

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday August 21st, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum, Brian Hatfield, John Dill

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant) Bill Brown (Tax Assessor)

Public: Travis Targett, Jim Boyce, Dee Menear, Polly MacMichael, Rob MacMichael, Nancy Thomas, Charlie Woodworth, Ethan Austin, Howard Quinn, Mary Woodworth and (unknown)

Absent:

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

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

Old Business:

Next item is a further discussion on franchise agreements. AA, Targett explains that she has called other surrounding towns and everyone is in the same situation whereas their agreement expired years ago and they have not renewed it. Basically, stated the FCC has regulated costs for everything so our "negotiations" won't mean much at this time. AA, Targett says she suggest we just sit back and wait until we are told that we need to renew it. Selectman Meldrum males a motion to move pass the franchise renewal agreement at this time. Seconded by Selectmen Hatfield. All in Favor.

New Business:

Chairman Browne says next is the Kingfield Trail builders to discuss bike trail planning. Nancy Thomas is recognized. Chairman Browne asks what all the orange flags were in the field as the understanding was that you would be using same trails at the ATV club. Nancy says they were looking to build trails not just along the river. Nancy says she has heard of the concerns with signage where the bike trails cross over the ATV trails and Allison Thayer will be working on this. Chairman Browne says he is concerned with the trails on our sewer beds, he doesn't believe it will hurt anything however he doesn't want ATV's attempting to use those trails. Selectman Meldrum says that the town has a lot vest in those fields and feels that the trail should be limited to the river's edge. Selectman Dill says he is disappointed and he feels everything should stop and suggests everything gets written down. Nancy says she is sorry for miscommunication. Selectman Dill says you were given permission along the river only. Polly says the flags were not to break any ground they were to mark out a potential trail/route for Barry to map out to bring to the board. Polly says we had to have an idea for a map and to be able to talk to trail experts. Selectman Hatfield suggests better communication. He says he did look at where bike trails could be put in and it is great in developing the bike industry. He feels we should continue to develop that area. Chairman Browne suggest more information is provided including a map or print-out for the board to see. Polly says the next steps would be to connect to the gateway parking and to Spencer lee's trail. They will flag the entire are for the board to see this week.

Ethan Austin is recognized to give a Sugarloaf marathon recap. Ethan says it was the largest race ever where they opened an additional 50 slots and there were no significant issues. We did have a few staffing issues but that has been worked out. We raised \$18,000.00 for the Sugarloaf Charitable Trust. The biggest factor/issue is the traffic – if there was a way to reduce traffic that would be great. Chairman Browne thanks Ethan for coming before and after the marathon. Selectman Dill says it seems to have worked well and this is a good thing for the town.

Chairman Browne says the next item is to review the proposed tax commitment for 2017-2018 as a board of tax assessors. Chairman Browne says we could do 16.9 or 17mil and asks for Bill Brown's opinion. Bill says he suggests we stay the same as last year which gives us a reasonable overlay. Selectman Dill suggests the 17mil. Motion is made by Selectman Hatfield to commit the 2017-2018 taxes with a mil rate of .017 (17 mil). Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

The board reviews the renewal liquor license for Inn on Winters Hill at 33 Winter Hill St. Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Next item is to discuss cemetery roadways. AA, Targett provides a map of the cemetery and informs the board that the roads in the same are in bad shape again and suggest rather than spending \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 each year in dirt that ends up on Route 27 that the board look at other options. Her suggestion would be to close off the lower middle roads and grass them over or remove the crowning in all the roads and put down stone or some material that won't be washed back off onto Route 27. The board agrees to think about this and discuss more at the next meeting.

Public Comment/Other:

Jim Boyce is recognized and says that he did put up two signs on the Stanley Ave property to warn ATV's of bikes. Chairman Browne asks how the kiosk is coming. Jim says he has talked with the waste water guys and it was determined the best spot would be near the light for plowing purposes. He plans to get posts and install this coming weekend.

Travis Targett is then recognized – he asks if he could have permission to use the loader to remove the posts in the little league field. Chairman Browne questions if it is liability for the town if Travis is not on the clock using town equipment. Upon further discussion Selectman Hatfield suggests leaving it up to Travis to get done. Travis informed the board that he would also like to move the entire layout 15 feet so that it is on town land.

Selectman Hatfield asked if a decision was formally made regarding putting two tanks in the basement as he has a contractor able to do this. Board agrees to move forward with this.

AA, Targett says she would like to discuss taring this year. She provided a handout and asked the boards opinion. Following discussion regarding looking further into Maple Street and Tufts Pond Road. Selectman Dill makes a motion to tar Winter Hill this year. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. Passed by vote of 3/1.

AA, Targett says the other item she has is in regards to tree growth. She has three properties she has removed and placed back on the regular tax rolls for failing to comply with the laws. They have all received a few notices and nothing has been done. She would like to know if the board of assessors wishes to send them a supplemental penalty for tree growth. Board reviews the three accounts and Selectman Dill makes a motion to send the supplemental. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in favor.

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