

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday September 26, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

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

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), Mike Shirley (WW Superintendent)

Absent:

Public: Jim Boyce, Angela Boyce, John Goldfrank, Merv Wilson, Val Tucker

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

Meeting minutes from September 12th 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Hatfield. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.

Waste Water Superintendent Mike Shirley is recognized for a departmental update. Mike Shirley states that the pumping season is winding down as they are caught up with all outside pumping's however he has not had any success switching the beds over. He has talked to Les Jordan to look at them since he is not allowed to enter into confined space. He is uncertain the last time this one done. He has asked Les to provide a quote to the town to raise the valves above ground which should be forthcoming. In the meantime, he is hoping that Les can turn them. His helper will be laid off in a few weeks and people can call for outside pumping's until the first week in October. Overall things are good.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chairman Merv Wilson is then recognized to update the board on VEC plans. Merv says that the new committee started by prioritizing its energy. The first item is to work on a parking lot in front of the sled shed. He says we haven't officially asked for approval yet as we are waiting until we have the project complete with costs. We are trying to trade out gravel for it. I have talked with Mark Wahl, Les Jordan, Birch Royall, Norpine, Fenwicks and Foster. We're hoping the cost will come in really low. We would like to revise the walkway down to the field with maybe some picnic tables. We have also been looking at the cost of lighting for downtown. Board reviews costs provided by Wright/Pierce. Merv says the cost does look like a lot however we are almost done paying the loan payment and TIF so that will free up \$35,000.00 which could be used for this project, maybe by floating a bond. This project could increase in cost by the time we get it done but we can be saving for it. Merv says he would like the board to authorize someone to speak with the property owners on Mill Street to start negotiations. John Goldfrank says we are awaiting the plans from Wright/Pierce to be able to show these owners what the plan is. John says that the engineer said his opinion would be to get the Mill Street project done before the RT\ 27 project so people have a place to park. Selectman Dill says if you can get all the owners to agree than we should strike immediately. John Goldfrank says it will take some time to get all the legalities out of the way but suggests that the board entertain plowing down back this winter as a good gesture to these owners. Chairman Browne says that cannot be done as it is private property and we have

discovered that is against the law. John says he would make sure there was signed letters of intent first. Selectmen Dill makes a motion to allow the VEC to negotiate with the property owners of Mill Street. Seconded by Selectmen Meldrum. All in favor.

Board reviews abatement and asks for more clarification. AA, Targett says it is her understanding that the property owner requested an abatement after his property taxes increased \$50,000.00 in one year however he has had no changes to his property. She said she believes the increase comes from the percentage completed which he argues has not changed. Selectman Moody joins the meeting and explains that she had initially done a drive-by and looked into some windows for her valuation however she was not aware that the upstairs had not had any work. She explains that some of the abatement was also due to not receiving the homestead exemption which she has given him credit for and we will receive credit back from the state. Selectman Dill questions the total amount of abatements. He says he believes total abatements are almost \$10,000.00 and yet we have only budgeted \$5,000.00. Upon review of this year's abatements Selectman Moody states that most of that total was from a Sample Account, Montessori School and Parsonage totaling at least \$7,500.00. Selectmen Dill makes a motion to accept and sign abatement provided. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

Board reviews the first draft of a new ordinance for posting roads. AA, Targett explains that this is a brand new ordinance that was suggested by Maine DOT in a recent class that was attended by the Road Crew. The other suggested ordinance that is currently a work in progress will cover signs, speed limits etc. She is hopeful to have the first draft at the next meeting. Board agrees to review ordinance further and discuss at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Public Comment/Other:

Chairman Browne says that sealed bids for heating appliance service and delivery to be opened October 3rd. Selectman Dill would like to thank Sue Davis for her hard work with the flowers/flower pots in town as they look really good.

Selectman Hatfield asks about wellhead protection and the concerns that Alan Stewart had brought to the boards attention at the recently held public discussion. AA, Targett explained she has been doing some research and the CEO, Tom Marcotte has as well and when she has any information she will bring it to the board. She has also been in contact with a few agencies regarding grant funds.

Selectmen Moody makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A – Personnel Matters – discussion of employee position/applications. Seconded by Selectmen Meldrum. All in Favor.

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