 Blanks for a total of 330 votes. She would like to note that there were 56 registered voters at town meeting and 9 unregistered voters (which included staff) and lastly she would like the board to consider an ad hoc committee for the planning board. It would be a temporary work group formed for a limited time to manage one specific task. They will perform all the research and provide recommendations to the Planning Board. They will have no decision-making authority. This committee would consist of 7-9 individuals. 2 from planning board, 1 from comprehensive planning committee, at least 2 from general public, the town manager and code enforcement officer. This group will use AVCOG's and/or the Town's legal counsel for assistance as needed and authorized by the Town Manager. Selectman Jordan makes a motion for the creation of a subcommittee. Seconded by Selectman Rushton. All in Favor.

Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Jordan asks if the results of the school survey could be posted online. TM, Targett says yes provided someone shares the results with her to post.

Selectman Dunham states that Jim Boyce has asked if a trash can be placed by the river across from Sue Davis's. TM Targett states that when that area was designed it was to be carry in/carry out. Following discussion, it is agreed that the placement of a small trash can would be acceptable.

Selectman Jordan notes that it is her opinion that the planning board members should be paid for all their work and suggest up to \$2,000.00 per member which would be allocated based on the meetings they attend. The board agrees this is a good idea to discuss further during the next budget cycle.

Public Comment/Other (not for new business):

Sue Davis asks for clarification on the TIF Grants. Tom Wienck asks when the sidewalk lights will; be fixed and if additional streetlights will be removed.

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