

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday May 1st, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant) ; Brian Collins (Road Commissioner); Raylene Tolman (Treasurer)

Public: Dee Meneer, Val Tucker, Jim Boyce, Angela Boyce, Ethan Austin, Travis Targett, John Goldfrank

Absent: Brain Hatfield

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

Meeting minutes from April 17th, 2017 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Moody. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Brian Collins is recognized by the chair for a departmental update. Brian says they are going to start sweeping soon. The trucks have been stripped, cleaned and power washed. Chairman Browne asks about the new sweeper. Brian says he paid \$3500.00 for a used 6-foot back sweeper as he had broken two drive shafts on the old one. Chairman Browne asks if anything can be done so that it doesn't happen again. Brian says the sweeper was 30 years old. Brian says he has been working on his truck and it needs a new hydraulic tank. Justin said \$300.00 with no guarantee or \$600.00 for a new one. Selectman Meldrum asked if it could be rust proofed. Brian says yes and he thinks he might place a rubber around it as well. Brian says on Thursday they rock raked all the roads in town.

Raylene Tolman is then recognized. Raylene says she was pleased with the recent audit and everything is going well she just hopes to get another partner in the front office sooner rather than later.

Old Business:

Chairman Browne says the first item of business is to continue the discussion on Public Works equipment. AA, Targett says she just wants to confirm that the board has given approval for one new truck to be purchased now so that it will be available for use this upcoming snow season. Selectman Moody makes a motion to order one new truck as presented and to take the money out of reserves. Seconded by Selectmen Dill. All in Favor.

Next is to continue the discussion on a sewer abatement request. AA, Targett says she has looked at all of the sewer accounts and she has verified that not all 3 bedroom properties are paying for two user units. Upon further discussion Selectman Moody makes a motion to abate two quarters of the 2017 billing after proof is provided that the apartment has a private septic. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in favor. Board feels that user units should be discussed further so everyone is consistent.

New Business:

Chairman Browne recognizes Ethan Austin to discuss the Sugarloaf Marathon. Ethan says the race will host runners from 37 states and provinces. The date is May 21st this year and they plan the finish on the West Kingfield Road as they have done for a few years now. They want to make sure everyone is safe so they have added more barricades, more staff, no parking signs on Route 27 again and a postcard will be mailed to everyone May 8th notifying people of this event. Maine DOT and CBV have some signs they are willing to put up as well. Ethan said parking worked out well last year and hopes it will be the same this year. Overall no big changes. Selectman Browne suggests he note for next year to contact North Star so they are prepared. John Goldfrank asks if there will once again be a clean-up day and wonders if the town can put this on the web.

Board reviews the MSAD #58 Budget Referendum Warrant (June 13 Vote). Selectman Moody makes a motion to sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Next item is to accept resignation effective June 30th from Heather Moody: Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept resignation with sincere regrets. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Board then accepts a resignation from John Goldfrank from VEC, Budget and Appeals. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept resignation with regrets. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Board accepts resignation from Julia Davenport. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept resignation with regrets. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

The board then reviews two waste water supplemental. Upon review Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept and sign as presented. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Selectman Moody makes a motion to re-appoint Leanna Targett to Town Clerk and Registrar. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

The board then reviews the proposed town report letter. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept and sign town report letter as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Board reviews the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Moody makes a motion to accept and sign the annual town meeting warrant as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Public Comment/Other:

AA, Targett explains that Raylene wishes to receive some training and she had meant to bring this to the board for approval a month ago. Raylene says she is in need of help with how fund balance is affected. Although she has been our treasurer for three years she is struggling to get a handle on the fund balance. Part of the break-down is the due to and from accounts as they make no sense to her. Trio stated that the cost for onsite training is \$150 per hour plus mileage and a lunch per diem of \$15. So, for 3 hours it is approx. \$500.00 however we will only be billed for the time that is used. Selectman Moody says she had spent some time on the phone with Trio a while back and went to a class in Bangor and both times they stated that most small towns do not use due to/due from accounting. Upon further

discussion, the board suggested that the first step is for Raylene to reach out to a neighboring town or to call trio.

Selectman Meldrum said he would like clarification on nominations from the floor for elected seats as he feels this was not done correctly a few years ago and should not have been allowed as people are expected to get nomination papers filled in ahead of time. He suggested we contact our town attorney. He would also like to suggest we look into whatever is necessary to obtain background checks on elected officials for the protection of everyone and suggests seeking legal advice. Chairman Browne suggested calling MMA first. Selectman Meldrum says he wishes to attend assessor school at some point. Selectman Moody says it is held every year and is basically a 4-year course but suggests he does attend at least the first week.

Selectman Dill inquiries about the financials and when they would be presented to the board. AA, Targett says at the next meeting she has been busy completing the town report.

Jim Boyce notes that he has installed the dog pooper set-up down near the parking lot for dog walkers to use.

Chairman Browne says he has seen the new mow man in action and he seems to be doing well and on another note, we should look into fixing the sign the bicentennial committee installed and thinks maybe we should lower it some and brace it.

Chairman Browne notes upcoming meetings Selectmen Meetings May 15th; June 5th and 19th; Annual Town meeting – Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00am; Village Enhancement Meeting TBD; Planning Board Public Hearing April 11th; Transfer Station Meeting June 12th; Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day – August 25th.

Selectman Moody makes a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss the applications process for a new Clerk and Title 1 MRSA 13 – Simmons Fund request. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

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