

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday September 11, 2017; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum, John Dill

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant) Lynn Gonzalez (Clerk)

Public: Jim Boyce, Dee Menear, Polly MacMichael, Rob MacMichael, Barry Turcotte, Allison Thayer, Brad Orbeton

Absent: Brian Hatfield

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

Meeting minutes from August 21st are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Lynn Gonzalez is recognized by Chairman Browne to provide a departmental update. Lynn says everything is going very well. She is very well covered and trained and very supported. Raylene and Leanna help with anything and continue to be supportive.

Next item is a Public Hearing for the new General Assistance Ordinance Maximums. Motion is made by Selectman Meldrum to recess Selectmen's meeting to open a public hearing for GA. Appendices (A-C) for the period of Oct. 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4). Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in favor.

Chairman Browne explains that there are income guidelines to follow. Franklin County income limits are 1 person \$646.00; 2 persons \$671.00; 3 persons \$783.00 4 persons \$985.00; 5 persons \$1,400.00.

Chairman Browne asks for any public comment. Hearing no public comment, he deems the public hearing closed and the Selectmen's meeting is reopened. 6:05pm

Selectmen Dill makes a motion to approve and sign the new GA Appendices 2017-2018 as provided. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in favor.

Old Business:

AA, Targett explains this is still a work in progress as she was hopeful she would have a quote to give to the board to further discussions on the lower part of cemetery roadways. Raymond suggests using some crusher dust as it hardens really well instead of grassing it over. Board agrees to continue discussions at a later date.

Chairman Browne says next is the Kingfield Trail builders with updates. Board is provided a map of the town fields that the builders would like to make trails on. Chairman Browne asks when they want to put in the "purple trails". Barry Turcotte says as soon as possible, whenever the board decides. Chairman Meldrum says that those are wastewater fields and not a playground. Barry says he understands and that is why he has tried to avoid any beds that he is aware of. Chairman Meldrum says it is our only area for sewer expansion. Barry says he doesn't want to infringe on any sewer expansion. Chairman Browne says the "green trails" are what the builders came in for in the first place. Following discussion board agrees to discuss further at an upcoming meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Browne says next item is to discuss the petition for town meeting date change. Chairman Browne says that the selectmen have obtained legal counsel on the petition submitted to “move the annual town meeting to the first Monday in June”. Chairman Browne says it has been cited in case law that the selection of town meeting date and time is the duty of the selectmen. In 2015 the town’s legislative body represented that the annual town meeting date/time remain unchanged. It is not in the best interest of the board to give the petitioners an opportunity to change the date so soon after the failure of the first initiative. Chairman Browne says therefore, the board will use their own good judgement and discretion and not place a warrant article regarding changing the date/time of town meeting. Board agrees to this. Chairman Browne says we might have given bad info. Polly MacMichael says that there were 82 registered voters that signed the petition that want the change. Selectman Dill says he is willing to change the date to the third Saturday in June. Polly says that everyone was told to come to the special coming up for vote for this to make this change. Polly says you keep saying that the younger people don’t care but they do, they have signed this petition they are engaged why is it the board keeps cutting them off. Chairman Browne says if that was the case why are they not here tonight or any Monday night that the Selectmen meet. Polly says it is unrealistic that they come to every meeting however if something was posted on Facebook in a public forum there may be more attendance. Chairman Browne says the arguing is getting us nowhere. Polly says if it was changed to Monday night they would be here. Chairman Browne says that all the Monday selectmen meetings are where the board carries out a lot of town business – the public should be involved then. Following more discussion Selectman Dill moves to discuss next item on agenda. Board agrees.

Next item is to review and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Motion to accept and sign warrant as written by Selectman Meldrum. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Board then reviews the abatements and supplementals provided. Motion to sign abatements and supplementals as provided by Selectman Dill. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Board reviews a renewal liquor license for Mountain Village Farm B & B located at 164 Main Street. Motion to accept liquor license as presented Selectman Dill. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne says next is to bring back the Tufts Pond engineering to begin discussions for budget planning. Board reviews paperwork previously submitted and Chairman Browne suggests grinding the entire road by the sharp corner to Deer Farm and leaving it for a base that way culverts could be replaced, road work like ditching could be completed and the town could tar sections after all other maintenance was complete. Board agrees to look into this further. AA, Targett will call Manzer to get a guesstimate on cost.

Selectmen review the annual Title 36 MRSA section 906 which involves payments to be applied to back taxes. Motion to accept as presented by Selectman Dill. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne says that Kingfield's has supported going gold in the month of September for childhood cancer awareness.

Jim Boyce is recognized. Jim says he has been working on the Kiosk and the club will be selling tickets at the New Portland fair this weekend and invites the board to stop by.

Selectman Dill says he has noticed that the little league field is making some major progress and all with free help.

Selectmen Meldrum makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Discussion of confidential records. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

No motions are made following executive session.

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.