

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday January 9th, 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), Raylene Tolman (Treasurer),
Mike Shirley (WW Superintendent)

Public: Val Tucker, Dee Meneer, John Goldfrank

Absent:

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

Meeting minutes from December 19th, 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Moody. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Mike Shirley is recognized by Chairman Browne. Mike says that he has worked in public works the last month or so and everything is going well. He did have an issue with the septic at Barbara Nickerson's and had to have Brackett's do an emergency pumping. Chairman Browne asked when he would be testing again. Mike says if the weather is good on Wednesday. Chairman Browne asks if there are any upcoming issues and how was the progress with the field valves. Mike says we are hoping that Mainland can fit them into this next grant round in the summer. Selectman Hatfield asks if we are licensed to do out of town pumping's. AA, Targett says no, she just found that out with DEP's recent visit which should be discussed in an upcoming meeting. Selectman Hatfield asks if the fence is all set up in the field. Mike says yes it is all done and Beth from DEP is happy.

Chairman Browne asks Raylene Tolman how things are going in her department. Raylene says fast and furious. There have been a lot of dog registrations and snowmobiles. Raylene says thanks to our animal control officer as he has been calling everyone on the list. Raylene says there is one property coming up for sewer foreclosure. Raylene says it is very busy and she is a little behind as being out front full time takes a toll. Selectman Dill notes that Raylene and Annie are working well together. Raylene says sometimes. Chairman Browne asks if there is anything coming up they should be aware of. Raylene says nothing she wants to voice at this time. Selectman Hatfield says that the girl's feet in the front office are always cold and he would suggest purchasing an electric mat with radiant heat. Raylene says our feet are cold as we sit above the vault. Board suggests looking into them further.

New Business:

Appointment papers for Julia Davenport as town clerk, tax collector, registrar of voters, deputy treasurer are then reviewed. Selectman Moody makes a motion to sign papers as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Board then reviews a renewal liquor license for The Doors Bistro at 375 Main Street. Selectman Moody makes a motion to sign license as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

AA, Targett informs board that she would like to allow the employees who work at least 20 hours a week to opt into the vision plan. She said it will not be a cost to the town as employees will be required to pay

out of pocket if interested. Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to allow employees to pay of vision plan if they choose. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne moves onto the “subsidy reduction” in costs from North Star EMS. AA, Targett says that the North Star ambulance service has reduced the town's cost for the 2017 fiscal year by about \$12,000. Selectman Dill says that it is a third less than we paid last year.

Board reviews the town foreclosed properties for outstanding sewer effective January 13th with no comment.

Board also reviews the potential town foreclosed properties for outstanding taxes effective March 15 and makes no comment.

Old Business:

Chairman Browne asks about the phones and internet. AA, Targett says she is still struggling with the phone line and internet. Our connection was not as secure and the public access is blocked. I have been unsuccessful communicating with Time Warner however I do have a quote from TDS. CPrompt says we need to buy new equipment that will keep it separate from the existing phone system. Selectman Hatfield asks what the actual problem is. AA, Targett says she is uncertain it has something to do with the VOIP service that has not worked well with the current internet system. Chairman Browne says at this point we just need to jump ship. AA, Targett will speak with a TDS Telecom representative to discuss options.

Public Comment/Other:

John Goldfrank says he would like to discuss the Kingfield forum and wonders if there is a way to bring it back to the way it used to be when there were activities for the town listed, someone looking for a rental or firewood etc. John says the last two weeks there has been three controversial posts and it seems to bring hatred among people. John says they are very intelligent people posting them but he feels the administrator should delete them. Selectman Moody says it is not something the board owns it was created by herself and Polly MacMichael as a class they were taking about social community. John suggested the board reconsider looking at the page.

Chairman Browne says he would like to recognize Brian, Mike and Henry for the excellent job they have done with the recent storms.

AA, Targett says she has a request from the newly created fireman’s auxiliary to place a banner in the field with the new parking lot of an upcoming breakfast. Board agrees and suggests either there or on the big sign the bicentennial installed.

Chairman Browne says he would like to recognize the bicentennial committee for a great job all year and the end of year fireworks was great. He has heard from a lot of people who would like to see that event continue.

AA, Targett says she has received all the books and paperwork from the former Kingfield Days committee.

Selectman Hatfield says we will have a discussion on the office heating system at the next meeting.

Chairman Browne notes upcoming meetings Selectmen Meetings January 23rd ; February 6th and 20th
Maine DOT Safe Routes to School January 12th ; Village Enhancement Meeting January 10th at 5:00pm ;
Transfer Station Meeting: June 12th.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Moody. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

*The minutes provided above are a summary. A voice recording is on record at the Kingfield Town Office and is available upon request. Minutes by Leanna Targett.