

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday November 6th, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum, John Dill, Brian Hatfield and Walt Kilbreth

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant)

Public: Jim Boyce, Dee Meneer, Travis Targett, Val Tucker, John Goldfrank, Angela Boyce, Brian Goss and Unknown gentleman.

Absent:

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

Meeting minutes from October 16th are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

The board then reviews the October financials. Chairman Browne notes that Leanna has talked with Raylene out fixing accounts. Selectman Dill says we are fairly close on Transfer Station budget. He says there was more tonnage this year and we need to be really careful to spend only what we need – what is in budget through 12/31. Chairman Browne notes that he noticed the new bars at the transfer station that were installed for safety.

Old Business:

Chairman Browne says we need to discuss land ownership behind Longfellow's. Leanna had a conversation with Don Fowler. Don suggested a Release Deed – whereas the town is releasing "rights to the parcel. What he needs to know is What we are conveying to Longfellow's. The entire back parcel or a portion of - "where the back line would be". We also need to determine if the town is reserving any rights for ingress/egress. This will need to go before the voters at annual or special town meeting. John Goldfrank says you may want a right-of-way through it – 30 or 50 ft. wide. Selectman Meldrum suggests a 30-foot row that crosses the parcel diagonally. AA, Targett says that the prior sewer and water easements would remain as well. After further discussion Selectmen Dill makes a motion to release the back parcel back to Goldfrank with a 30ft row for ingress/egress. Selectman Meldrum seconds motion. All in favor.

The board then reviews the plow quotes for the 1-Ton truck. Selectman Kilbreth suggests looking at Hight's or Dave's. Chairman Browne suggests waiting until the exact amount of a trade in was determined. Selectman Kilbreth says why wait. Selectman Hatfield says if we are comparing apples to apples he suggests Dave's if they are the cheapest. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to look at who offers a better trade in and move forward with the lowest price. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

New Business:

Brian Goss is recognized by Chairman Browne to discuss a trailer on West Kingfield road. Brian says he had issues years ago with this and it didn't go well. Brian says that Tom told him the trailer needs to go and yet nothing has gotten done. Adam Dunham saw people hanging out in that trailer last year and it is supposedly condemned. Brian said Tom said it would be gone in a few months so he told his realtor of this but it has not happened and he has lost a few sales of his property because of this. Now he says she has 30 days for a plan and I wonder how that is proceeding. Brian then reads a letter from CSM Real Estate about it being a deterrent factor. Tom Marcotte says he notified the owner in October of the dangerous building and she still has a few days left to come up with a plan. Then it falls under the selectmen authority not the CEO. It would require a vote of the board that it is a dangerous building there will need to be a hearing etc. Selectman Dill says I believe her plan expires on the 10th. Selectman Kilbreth asks can't we move more urgently – can't we remove it. Selectman Meldrum says no there are steps that need to be followed. Tom Marcotte say it would require an order from the court to remove immediately. Selectman Kilbreth asks if we can tax the owner for the costs. Tom Marcotte says yes. Selectman Hatfield asks Tom should we be doing anything now to secure the building. Tom says the owner has been instructed to do this. Selectman Hatfield asks are we just waiting for a plan shouldn't we seek legal counsel then proceed. Chairman Browne says to Brian Goss I remember when you were here last time and we want it gone to – we will take it from here.

The board then reviews the supplemental and abatements. Selectman Dill makes a motion to sign as presented. Selectman Meldrum seconds motion. All in Favor.

Board then reviews the Village Enhancement establishment. AA, Targett says she has talked with Mr. Dill recently regarding changing the VEC from 11 members to 7 as it has been difficult having a quorum to hold a meeting. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to change the committee from 11 to 7. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

The board reviews the renewal liquor license for Longfellow's Restaurant. Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept and sign. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

The next item of discussion is to review Micro Enterprise Grant Applications or to schedule a work session to review as there are numerous applications and the board needs to determine how to fund these.

AA, Targett says she wanted to provide the board with an update from the Department of Labor audit. All violations have been corrected, new safety forms provided and she was able to get the fine reduced from \$1,400.00 to \$140.00.

The board then moves into a discussion on Little league ballfield and the recent vandalism and if trees should be planted. Selectman Kilbreth says he agrees with planting some trees and there is no sense waiting to get this done. Travis Targett say he has researched the ones that will require the least amount of maintenance however still look good and he feels it should be some autumn bloom cherry trees. Travis says they bloom in the spring and the fall and the leaves are not very big. Selectman Dill

asks how many he was planning. Selectman Kilbreth says 10. Travis explains that they would be placed near the telephone poles/property line and then down West Kingfield Road not to interfere with parking. Selectman Kilbreth says he will pay out of pocket for the trees. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to order trees and get them planted. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor. Selectman Dill asks if a reward should be offered for information on whomever vandalized the field. John Goldfrank says he will put up a \$500.00 reward for the conviction of the person who vandalized the field. Travis says he will make sure to post this on the community forum.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne says he is concerned with the fact that no one from Kingfield has been attending the NorthStar Advisory Board meetings – Kingfield should have representation. Selectman Dill says he has always attended the meetings and has recently reached out to Dave Cota to start car-pooling together.

Chairman Browne ask for any other comment.

Jim Boyce says he has placed signs out in the field to keep snowmobiles off bed after he contacted Casey to confirm he was done with haying. He also wanted to give his yearly invitation to the board to ride in a groomer this winter if anyone wanted.

Selectman Dill says he wishes to thank the highway and waste water department for going over and beyond last Monday with the rain storm.

Selectman Kilbreth says he has been thinking about the bridge near the parking lot “Jimmy’s bridge” and he feels the best thing is to put a culvert in there. He says let’s try to keep people away from the buildings altogether. He says just put a 10-12” culvert in the catch basin area to divert the water. Jim Boyce says in the winter time we make our own bridge with snow. Selectman Kilbreth says let’s just get it done and stop discussing it. Chairman Browne says who is in charge of this. Selectman Kilbreth asks Travis Targett if he will oversee it.

Selectman Kilbreth says another thing is we need to eliminate band aids on road repairs. We keep putting sand in areas that requires rock – no more sand. Board agrees with this.

Selectman Kilbreth says he would like to also start discussing the idea of a municipal solar farm. Financially it makes sense for us and it wouldn’t hurt to look into it. Selectman Kilbreth agrees to talk to a consultant to get things rolling. Selectman Hatfield says it doesn’t pay for just one person to do however for the town it makes sense.

Selectman Hatfield asks if we have made any progress planning for waste water fixes. AA, Targett says he is working on a few planning items however is not prepared to bring to board yet.

AA, Targett explains to the board that the waste water departments tester had been sent out to be calibrated and the probe is bad in it the cost is at least \$400.00. The tester is necessary per our license

requirements for testing the PH and Specific Conductance in our wells. She has received a quote on a new one for \$1200.00 She says she has talked with the waste water crew and would like to research further for maybe a throw away model for \$100.00 or so as it costs \$100.00 or more to calibrate every year. Selectman Hatfield moves to spend up to \$1,200.00 if needed. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in favor.

Chairman Browne asks if the tri class has happened yet. AA, Targett says no – Raylene will meet with auditor soon after she does some beginning adjustments the auditor has provided. He asks if there has been any progress with bike trails. AA, Targett says not that she is aware of however the communication lines are now open with Tom Marcotte and Barry Turcotte.

Selectmen Kilbreth makes a motion to enter into Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) Simmons Fund request. Seconded by Selectmen Dill. All in Favor.

Selectman Hatfield makes a motion not to recommend any further payment to Burns. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

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