

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday June 20th, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Raymond Meldrum, Brian Hatfield, Wade Browne, Heather Moody

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: John Dill,

Public: Dee Menear, Jim Boyce, Val Tucker, Ethan Austin, Jen Reese, John Goldfrank, John Orcutt, Diane Keoskie, David Guernsey

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

Meeting minutes from June 6th 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Chairman Moody recognizes David Guernsey. David says there are a few areas that need to be discussed before the June 28 public meeting. One involves municipal issues and the other involves abutting landowners. First is the realignment by cemetery. MDOT did not approve the sidewalk relocation as requested and then the drainage issues - these we plan to discuss during a meeting on the afternoon of June 28. Emphasis will be placed on integrating existing municipal systems with the rehab project. Next are abutter issues. CSM/Annie's parking. The committee discussed MDOT's email of April 19 cautioning that our proposal may only provide 2 additional spaces. The 2014 Cooperative Agreement estimates \$43,000 for modification of parking by CSM and Annie's. Les Jordan had estimated that a more reasonable cost would be less than half this figure. Mill Street is another discussion thanks to Leanna finding the water district deeds. The results of the research would indicate a simpler process for development of a Mill Street closure plan, it was agreed that we would not proceed unless approached by a strong majority of the property owners in that area. What is of major concern is the realignment on Dan Pinkham's residence. The committee agreed to support Mr. Pinkham as much as we reasonably could. We are prepared to discuss narrowing of the sidewalk; funding vegetative landscaping and possibly a retaining wall. David says we also discussed the issue of local interest elements such as streetlights. MDOT's position during the Cooperative Agreement negotiations was that, although their local cost share policy allowed them to participate in such elements, current policy was not to provide any funding. Local interest elements are outlined in the seven projects of the 2011 Village Enhancement Plan, which the Village Enhancement Committee has considered justification for its work and appropriation requests. The Road Reconstruction Committee decided that the Village Enhancement Committee should be the responsible committee for this. The committee also looked at its future function. We anticipated that MDOT might complete its Preliminary Design Report by the end of summer or early fall and proceed to detailed Plans, Specifications and Estimates. The committee believed that our work would likely be done by that point and our continuation would be pointless. Selectman Hatfield suggest that David become a member of a new group if willing or at least a liaison with DOT for the selectmen.

Chairman Moody states Paula Norcott is unavailable to attend tonight's meeting however she has sent a progress report for the board to read. Chairman Moody notes that the trail planning on the

town owned property on Stanley Ave is coming along and there have been a lot of volunteers to make this happen.

Old Business:

Chairman Moody states next is the parking lease with Diane Keoskie. AA, Targett states that she is here to discuss the lease and to see if there are any options for payment in return for her allowing public parking on her property. Selectman Browne states that he feels the payment is us keeping in plowed, sanded and swept. Diane states that her concern is a sinkhole on the property that needs to be fixed. She believes Bruce is keeping an eye on it. She would also like the cracks filled. Diane and board agree to another 2 year lease. Selectman Hatfield thanks Diane for her generosity in doing this agreement. AA, Targett will return to board next week for signatures.

Board discusses waste water pumping outside town limits. AA, Targett states that it needs to be decided if we want to do it, what the cost is and what the radius is. AA, Targett states that it was undecided at the last meeting as the major concern was competing with private enterprises. Following discussion Selectman Browne makes a motion to allow outside pumping within a five mile radius from the wastewater shop and no further. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. Vote 3/1. Selectman Meldrum makes a motion for the cost to be \$200.00 flat rate with no discounts. Seconded by Selectman Browne. Vote 3/1.

New Business:

Chairman Moody states that a report on the Sugarloaf Marathon is next and recognizes Ethan Austin and Jen Reese. Ethan states that this is the 34th year of the Sugarloaf Marathon and he feels it went well. He stated that the traffic flow was improved thanks to the new parking area created by Heather Moody and the Keenan's. He feels that this was received very well by everyone. They had moved the shuttle pick up location to Narrow Gauge Park and this had a few complaints so they will be working on this for next year. Overall he feels it went very well. Chairman Moody says that she believes the local businesses felt it went very smoothly.

Chairman Moody says the ladies are looking for permission to close town office at Noon on Thursday June 30th to close-out books. Chairman Meldrum makes a motion to close at noon. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.

Chairman Moody states that the Diane Keoskie, Cynthia Orcutt, Chris Rushton and Betty-Ann Listowich have resigned from the Village Enhancement Committee. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to accept their resignations with thanks for all the work they have done. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Chairman Moody says a discussion is needed on properties offered to town for purchase. One proposal is for the school house property owned by the Orcutt's for \$275,000.00 and the other is the former Knapp's property owned by Mr. Perry for \$235,000.00 Selectman Hatfield says he is not in favor of purchasing Knapp's property. His opinion would be to hold a public hearing. John Orcutt says he feels it will move the conversation along. Selectman Meldrum says it makes sense to get a better direction from the town. Board agrees to hold a public informational September 19th to discuss things like how to buy it, what to do with it, how much taxes would be lost etc.

Chairman Moody says a discussion is needed from Brian's e-mail to draft a letter to sheriff's department. Selectman Hatfield says he would like to write a letter to better coordinate coverage of public events; calendar for planning, enforcement plans and policy, budgeting; maybe we could meet to discuss Kingfield situations and how to Enforce speed limits on local streets and motor vehicle laws. Board agrees that Selectman Hatfield will draft a letter for the board to review and sign at the next meeting.

Chairman Moody says that Brian also requested a discussion on assessing and Selectman/Assessor duties. Chairman Moody says she is more than happy to show anyone on the board what she does for assessing and they are welcome to ride along when she is assessing. Selectman Hatfield said he is concerned about it all being done. Chairman Moody says that Maine Revenue Services performs audits every year – actually more than one. Selectman Hatfield asked if he could be part of the next audit. AA, Targett says she will see what she can do when they call to schedule it so that it works out for everyone.

AA, Targett updates board on wastewater upgrades. She says that the plan for the Phase III work will be put out to bid this fall with anticipation that the work will be completed next spring/summer. She will also be bringing details to the board in the near future on other necessary upgrades.

Chairman Moody says that Paul Orbeton is resigning from the school board effective August 19th and the board will need to appoint someone to fill his position for the remainder of his term. Chairman Moody suggests Peter Manning as he was the other candidate during our recent elections. Board agrees to talk with Peter about this.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Moody notes that the Appeals Board is still seeking committee members. 1 full member and 2 alternates and on June 27th we will have the election of officers and appointments. Chairman Moody wishes to note that she will not be chair going forward as she feels it is someone else's turn.

John Goldfrank asks what the Commercial Historic District is listed under work in progress. AA, Targett explains it is a district that Rodney had presented to the board that she will be contacting owners on soon.

Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A – Personnel Matters – discussion with Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.

Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to increase Leanna Targett's salary effective immediately to be in compliance with minimum regulations. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

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