

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday January 23rd, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Raymond Meldrum, Wade Browne, Heather Moody, Brain Hatfield, John Dill

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), Annie Davenport (Clerk),

Brian Collins (Road Commissioner)

Public: Val Tucker, Dee Menear, John Goldfrank, Robin Konieczko, Jim Meldrum, Todd Towle, Bob Carlton

Absent:

Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm and warrants are reviewed and signed.

Meeting minutes from January 9th, 2017 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Moody. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Brian Collins is recognized by Chairman Browne. Brian states that he is good and busy and has been going with the flow. Selectman Moody asks if there are any issues or complaints. Brian says not that he can think of he keeps getting good feedback from people and so far there are no real complaints. Selectman Meldrum asks about the sand pile, as he understands it residents are allowed a five gallon bucket or two per storm, and if Brian has noticed anyone taking advantage of that. Brian says he has noticed a few vehicles lately but it is extremely hard to babysit the pile when your off maintain the roads. Board suggests installing a few signs and cameras. Chairman Browne asked how the fuel issues were with the trucks. Brian said he has tried the algae stuff however the truck died three times in a row the other day, he has checked the filters etc. He is still working on a solution. Board agrees that Brian is doing a great job.

Annie Davenport is then recognized. Annie says things are going well, she is still learning as there is a lot to know with the job and it seems like just when you think you know it there is a little quirk added in. Annie says that Raylene and Leanna are really great in helping her. Chairman Browne asks if she needs anything from the board. Annie says not that she can think of.

New Business:

Bob Carlton is recognized to discuss Community Broadband. Bob says that the Opportunity Center of North Franklin County, Inc. Has talked about the benefits of improving broadband access in northern Franklin County or perhaps across the whole county where needed. Currently service is sparse and if available can be slow and unreliable. Public safety is a major concern for northern Franklin County. The committee has been working on broadband surveys (business, residential) that have been developed and will be used to gauge interest in the area. The ultimate plan would be to involve all towns that are interested. Cell phone service is also not considered an essential service. Communities can build these networks themselves and then go to the provider and they will put in the connection. The community invests the capital costs (installing the line).

Community Broadband Planning Grant awards funds to communities to produce plans that define local broadband needs, goals and encourages adoption of identified best practices by participating municipalities and organizations. Plans must inventory existing broadband infrastructure assets within the municipality,

municipalities or regions and include analysis defining the additional broadband infrastructure necessary to meet identified needs and goals. Franklin County's biggest deterrent is the lack of broadband. Dr. David Dixon is leading the team. We will need a financial contribution to help with this grant and we are looking for support on the 9th of February where we have scheduled a meeting at Webster Hall. Bob is requesting someone either a selectmen or Leanna is at the meeting to represent the town and be part of the team.

Chairman Browne recognizes the VEC Members to give update to board. John Goldfrank says at the January 10th meeting we looked at an updated plan that cost less money for Mill Street. The committee has really downsized it. Todd Towle speaks of a few grants he has looked into that mat cover the cost of steps leading into the river as it can be an attraction to canoeing, a place to put you canoe in and out that way you can canoe from Kingfield to New Portland. It would be the only one on the Carrabassett River. The Department of Conversation would need to make a site visit first and let us know. John says the project would take a month for hot top and 3 lights that will mimic the ones on Rt 27. John says we are at a standstill with that project and in order to move forward the board should appoint someone like Leanna and Selectmen to talk to owners and get an agreement signed. Then survey the area which would create the language needed for easements. We need to include Paul Coburn with discussions. The VEC is an advisory board only so the selectmen and Leanna need to work on this. Chairman Browne asked is DEP would allow the project. John says yes we need to stay 25 feet from the high water mark but Tom Marcotte can help us with permits. John says this should be ready to go to voters in a few months. Chairman Browne says he is all for sending another letter but it is definitely up to the voters to decide. Jim Meldrum suggests the town attorney draw up an agreement. Chairman Moody asks what the next project is. Jim says the street lights. Jim asks if both projects should be presented to the town at the same time. Chairman Browne says yes. Jim says he feels he needs to point out that there are just as many businesses north of town that should see something with TIF dollars. Selectman Dill asks about progress with the parking light. John Goldfrank says Selectman Hatfield is going to organize the firetruck and some board members to aim it down.

Board reviews an updated Parking Ordinance that AA, Targett indicates is an update from one written in 1952. The main change is the cost of a violation. Board agrees to discuss further at the next board meeting.

Board reviews a mailbox policy drafted by AA, Targett. She explains that she feels a policy like this is necessary for the new public works commissioner to use. Selectman Hatfield suggests adding something where the road commissioner can make the decision. AA, Targett says she will update it and bring it back to the board at their next meeting.

Board reviews the quarter 1 sewer billing submitted by Anne Davenport. Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor.

Board reviews five supplemental sewer billings provided by AA, Targett. AA, Targett says that a new sewer account had been set up and billed once however the past five quarters have been missed due to a set-up error in Trio. Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor.

The board reviews a paragraph provided by AA, Targett from the towns waste water license that reads: *The license is authorized to receive and dewater septage from residents within the Town of Kingfield, and compost it with sludge from town operated systems. The licensee is prohibited from receiving any other transported wastes into its wastewater treatment facility.* The board agrees that the waste water department will no longer perform outside pumping's only for those residents in Kingfield.

Old Business:

Selectman Hatfield presents board with cost estimates from a few companies for updating the heating system for Town Hall. Selectman Moody says it looks like you are suggesting we wait and save money for this that there is no urgency. Selectman Hatfield says yes. The payout/pay back for the heat pumps would be in about 9 years and the heat boiler downstairs wouldn't be used so much. Chairman Browne says he agrees with looking into a couple of additional 275 tanks. Selectman Dill says we have Webster hall money for these things. Chairman Browne asks about the ceiling tiles. AA, Targett says she has dropped the ball twice on them but will look into them again.

Public Comment/Other:

AA, Targett says she has looked at what is offered for another modem and phone lines and she suggests going back to a land line with TDS the cost is about \$39.00 a month but is cheaper than another modem. We would need to purchase phones which she figures will be about \$350.00. Board agrees to go back to TDS and open up an internet connection for the public.

Chairman Browne notes that we recently paid Brackett's to do an emergency pumping and ask why we don't use the truck we use in the summertime if public works is not using it. They did not set it up for a back-up when the other truck was down. AA, Targett says she will look into this further. Selectman Meldrum says he doesn't think there is space to put the truck in a building with the tank on.

Chairman Browne notes upcoming meetings Selectmen Meetings February 6th and 20th; Village Enhancement Meeting February 16th at 5:00pm ; Planning Board Public Hearing February 14th; Transfer Station Meeting: June 12th and upcoming holiday is Monday February 20th (Presidents Day)

Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (C) Acquisition of real property. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Dill. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.