

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday March 7, 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); Travis Targett (WW Superintendent)

Public: Jeff Maget, Bobby Brown, Claudia Diller, Tom Butler, Ryan Reed, Rob MacMichael

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from February 22nd, 2022 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman MacMichael. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chairman Dunham says the first item of new business is our first review of the 2022-2023 budget. Board reviews budget. Chairman Dunham asks what the increase is for new equipment in the administration budget. AA, Targett explains that is planning for a new copier as the one we currently have is 10 years old and we are unable to get parts, toner, drum. Selectman Kilbreth asks about the furnace note on the Public Works budget. AA, Targett says that she wanted to discuss this further, the board has discussed that the town office needs a new furnace and she has been made aware that public works is in desperate need of one that she has not budgeted for. Selectman MacMichael asks if Efficiency Maine could help with the cost. AA, Targett says she does not know but it is worth asking about. AA, Targett says she doesn't know what amount of money to put in budget for this. Board says \$10,000-15,000.00. Board suggests going with \$10,000.00 by moving some funds around in the budget and adding some. Selectman Kilbreth asks for reserve figures for the next discussion. AA, Targett reminds the board that a plan needs to be made to replace the one-ton in public works as it is a homeowner's model that was purchased in 2011 that has been used for commercial use. Selectman Browne agrees that this needs to be looked at as well as the bucket loader. Selectman Kilbreth asks about using reserve funds for the backhoe at the transfer station. AA, Targett says it could be but this needs to be discussed at a Transfer Station meeting especially if they want to allow this then a motion needs to be made instructing her to do so.

The next item is to discuss a wastewater abatement and disconnect request. (Selectman MacMichael removes herself from the board table to sit in the audience for this discussion). Selectman Dunham asks is this really what you want to do? Selectman Kilbreth asks if there was room if they could reconnect. Wastewater Superintendent, Travis Targett says there is a possibility that a reconnection could happen however with what he is hearing for rumors about the hotel and others there may not be room. Travis says, we have two individuals that have been paying for two hookups for years now and they don't have any buildings on the property – they want the guarantee to hook back into the system. Rob MacMichael asks if the system is maxed out. Travis says no but it could be very quickly. Rob says we will disconnect this point then. Travis says he has spoken with the MacMichael's about putting a private sewer in that location. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept the permanent disconnect. Seconded by

Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to abate the most current waste water billing. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.

Next item is to appoint new member to Planning Board. AA, Targett says there are two people interested. One is Scott Hoisington and the other is Tom Hildreth. She would like the board to keep in mind that Tom Hildreth is a budget committee member. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to appoint Scott Hoisington to the position. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor. Selectman MacMichael asks about a vacancy on the VEC board. AA, Targett says she believes the VEC committee is talking with someone about this.

Selectman Dunham says the next item is to sign the appointment paper for Peter Manning to the Utility Advisory Committee as he was appointed at a previously held meeting.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett is recognized. She says she finally has her feet back under her and wanted to provide some updates. She has spoken with Tash from CMP and she will be sending along some updated info to review on the street lights and will be in attendance during the April 19th meeting. She also spoke with Rick as Sargent regarding the four sidewalk lights that are out. He is aware of them and they will be fixed when they return to the project this spring. The owl system has been ordered and is sitting in the office the plan is to have this operational before I go out. The truck's have gone back out to bid with a bid opening March 21st. I did look into the warranty on the lights, and although I don't have a definite answer, I can say that I have been told that generally there is a one-year warranty from project competition. Revision Energy has reached out to get some figures on electrical costs and plans to come to the board in May. I attended the recent ARPA training and they are still rolling some information out however I did find out that a generic article can not be done for town meeting voting, they strongly suggest that it is detailed enough so that the municipal body knows what they are voting on. Lastly, she is going out for surgery #4 on her knee and will be out for eight weeks. She will be working from home during that time and can be reached by email.

Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman Browne says he heard that the Herbert has sold and they are looking to change it into employee housing. He has heard Winters Inn has sold and that is changing into a huge venue. Selectman Kilbreth asks about the sign at the credit union if it meets requirements. AA, Targett says she had this discussion with the code officer a week ago and he was going to look at it however she did not follow up to discuss his findings. Selectman MacMichael asks if there has been any further communication with DOT and bridge clearing. Both Selectman Dunham and AA, Targett says no, there has been nothing. Selectman MacMichael asks what the process is for grant writing. AA, Targett says in the past the town hired Rodney for approximately \$50,000.00 to assist with this stuff and then she took over the grant writing saving the town money. AA, Targett says she has a good working relationship with most of the agencies. Chairman Dunham asks if there is any other from the public. Bobby Brown says he has a utility advisory committee (UAC) meeting ready to go he is planning for the fourth Thursday of the month. He was looking for the history of grants before Leanna goes out. AA, Targett says she is aware and will see what she can do.

Hearing no other public comments Selectman Browne makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) Simmons Fund Request. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in favor.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to recommend the fully requested amount from a Kingfield Pops request from Simmons fund money. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. 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.