

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday April 18th, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Heather Moody

Public: Wayne Hooper, Val Tucker, Dee Menear, Bruce White

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm and warrants are reviewed and signed.

Meeting minutes from April 4th and April 11th, 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

New Business:

Co-Chairman Dill notes that he would like to change the agenda in order to discuss everything in the proper order. He says he would like to discuss the VEC Planter program first then the budget.

VEC Planter program - The Maine Community Foundation had been in contact with the VEC regarding a possible grant to the Town from an anonymous donor who is interested in supporting the Town's Village Enhancement efforts. The town received a donation of \$6,500.00 to be applied to the planter program. The program is for the placement of 12 high-quality planters along the historic portion of Route 27 in downtown Kingfield. The planters will be filled with flowers and plants during the warmer months. Maintenance will be contracted to a local landscaping business. When researching what items could be funded through the TIF, the Town learned that the purchase of planters was not an eligible expense. The planters can be purchased through the MCF donor, the flowers, maintenance and banners would be funded through general funds and the Fire Department would receive donations from the non-profit organizations featured on the banner to fund installation. Following further discussion a motion was made by Selectman Browne to change budget to indicate that the \$3,000.00 request from Sno-Wanderers will come from TIF funds and to indicate a new request from the VEC for \$3,000.00 for the planter program from general funds. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Co-Chairman Dill says along the same request from the VEC is the banner program. It will replace banners for the 14 banners installed in 2014 that are now faded along Main Street. The hardware is already installed on the power poles, purchased by 7 non-profits during the initial banner installation. A request was sent out to all non-profits in Kingfield for interest and contributions to the Kingfield Fire Department for installation. Motion made by Selectman Hatfield to authorize the VEC to spend \$2,800.00 from the VEC reserve account for the purchase of banners. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Co-Chairman Dill says the other additional discussion needed for the 2016-2017 Budget is to review the loan warrant article drafted by AA, Targett and article on Webster Hall and to make recommendations. Co-Chairman Dill reads the article - to see if the Town will authorize the

municipal officers of the Town to borrow on behalf of the Town a principal amount not to exceed **\$350,000.00** through bonds or notes, said amount to be paid by the Nestle Waters Tax Increment Financing revenues over a ten year period and to appropriate the proceeds of said amount for part of the cost of the engineering and construction of a Village Cultural Center. Co-Chairman Dill says the question is do we want to go \$400,000.00 into further debt. Selectman Hatfield indicates that he believes that it is part of the cost and the VEC is intending to spend some of the money already in reserves. AA, Targett says she will have an article for that as well. Selectman Hatfield asked is it true that by supporting this article you are basically obligating TIF Funds for the next ten years which is the same amount of funds that already goes into VEC reserves. AA, Targett says the plan is that it will be a payment somewhere between \$42,000 to \$45,000.00 per year which is basically what the VEC has requested for funds the past few years. Selectman Hatfield asks how much risk is there for the TIF, if Poland Spring goes under is the TIF over with. AA, Targett says she believes there will still be a TIF however the value of the building would change and therefore there would be less TIF money.

Co-Chairman Dill recognizes Wayne Hooper. Wayne states that what he has heard of the past ten years is to draw people to town to help with the businesses. Putting the green and hot top area there is not going to draw people to this town you should spend that kind of money behind Longfellow's or in the town's field to bring sleds, 4-wheelers or whatever and stop spending money foolishly. Cutting the road down behind the bank is stupid, hot top in front of the old schoolhouse for the public who is going to park there and walk down to Longfellow's or Grand Central. You should fix and clean up the area down behind Longfellow's and create public parking. I just think the \$350,000.00 should be spent elsewhere.

Co-Chairman Dill asked for a show of hands who was in favor of the loan article. Selectman opposed to loan article – decided to not recommend by a vote of 4/0.

Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to approve article suggested by AA, Targett for Webster Hall funds from sale of auctioned property. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Board reviews memorandums of understanding (MOU's) for field use it is agreed that AA, Targett will combine into one agreement and return to board for further discussion.

Old Business:

Co-Chairman Dill says the next item is a board discussion on a cemetery plot. AA, Targett explains that she was called by the wife that when her husband was buried a few years ago he was placed closest to the road, now the family wants to put a stone in however it may jut out in the road a few inches. AA, Targett explains that most of the plots in the cemetery were measured into the road. Following discussion it was agreed that if the plot is owned and it measures into the road than the stone can be placed how the family wishes. Bruce White says he is pretty certain he can alter the road slightly so that it sets over some and the stone won't be a problem.

Co-Chairman Dill states that there is a request to use the garden area near caretaker garage for pumpkin growing for this year's pumpkin freshet. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to allow this

provided it is of no cost to the town and the area is cleaned up afterwards. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor

Co-Chairman moves into the first review of amendment to hay growing/harvesting lease. AA, Targett states that upon DEP's inspection it was noted again that we need to have an amendment to our haying lease that defines the setbacks from the beds. Upon review Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept lease as written. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. The board would like to have Casey join a selectmen's meeting occasionally to inform them of his plans or to give an update.

Other:

AA, Targett says DEP's inspection also noted that fencing was needed around the upgraded wastewater structures in field to prevent damage to the electrical items and for safety reasons. AA, Targett explains that Travis contacted 8 companies in Maine and two have provided quotes. The lowest being \$6,500.00. Selectman Browne asked why it wasn't part of the upgrades. AA, Targett says that it was not in the plans it was an oversight. Following discussion it is agreed that we will hold off on doing the fencing to see if it could be done in phase 3 with grant money from the Northern Border Grant.

Co-Chairman Dill states that the appeals board is looking for new members a full member and 2 alternates.

Co-Chairman Dill says that AA, Targett has provided everyone with an update on the school budget and it appears that the budget is down this year. Co-Chairman Dill then asks if there is any other business.

Selectman Browne makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A – Personnel Matters – discussion of labor policy violation **and** Executive Session – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) F Confidential Records – Tax foreclosure property. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

No motions are made following executive session.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.