

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday August 14th, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum, Brian Hatfield

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant) Brian Collins (Road Commissioner)

Public: Travis Targett, Jim Boyce, Dee Menear, Val Tucker

Absent: John Dill

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

Meeting minutes from July 14th, 2017 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

The board then reviews the July financials.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Brian Collins is recognized by Chairman Browne to discuss a plan he has for Maple Street. Brian says he has been looking at the top of Maple Street and the need for paving. He says he has called three companies for a quote however Manzer was the only one who submitted one. The quote is \$60,575.00 plus \$3,200.00 for ditching. There are a few reasons why I feel we should pave the top part of maple street. #1. The Traffic is a lot worse than it used to be with dump trucks. It has been graded five times this year. #2 Being that it is a dirt road we have to make a special trip in the winter just to sand it because you can't sand/salt – if it was tar no special trip would be needed. #3 Every spring we would save \$300.00-\$400.00 by not having it graded. Chairman Browne asks if the road surveys are complete as he feels this is not the worst road in town. Brian says yes and it is the most efficient road. Selectman Hatfield asks if there is other work that has been planned for this year. Brian says yes, we are cutting road sides back for plowing. Selectman Hatfield says we would be abandoning the upkeep on other roads and personally he doesn't want to spend a dime on new pavement projects. Chairman Browne says the more pressing issue is Tufts Pond Road. Brian says he has a way to take from other line items in the budget to make it work for Maple Street. Selectman Meldrum says he is not in favor as the money was earmarked for other items not Maple Street and suggested that next time it be planned at the beginning of the year during budget season. Chairman Browne says unfortunately there is no good answer on these roads. The board is not in support of this request at this time.

Chairman Browne recognizes Jim Boyce to discuss recreational parking lot. Jim says that he has been to every VEC meeting and has meeting minutes and irregular articles whereas it was stated that a kiosk would be built in the spring by Merv Wilson and Rob MacMichael however there is none. He reminded the board that he came to them a few months ago and asked about this and they sent him back to Merv. When he questioned it, he was told by the VEC committee that they are advisory only. At this point he would like to know what the board wishes to do. He has talked with a few local builders in town who have offered their services to build this. Upon further discussion Selectmen Meldrum makes a motion to

have Mr. Boyce lead this project and group of volunteers to get the Kiosk completed as soon as possible. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Board then reviews a proposal for franchise renewal services. AA, Targett says she is not educated in this process however she knows it's needed. She had spoken with the Sewell company a week ago and at that time no other towns had signed an agreement. She is not certain what other area towns are doing. The board suggests she call some other towns and find out so that it may be discussed more at the next meeting.

The next item is to discuss the VEC committee. Merv Wilson has given a verbal resignation. Chairman Browne says it is with regret that we accept his resignation at this time and thank him for his time. Richard Rose would like to be appointed to committee and we need more members. We have 6 and the committee is set up for 11. Board decides to wait on VEC appointments until we can get more volunteers. Selectman Hatfield suggests a posting for these positions be accompanied by the VEC's planned projects.

Board then looks at scheduling meeting dates in September a Sept 4th is Labor Day. Board agrees to hold meeting September 11th only. If an emergency arises a meeting will be called with notice to the media.

Webster Hall maintenance is the next discussion. AA, Targett explains that she would like to bring this back to the table or discussion as the roof has been fixed and painted. She would like to move onto ceiling tiles and then maybe flooring and Selectman Hatfield would like to discuss the additional tanks in the basement again. Selectman Hatfield says the quotes we had received were \$3,500.00 at most and he believes we may only be able to place one additional tank in the basement. Following discussion the board agrees that we should move forward with both projects.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne states that the Tax Commitment paperwork is planned for 8/21 meeting and Ethan Austin with marathon recap for 8/21 meeting and asks if there is any other comment.

Jim Boyce is recognized by the chair. Jim says he feels that the town should be aware of a major safety issue on town land on Stanley Ave. The new bike trails cross the atv trail 8 times and there is not one sign out there, no yield no nothing. It is an accident waiting to happen. Someone needs to put up signs that alert the atv crowd that there are bikers. The snowmobile club can't donate them as they are from MSA and the ATV can't as they are ATV Maine signs. Selectman Hatfield asked if multi-use signs would work. Chairman Browne says he believes this might be an oversight and will make sure to follow-up.

Selectman Browne asks what are all the orange flags for in the waste water field. AA, Targett says the bike club had put them up however after she received a call from some of the selectmen she had called someone with the club and told them to not put up any more and come to a meeting and discuss on the 21st as the selectmen were told the trails would be next to the river.

Selectman Hatfield asks how the gate in the field was coming along. Travis says the company has been ready for a week now but he has asked them to wait due to a business owner interested in doing the entire backstop at the ball field and he was waiting for a quote.

AA, Targett informs board that the MHT will be using the park and Stanley Museum at the end of the month, August 29th for an employee party.

AA, Targett says that engine #5 had been taken to Falmouth as it is still having issues. International is involved now. As of a few hours ago they were already bringing it back home. It was said to have had a few bad sensors and that the exhaust may need to be replaced sometime soon.

AA, Targett says she had received a call regarding the fence next to the Mason's building and it being a liability for the town however from her research the fence has nothing to do with the town. Chairman Browne says he believes it is the property owners and he knows that the bicentennial committee had set some money aside to replace it. Selectman Hatfield asks if the owner had been contacted. AA, Targett says she has not contacted anyone and is not certain if someone from the bicentennial committee has.

AA, Targett says the other thing is that Dave has requested vacation November 5th through the 15th and would like to know if the board would like to have Travis work up there then. Also, David is looking to take September 2nd off and would like to send Travis up that day provided it works for him. The board agrees to this.

Selectman Meldrum makes a motion to enter executive Session pursuant to Title 13 M.R.S.A. Simmons Fund Request. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in favor.

There are no motions made following executive session.

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.