

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Raymond Meldrum, Brian Hatfield, Wade Browne

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), Bruce White (Road Commissioner) Raylene Tolman (Treasurer)

Absent: John Dill, Heather Moody

Public: Dee Menear, Jim Boyce

It is agreed by those present that Selectmen Browne will chair the meeting as both the Chair and Co-Chair are absent.

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

Meeting minutes from May 16th 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne recognizes Raylene Tolman to provide a departmental report. Raylene states that there is not a lot to report as she has been busy getting ready for year-end to close out the books. Chairman Browne asks if there is anything she needs. Raylene states that we really need to update our computers. She has trouble in the morning getting hers to turn on and it is extremely slow, Tom often spends hours getting his up and running and Leanna can't shut hers down without spending an hour or more re-booting. She suggests upgrading hers to a regular computer set-up and not a lap-top as she feels that is where some of the issues are, she feels that Tom would feel the same. Selectman Meldrum asks how many computers we are talking about. AA, Targett says 4 – Erica's, Raylene's, Toms and mine. Selectman Hatfield says it is not good if Tom is spending hours getting up and running especially when we have him one day a week. Selectman Meldrum suggests replacing one computer each year. AA, Targett states that she has already brought this to Heather's and John's attention and planned to get details gathered and brought to the board after the new budget cycle kicks in.

Bruce White is then recognized by Chairman Browne. Bruce says he is waiting for July 1st for the new budget money to kick in. He is planning on excavating the ditches on Tufts Pond Road this summer. Bruce says he is in the process of getting quotes for paving. Selectman Hatfield asks Bruce what his opinion is on the new speed limits. Bruce says he disagrees with some and agrees with others – however we can't do anything at this point. Selectman Hatfield asks Bruce who owns or is responsible for culverts in driveways. Bruce says the owner is however the public works crew cleans them out yearly so that there are not issues with town roads.

Board reviews the financials for the month of May. Chairman Browne states that all departments are looking great and there may be unexpended funds rolling back into the general fund.

Old Business:

Next item of business is to discuss for a second time wastewater pumping outside town limits. AA, Targett says she brings this discussion to the board every year and the past few years we have allowed this to happen however she feels if it is to continue it needs to be better defined. She had

told the wastewater crew year to keep it within a 2 mile radius or so. Chairman Browne says he feels if we do it again we could set the limit of 5 miles from the town line. Selectman Hatfield does not agree as he feels we should not be doing outside pumping like this as it takes the revenue from outside companies. AA, Targett states that if we do this we also need a defined cost – maybe a flat rate with no discount. Selectman Hatfield suggests if we do agreed to do it then we charge the same as outside companies which is \$295.00. After further discussion board agrees to table discussion until the next selectmen’s meeting when there are more selectmen present.

AA, Targett states that each year she also asks about the cost for Kingfield residents not on the public system. She states it has been \$150.00 flat rate unless you pay within 10 days then it is \$135.00 for the past 8 years. Following discussion a motion is made by Selectmen Meldrum to keep the costs the same as last year being \$135.00 if paid within 10 days and \$150.00 if not. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Parking Lease with Diane Keoskie is tabled as further information from Diane is needed.

New Business:

Waste Water disconnect discussion - Wastewater Disposal Ordinance that was accepted in 1983 reads under user rates “Rates shall be established by the Board of Selectmen based upon calculated User Units and on the actual volume of water used as determined from the records of the Kingfield Water District. Each single family residential structure shall count as one User Unit and each additional one hundred fifty (150) gallons of projected use, based on Tables 4A and 4C of the SWDR (or any amendments thereto), shall be counted as one additional User Unit. Metered water usage in excess of the calculated volume shall be billed at a rate established by the Board. Any change of use allowed in Article III Section 4 of this Ordinance may require an increase in user rates as determined by the superintendent. If a change of use allowed by Article III Section 4 causes a reduction in the actual volume of water used as determined by the records of the Kingfield Water District for a period of at least twelve (12) months and the use has been changes to the extent that it cannot be reestablished (such as demolition of part of the structure) the user may request a rate reduction. In reviewing any such request the Board of Selectmen shall consider, at a minimum, the recommendations of the superintendent and the potential that the use could be increases in the future and **if the Board determines that the reduction is only temporary in nature they shall not grant the request.**

Board reviews a renewal liquor License for Longfellow’s Restaurant located at 247 Main Street. Motion to accept by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne states that the appeals board is still seeking committee members. 1 full member and 2 alternates. He also announces that on June 20th we will hear a report on the Sugarloaf Marathon and on June 27th there will be election of officers.

Chairman Browne says that he has had a discussion with Casey Bowden about what fertilizer can be used on the hill to produce more hay. AA, Targett states that she has already discussed this

with Casey and has a call into the Department of Agriculture – however she will follow up with them this week. Chairman Browne says the reason he brings this up is to see if we could use the compost we make since we can't seem to give it away. AA, Targett says she has been working on that exact thing as well as possibly spreading on Millay Hill. She has been doing a lot of research and has been talking a lot with DEP about the options and licensing the field however she is not ready to come to the board yet with the discoveries.

Selectmen Hatfield says that following the Town Meeting vote he feels that the board needs to be more involved and his suggestion would be that the VEC minutes are forwarded to Leanna and she brings them to the board. He is also hopeful more people will join the committee.

AA, Targett states that she has a gentleman needing community service time. In the past this has been done and people have helped with filing and cleaning the basement. She would like to have this person work with Bryan in the cemeteries. She has called the insurance company and they have indicated that other towns do this however there is always the chance of a law suit – which we all know there, is with anything. Chairman Browne asks if Bryan could use the help. AA, Targett says yes. Board agrees to allow this knowing that Bryan will be supervising this person.

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