

## Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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), Bruce White (Road Commissioner)

**Absent:** Heather Moody

**Public:** Jim Boyce, Mark Wahl, Val Tucker, David Guernsey, Susan Davis, Sheriff Scott Nichols, Chief Deputy Steven Lowell, Mike Kankainen, Larry Warren, Scott Hoisington, Merv Wilson, Carol French, William Holtham, Rob Woodhouse

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

Meeting minutes from June 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Road Commissioner Bruce White is before the board to discuss paving. Bruce explains that he has a list of roads and when they need to be paved – West Branch hasn't been done in 20 years. The board asks if the LRAP money needs to be spent on tar. AA, Targett says no, culverts, ditching, and road maintenance. Bruce says he is still working on a road management plan. Upon further discussion Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to move forward with the plan of paving the roads as that Bruce has suggested and to use the company that Bruce sees fit. Seconded by Selectman Dill. Vote 3/1.

### Old Business:

Board reviews the quotes from the two local businesses for new computers. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to purchase all four computers this year with Leanna's suggestion on which company to purchase from. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

### New Business:

Chairman Browne recognizes Sheriff Scott Nichols and Chief Deputy Steven Lowell who are in attendance to discuss concerns from the board. Selectman Hatfield says he has a few items he would like to discuss with the first being procedures that could be put in place to better coordinate coverage of public events and suggested a calendar for planning, and asked Sheriff Nichols if that would be helpful for enforcement plans and budgeting. Sheriff Nichols stated it is helpful if he know of events in advance however they try hard to accommodate all public events when needed. He noted that it is almost always done at no cost however the photo op was a little different as he had to call officers in and pay them overtime and just did not have the budget for it so he asked the town to pay \$200.00 which was a fraction of the cost for the four officers. Selectman Hatfield asked if we should establish plans to meet on a scheduled basis to discuss Kingfield past, present and future situations, growing trends and enforcement results and who is who in the department. Sheriff Nichols says we can. Selectman Hatfield says he would like to get an understanding of

enforcement of speed limits on local streets within the town. Sheriff Nichols explains that his department would handle speeders on local roads when they are scheduled in the area. If they are not in the area it would be the State Police. Selectman Hatfield says there are issues with speeding on Maple Street, Riverside Street and Rt142 leaving town near the school. Sheriff Nichols says he would be happy to set up a car in those locations or a speed device unit that records speed of vehicles and what time it seems to be happening. Sheriff Nichols says he just needs to know about these things and anyone can call dispatch or him. Scott Hoisington, William Holtham, Carol French and Rob Woodhouse stated that vehicles were driving way too fast on Maple Street early in the morning and later at night. Merv Wilson says he is concerned about Rt142 where it drops down to 15 or 25 and offered his driveway for a spot the officer could sit to stop some people. Chief Deputy Steven Lowell said noted that there equipment was down currently but once it was functioning again he would get it set up on Maple Street. Selectman Hatfield says that this meeting was to open the lines of communication between the board and the Sheriff's department. Everyone thanked Sheriff Nichols for his dedication.

David Guernsey is then recognized to discuss the sidewalk near the Dennis Bare building. David says he has drafted a letter he would like the board to consider signing that states how we remain concerned with the impacts on abutting properties which were enumerated by the public comments. While most of these comments were clear, we were struck with the suggestion from a number of people that we consider eliminating the sidewalk on the eastern side of Rt. 27 in order to maximize on street parking. The issue seems to be the continuation of the sidewalk around the front of the Bare parcel which is contrary to the scope of work specified in the Cooperative Agreement. While this agreement recognizes that subsequent detailed work might necessitate modification of the provisions therein, we believe the need for a continuous sidewalk would hinge on standards in place when the Department executed the agreement and not on site specific conditions. We believe a break in the sidewalk in front of the Bare property as provided in the Cooperative Agreement could significantly increase on street parking and would be far preferable to discontinuing the entire sidewalk on the east side of the street. A smooth transition onto the abutting businesses should be possible. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion accept and sign the letter presented by David Guernsey to be sent to Rhobe at MaineDOT. Seconded by Selectmen Dill. All in Favor.

Sue Davis is present to discuss planters with board. Sue says currently, the planters I'm caring for weigh 200#s-plus, making them difficult-to-impossible to move. This year, before putting in the soil, I filled them with empty milk bottles but the soil level sinks a little more with each watering. I've already replanted them at least once with more soil to make up for the drop, but the surface is still 8-10 inches below the rim. This reduces the full planting impact. To make the planters manageable, I've designed an 8-10-inch-deep basket that would set in the top. I contacted Justin Jordan about building them. His current quote for each one in \$100.00. Then upon more research Justin suggested a tub that could be purchased for approximately \$20.00 each and holes drilled for \$17.00 which becomes \$37.00 or so. I am asking for the town to reimburse money I have spent for \$446.75 for the tubs. Does the VEC have funds that could pay for them? In the future, the baskets could be planted separately from the planters, which could then be moved into place much easier. This year the Town guys couldn't move them at all. In the end, Jonathan Jordan donated his lift-gate truck and two more men to do the job. AA, Target says that the VEC money is

TIF dollars it cannot be spent on this as it is a "plant pot". Selectmen Dill makes a motion to pay Sue Davis the requested \$446.75 for inserts and for the cost to be deducted from the \$3,000.00 allocation intended for plants next spring. Seconded by Selectmen Meldrum. All in Favor.

Larry Warren is recognized to discuss the bridge and land with board. Larry says he has been working with Ethan Clifton and Mark Wahl on this purchase. Ethan has stated that he will increase the price by August 1<sup>st</sup> if there is not a commitment to purchase. Larry presents the board with figures representing what he feels the cost will be \$15,520.00 for permitting, survey and engineering; \$8,000.00 for abutments to be delivered and installed; \$50,000.00 for bridge transport, technical assistance and installing finishes; \$25,000.00 for welding and transport to the site; \$2,500.00 for equipment to set the bridge and \$5,000.00 for signs, access ways and erosion control for a total of \$105,920.00. The Clifton lot is \$125,000.00 which Mark would like to retain 22-25 acres for \$75,000.00 and the town could spend \$50,000.00 for the remaining acreage (38-40 acres) but he needed approval from the board to move forward. He does understand that means little as it will still need to go to town meeting vote but he feels with some fundraising we could get 50% of the \$50,000.00 so it would cost \$25,000.00 that could come from TIF or another municipal source for multiuse trails etc. He explains that this bridge is for a heritage trail from Kingfield to Canada. Merv Wilson says he feels Larry should be talking with the community because after the VEC plans were voted down it shows that a lot of people will not spend money for something they don't know about or understand. Larry says a lot of people know he has talked almost every homeowner this will affect in one way or another. Larry suggests that the board contact the grant writer to start looking into grant money for this.

Chairman Browne says the next item is to review the School Board letters of intent however he doesn't see any. AA, Targett says she did not receive any however she did talk with Peter Manning and he felt since he filed papers, he was not going to write out anything else. Peter stated if they want me, that is fine, or if they don't want me that is fine. Selectmen Meldrum makes a motion to appoint Peter Manning to the School Board for the seat being vacated by Paul Orbeton until the next annual town meeting. Seconded by Selectmen Dill. All in Favor.

Next item is the Maine Downtown Center and if there is continued interest? AA, Targett explains that we have paid the \$500.00 for 4 years now however we have not used it much; it does however help with grants. Board reads paperwork and decides to re-visit at the next meeting with more information.

Chairman Browne states that there are two appointments to Village Enhancement Committee; one is a new person and one we accidentally forgot to appoint at the last meeting. Motion made by Selectman Hatfield to re-appoint John Witherspoon to the Village Enhancement Committee and newly appoint Robin Konieczko. Seconded by Selectmen Dill. All in Favor.

AA, Targett explains that we have been notified by a law office that we forgot to issue a Quit-Claim Deed for a property back in 2008 and asked the board for review and signature. Board agrees and signs quitclaim deed.

AA, Targett explains that the abatement is for \$23.00 for personal property owned by Robinwood B & B however they should have never been billed it. Board reviews and signs abatement.

Chairman Browne says next is to review the renewal liquor license for Herbert Grand Hotel. Motion made by Selectman Dill to sign presented Liquor License. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne says we have a Maine Municipal Association Legislative Committee Ballot for review. Motion to re-appoint Richard Davis to Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne suggests taking the first draft of Stanley Museum agreement home to review to begin discussions at the next meeting.

Board reviews year-end financials. AA, Targett says there is an error on transfer station summary as she forgot the rollover from last year and should be about \$10,000.00 roll-over, overall all departments did very well with their budget.

Board reviews the Quarter 1 Sewer Rates for July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$18,866.76. Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in Favor.

#### **Public Comment/Other:**

Chairman Browne asks for any public comment or other.

Appeals Board is still seeking committee members they are looking for one full member and two alternates. There are still items that remain on the list for future discussions such as Commercial Historic District, New job descriptions – board approval, update Stanley Museum agreement, Tufts Pond Engineering, TIF Grant Program and Road Surveys. Upcoming meetings are August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a public discussion (properties offered to town for purchase) on September 19<sup>th</sup> and the next Transfer Station Meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Jim Boyce is recognized and he says he just wants the board to know that he thought Kingfield Days was fantastic this year and the Handrahan boys did such a great job. He also wants to point out that when he speaks about the club he is not speaking personally he is stating how the board voted.

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