

## Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

### Attendance

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

**Municipal Staff:**

**Public:** Shannon Scott

**Absent:** John Dill and Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant)

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

Meeting minutes from November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor.

### New Business:

Shannon Scott is then recognized. He says he is interested in the dam in town as he has been for over a decade now. What he would like to do is see if the board is interested in selling the property, if so I would like to have it assessed with an appraiser of your choosing and then negotiate a price. If we negotiate a price I would like to get it under contract, once it's under contract I'll pay for an additional assessment on the dam as a hydro project. Which means I have some engineers lined up that will come in and do an assessment for me and determine if it is cost effective at the price and future maintenance. He says you may realize having a local energy source can be a real benefit. Selectman Moody says we do own it and have repaired it several times. We also worked with the engineering department at UMO about 6 years ago, on bringing that back to being hydro again and there was interest with some towns people. They had created designs with some tubes which either went under the dam or through the dam because one of the biggest things you are going to find is that I doubt the town of Kingfield will sell you the dam because of the character of the town. The mill pond is part of character of Kingfield; however, the people were interested it going back to hydro. Scott says he's has no interest in removing the dam or even changing the water level my interest is in capturing the energy that is flowing by wasted. I appreciate the character, I've see other dams get removed by environmental projects, heaven forbid that would ever happen here because when that happens the town realizes that can't afford a huge legal battle and the dam is gone. Selectman Moody says we had talked at one time about how the one in Madison provides electricity in Madison and how it could save us in the town. Scott says it is early to talk about negotiating but the town should buy the power at a wholesale rate so the cost decrease would be significant, then all my energy would be sold without having to look for a vendor. Local energy is nice to have especially if there were major disasters/outages. Chairman Browne says he thinks before we get to far that we have a public meeting to see how the townspeople feel about this. Scott says yes, that is why he is here tonight just to get the ball rolling. Chairman Browne says the vote would be at Town Meeting. If you have a proposal so that they could see what your thoughts are, pictures and explained out that would help the towns people and us as to what you are looking for. Selectman Meldrum asks how large of a system is he considering. Scott says what he imagines would max out the potential that is flowing by. He says when he thinks of the structure there is a high point on the left side that is flat across – I imagine something not going above that height with a small building attached to that most of the action is going to be below with some turbines underneath the dam to create power. On the other side, I would have fish lap to help mediate some of the environmental concerns and try to open up a fish hatchery. Selectman Moody says that fishing and swimming is pretty important there. He says he would be willing to invest in some enhancements for the cause. Selectman

Hatfield asks have you done this before. Scott says no, he has not he has a few projects where he has run into resistance the town folks in Paris Maine has a dam similar to Kingfield's and he was hoping to do them together. Upon further discussion Chairman Browne says if you could gather any information possible and let Leanna know what is a good time and we will set a public informational meeting.

Selectmen review two renewal liquor licenses one is for Rolling Fatties at 268 Main Street and the second is for One Stanley Ave at 1 Stanley Ave. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept and sign. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

**Old Business:**

NONE

**Public Comment/Other: NONE**

Chairman Browne notes that the wireless capability for the public needs to be on work in progress. Chairman Browne notes upcoming meetings Selectmen Meetings December 19<sup>th</sup> and January - 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> ; Maine DOT Safe Routes to School public Meeting T.B.D. ; Village Enhancement Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm ; Transfer Station Meeting: December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Moody. 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.