

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday February 22, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Morgan Dunham, Walter Kilbreth, Wade Browne, Polly MacMichael

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); Fred Nichols (Fire Chief); David Taylor (TS Manager); Travis Targett (WW Superintendent)

Public: Susan Davis, Jeff Maget, Bobby Brown, Terry Coffin, Kathy Houston, Brent West

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from February 7th, 2022 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Old Business:

The board agrees to set the new date for a work session on Town Roads to be Wednesday March 9th at 5:30pm.

New Business:

The first item of new business is for Kathy Houston and Brent West to provide Shiloh Pond Update. Kathy asks to be heard after the supervisors as she was awaiting the arrival of Brent.

Chairman Dunham moves into departmental updates from Supervisors and recognizes Fire Chief Fred Nichols. Fred says that everything has been going well. He has moved the fire department internet from Spectrum over to AT&T which is a good savings from \$100.00 per month to \$35.00 per month. The service has been exceptional. Selectman Browne asks if there are equipment costs. Fred says yes but it is minimal and the cost will be recouped within 2 months. Fred says another thing we have done is moved all cell phones over to AT&T these are personal cells with a cost of \$39.95 which includes data, it has been our best service ever it is a First Net system whereas if there were an emergency those on this set-up would be given priority to necessary services over others. It can be available to town employees, actually they put most of the auxiliary girls on it. The only place we haven't had good luck is in Carrabassett Valley. Fred says since we were here last, we gained 2 new firefighters one that is currently in EMT training.

We will all have ladder truck training again in the spring. We have been getting some necessary items for the new ladder truck that it did not come with such as a heater. We need to recertify for our Shape designation every three years so that I am currently gather the necessary paperwork for. Fred says he is also looking into getting our ISO rating changed since we have the new ladder truck.

He does want to discuss the fire billing ordinance that is in place, he has discussed this at length with Leanna and we both feel we should perhaps change some of the language in it to be more specific to charges. Fred says there have been a lot of motor vehicle accidents that we have helped with that could be billed to out. In the past we have billed a few companies to recoup some of our costs but that has

been done through the insurance or wrecker services. Fred says we have discussed not charging Kingfield tax payers but those individuals who decide to drive drunk and go off the road. Fred says I have started to look into a company that does the billing and collection of cost for a percentage which may be the way to go so that it doesn't have to be done here at the town office. Selectman Browne says he would want to know what the other company charges before any final decisions are made. Fred says he believes it may be 7%. Fred asks the board if they would like to talk about the town paid phones with his contact at AT&T. The board says yes. Chairman Dunham thanks Fred for his updates and indicates that the board will be implementing this on a more frequent basis again.

Chairman Dunham recognizes David Taylor, Transfer Station Manager. David says he provides the Transfer Station Board an update at every meeting so he will be short with his updates. He says the plowing and sanding are going well. The backhoe is junk and really needs attention, he has been in contact with Kenneth thanks to Walt and he is willing to fix some of the issues when it is warmer. Selectman Browne instructs David to talk with Leanna on what is in budget for something like this as she will have an idea on funds. David says everything else is really good. Selectman Kilbreth asks how the well and pump were working. David says the water is not working and it may be frozen. David says he was instructed to unplug the pump when it is not in use. Selectman Kilbreth says he suggests that David plug it back in as it may work itself out.

Chairman Dunham then recognizes Waste Water Superintendent Travis Targett. Travis says everything is good at this present time. This year he will be busy with the Route 27 project, bringing manholes up to grade on Route 142 as the state is repaving, pumping the series A system and the replacement of the Keenan beds which will be completed first thing this spring. Travis says he had two stations go down Christmas week, those have been fixed however we had to run a temp electrical service to one of them which will need to be fixed in the summer.

He says I am still dealing with the water run off in the field this has been in conjunction with DEP and engineers from Wright Pierce. Right now, we are waiting for direction from DEP as far as the nitrate is concerned. Selectman Browne asks if we should look at fixing the problem ourselves. Travis says no, you could throw \$50,000 or more at it and it may not correct the issue. I did have a conversation with DOT about their run-off ditch that goes down across the field and they basically said to go pound sand. It is something I am continuing to work on.

Chairman Dunham recognizes Kathy Houston again to provide an update on Shiloh Pond meetings. Kathy says one of the first things is we have adopted a mission statement which was taken directly from the management plan and the committee has agreed upon this.

To summarize our statement says as long-term stewards of the Shiloh Pond parcel, our mission is to protect and preserve the natural resources and traditional uses of the land. In order to do this, we have also set some meeting criteria such as keeping to time and agenda; we want everyone to speak your mind, be engaged, we want everyone to remember that all ideas are valid, differences of opinion are natural and useful. respect decisions made in your absence and to be transparent to local government and the community.

Selectman Kilbreth asks if there is a town policy about missing meetings. Selectman Browne says yes, if you miss three meeting during a fiscal year you are no longer considered a committee member. This was done a few years back so that people who say they want to be on committees are attending the meetings, if they don't want to attend the meetings then perhaps, they need to decide if they really

want to be on the committee. Kathy Houston thanks him for the explanation and says lastly, we have said that if you are unable to make more than three meetings in a row, reassess if there is another way you can support the committee.

Kathy says this is a learning year for us and we want to move slowly. She says one item we have been working on is some basic temporary signage at entrance and possibly at the canoe storage area. It will say things such as Carry in and carry out, day -use only, dogs must be on leash or voice control, to please respect private property, to avoid disturbing any plants and wildlife, non-motorized boats only on the pond. We have also discussed prohibited uses such as no overnight camping, fires, and no off-road/motorized vehicle.

We have had discussions about canoe storage and telling users they must keep canoes in storage area, not on shore or it may be moved if found on shore. We have discussed improving the road which Walt has been extremely generous about. We would like to keep the current parking area and just widen and flatten it out. Selectman Browne ask how many cars could park in that area. Brent says 12 people. Kathy says Walt, ARC and Jordans have been generous in helping with new decking for the bridge. The boundary lines have been marked thanks to the committee and Rob Woodhouse finishing the last section.

The committee would like to see a decent trail into the waterfall and the committee has discussed ways to begin the removal/demo of a cabin on the property. Kathy says we don't want to spend money or have to ask the town for any. Brent says we need to easy into the project as this is open space land. He says the committee is a good bunch of people that really care about the property. Selectman Browne asks about handicapped access. Brent says this is not really the property to offer handicapped access, the town may want to look at something down near the river. Brent says I have been part of a project that was done to full handicapped specs in Farmington and it was very costly.

Selectman Browne asks if the gate is going back in front of the bridge. Walt says yes, there will be an area that you can walk around with a canoe. Selectman Browne asks if they have discussed the unknown canoe users. Kathy says we have been discussing all sorts of things like this and feel 20 canoes is sufficient to be left in storage. Selectman Browne says that everything the committee has been working on sounds good however he wants to remind the committee they need to come to the board for final approval. Brent says we want to have open communication however when the MOU was signed, we understood that we could work within those guidelines. Selectman Browne says the board needs to be kept informed and something like the sign should be approved by the selectboard as it is a big-ticket item. Brent suggested posting their meeting minutes online. Kathy says she is willing to e-mail the selectmen the agenda and minutes to keep them updated and so the selectboard can decide if the committee needs to come to the board.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett is recognized. She says she has no updates at this time.

Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman Browne suggest that the trucks go back out to bid. Selectman Browne says he has contacted Billy Gilmore to assist with the taxes and he is interested in

doing them. They will follow-up with Leanna next week on this. Selectman Browne says the fun day that happened on Saturday was a big hit, lots of fun, lots of people, just a really good time. The ice rink looked really good. Selectman MacMichael asks if there are any updates on street and sidewalk lights. AA, Targett says no, she has not followed through on this. Chairman Dunham wishes to remind everyone of Raymond's celebration on life on Sunday at 1:00 in Webster Hall. She also wants the board to know she is running for the county budget committee and there is a vote March 7th at the court house in Farmington that she would like the rest of the board to attend if at all possible.

Selectman Browne makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. 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.