

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday October 3rd, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), Chuck Twitchell (Fire Chief)

Absent:

Public: Jim Boyce, Val Tucker

Vice Chairman Dill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and warrants are reviewed and signed.

Meeting minutes from September 26th 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Moody. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman Dill recognized Fire Chief, Chuck Twitchell. Chuck says that they engine 5 is still in the garage and the mechanics have no idea what is wrong with it however they think it may be electrical. It won't pass the state required pump test. There is no pressure or very little so it doesn't meet state requirements. Selectman Meldrum ask how old the truck is. Chuck says it is a 2006 and they are currently looking into if there is any warranty. The fire department got it for a great deal and a grant paid for most of it so not much is invested in it but there may need to be. Chuck says fire awareness will be done at Kingfield Elementary on the 24th and Brooklyn Brown raised over \$800.00 by herself and has purchased fire detectors to give to the kids. Selectman Meldrum asked how he was doing on man power. Chuck says pretty good, we have about 18 people on staff and usually ½ of them always show up. We also have a really good relationship with New Portland and other towns. Chuck says that the fire department is in the process of getting the Shape award which is a great accomplishment with the state and is due solely to Fred Nichols and his dedication to training and safety. Selectman Hatfield asked if every department has to be trained. Chuck says yes, we work together with other towns like New Portland, Stratton, Carrabassett and Kingfield to cut down on meeting costs. Selectman Hatfield asked about the pumping stations at Mill Pond. Chuck says the dry-hydrants are an "iffy" thing. They would use the river first with filters if needed. It is really hard to back feed dry-hydrants. Overall things are good.

Old Business:

Vice Chairman Dill moves discussion to the Ordinance for posting roads. Board reviews ordinance and Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to accept as written. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in Favor.

New Business:

Chairman Browne arrives and begins the opening of sealed bids for heating appliance service and delivery. Dead River and Valley Gas submitted bids. Dead River is for fuel only and Valley gas is a package deal for fuel and service. Wilbur Heating submitted a bid for service only. Board reviews bids and Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to accept the bid from Wilbur Heating for service. Seconded by Selectman Moody. Upon further discussion the board decides not to make a decision on fuel at this time.

Board decides to review traffic ordinance and discuss further at the next meeting.

Chairman Browne says the next item is a funding request for trail maps. AA, Targett explains that the map is the historic walking map created with the help of Betty Ann Listowich as part of VEC projects. She reminds the board that they allowed \$500.00 to be spent in the spring out of planning funds for printing costs. She says there are maybe a dozen left and would like permission to spend \$600.00 from planning funds again to have them reprinted as soon as possible. Board reviews map and feels that where it was created during our bicentennial year and there is a bicentennial logo on the front that the bicentennial committee should cover the cost whereas they seem to have plenty of money from donations. Board instructs AA, Targett to ask the bicentennial committee for money. AA, Targett says she would like to look at the cost of a printing company in the future to print in bulk. Selectmen Dill makes a motion to ask bicentennial committee first then look into printing company at later date. Seconded by Selectmen Meldrum. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne states that a safety committee needs to be established. AA, Targett explains that this is strongly suggested by MMA workers comp and DOL. She says that they suggest three people. She is willing to do it for departments, Fred Nichols for fire department and would like a selectman. Selectman Moody says she will be on the safety committee.

Board reviews the wastewater commitment for quarter 4. Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in favor.

Chairman Browne says that the cemetery/caretaker duties need clarification. AA, Targett explains that there was a recent request for the caretaker to deal with some stones that the grass had grown over and feels it could be a liability if he tried to raise or move the stones. She suggests that since perpetual care is open to interpretation that the board accepts a policy of what it actually covers. Selectman Meldrum states that the caretaker should not touch stones or markers. Board agrees that AA, Targett should write a policy so that all parties have the same understanding.

Public Comment/Other:

Selectman Meldrum says he talked with Sue Davis recently about the flowers in town and she suggests we plan to do bids early and look at good quality plants and not just the lowest bid. Board agrees and wants to thank Sue again for all her hard work as the plants look great. Board will send out requests for proposals after Christmas.

Selectman Hatfield asks if anyone has seen the paving on Riverside Street and West Branch. He says it is really thick/high and the driveways need gravel built up on them and an apron installed to make it right. Selectman Dill says the public works crew has been on West Branch recently and thinks he will be on Riverside next.

Chairman Browne reminds board of upcoming meetings. Selectmen Meetings: October 17th; November 7th and 21st; December 5th and 19th; Village Enhancement Meeting October 11th at 5:00pm; Voting/Elections November 8th; and Transfer Station Meeting: December 12th at 6:30pm

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