

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday February 6th, 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),

Public: Val Tucker, Dee Menear, John Goldfrank, Angela Boyce, Sharon Boyce

Absent:

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

Meeting minutes from January 23rd, 2017 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Board reviews financials for December and January. Selectman Dill asks if we are still giving discounts on taxes. AA, Targett says yes a few more weeks. Selectman Dill asks if expenses in Fire Department are from fixing truck. AA, Targett says yes and the insurance didn't fully cover the cost. Selectman Moody asks if we had received URIP/LRAP money. AA, Targett says she doesn't believe so but will need to check further. Selectman Dill asks if we have received any totals or close-out from the bicentennial committee as that money needs to come back to the town. AA, Targett says not yet she believes they still had stuff to pay and a few irons in the fire.

Old Business:

Board reviews an updated parking ordinance. AA, Targett indicates that it is an updated version from 1952, the only real change being the charge for violations. Selectman Meldrum says that enforcement is the big issue and perhaps we should examine how to do this. Selectman Dill says we used to have a town constable that would do enforcement for the town. Selectman Meldrum says a reserved deputy used to be used in towns back in the day. Selectman Hatfield asks if Franklin County would help enforce. Selectman Meldrum suggests sending a copy to them. Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to accept policy as presented. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in favor.

Board reviews the mailbox policy presented by AA, Targett. AA, Targett says it will give our new road commissioner direction in where the board views mailboxes. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept policy. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in favor.

New Business:

Board then reviews a letter to Mill Street owners. Selectman Meldrum says it basically is the same as previous letters sent. Selectman Dill asks how much the property is really worth with a sewer easement down the center of it as he feels there is not much value. Selectman Moody says it is too close to the Carrabassett River to do anything with. John Goldfrank says it will need to be appraised to get an assessed value. The best use is to continue as a parking lot. Selectman Moody says the owners need to realize this easement equals improvement. Selectman Dill makes a motion to send letter as written. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in favor.

Chairman Browne asks about an event coordinator. AA, Targett says that she had sent the board an e-mail to think about it to discuss at tonight's meeting. AA, Targett says I think we need to discuss the idea of an event coordinator. Someone who will help in planning, organizing and executing events/activities/celebrations. We need someone who is a park and recreation person and a coordinator to the other events we all like to have in Kingfield. I think this position needs to be a stipend position in order to get a good quality person. I think if we found the right person it would be worth spending \$2,000.00 (more or less) on a person who plans and helps execute everything in town. The towns updated CEA (TIF) agreement reads "costs of funding development programs, including but not limited to, an economic development staff or contracted position. I would like to get an answer from the board before we begin budget season. Selectman Hatfield suggests working on a job description and possibly getting a committee involved in the process. Selectman Dill makes a motion to move forward with an event coordinator. Seconded by Selectman Moody. All in Favor.

Board then discusses the towns Cable TV franchise agreement. AA, Targett says she was contacted by a gentleman who stated that our records show that our cable TV franchise with Charter Communications, (Formerly Time Warner), has expired, or will soon expire. He is trying to gauge interest in our Town in joining a consortium of Towns to negotiate the renewal of the franchise as a group. Each Town will have its own franchise, but joining a group will cut the cost for each Town, and consolidate your bargaining power. The cost per town will depend on the number of towns that join. AA, Targett says she would like to see what this person has to say and offer Webster Hall for the discussion with other towns. Board agrees to offer Webster Hall for a meeting to discuss further.

Discuss Broadband and how this affects Rodney. AA, Targett says she sent an e-mail to Rodney that Bob Carlton came to last week's board meeting 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. Bob says we will need a financial contribution to help with this grant and we are looking for support on the 9th of February when there has been a meeting scheduled 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. Rodney had responded that if it does not include the latter than Kingfield should also consider submitting its own planning grant. It seems that the Opportunity Center and FCDC are competing for the same thing in the same areas and have overlapping goals and efforts. Rodney says he is now in the process of organizing his consultant workload and other projects for the next 6 months. For this reason, he wonders is he should proceed with the completion of the pre-certification process and paperwork in preparation for the submission of a Connect ME planning grant for Kingfield in the spring, or put everything on hold until further notice? AA, Targett says I told him to hold until I brought it before the board tonight. Board agrees and suggests that Rodney come to Thursdays meeting with Bob Carlton.

Selectman Moody says she would like to remind the board of Freedom of Access and how almost everything is part of record. She wants to refresh everyone's memory and passes out a piece of paper from MMA.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne states that MSAD #58 will be doing an overview of the 2017-18 proposed budgets at Mt. Abram High School February 16, 2017 and a Public Hearing during Selectmen's Meeting February 20th for Micro Enterprise Grant Funds.

AA, Targett says she would like to discuss a free paint care program. Maine's paint stewardship law supports paint collection activities at transfer stations. It makes paint recycling more convenient. Paint Care will establish drop-off sites statewide for households and businesses to take leftover architectural paint. It makes recycling of leftover paint more convenient for our community and we can save money on managing leftover paint, and not pay during HHW Day. We can also offer paint in good condition to the public for reuse, and receive a reimbursement of \$0.25 per container. She says Stacey Thompson talked with the Transfer Station board about doing this before the program officially started and now that is has she would like the Transfer Station to opt in – free of cost. The board agrees to this.

Selectman Hatfield notes that the heating system should be listed under work in progress and he asks if the information from Manzer has been added into the road survey program. AA, Targett says not yet but it will be soon.

Chairman Browne notes that warrants show that cameras and signs have been ordered for public works.

Chairman Browne says the new parking lot has been used a lot and is very full and thinks we may need to double its size.

Selectman Moody thanks Angela Boyce for the cake she brought for the meeting and all other treats she brings.

Chairman Browne notes upcoming meetings Selectmen Meetings February 20th; March 6th and 20th; April 3rd and 17th; Budget Meetings April 10th and 24th; Village Enhancement Meeting February 16th at 5:00pm; Planning Board Public Hearing February 14th; Transfer Station Meeting June 12th, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day – August 25th (Note date change – usually first Friday in Sept); and upcoming holiday is Monday February 20th (Presidents Day)

Chairman Browne says Nomination papers will be available March 20th and must be returned by April 28th. Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of Poor (2 – 3 year positions) Wade Browne and John Dill and School Board Director (2-3 year positions and 1-1 year) Kimberly Jordan, Peter Manning and Julie Talmage

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