

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday April 4, 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); via ZOOM

Public: Susan Davis, Jeff Maget, Aaron Hanson, Henry Williams, Brad Orbeton and Hunter Lander

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The first item of new business is to discuss ARPA funds to draft the warrant article for town meeting. AA, Targett says there are two options before the board tonight. She is looking for direction and if anything should be changed. Following discussion Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to use the drafted article number two. Seconded by Selectman Browne.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett is recognized. She says she has no updates currently.

Other:

Chairman Dunham reminds the board that the next selectboard meeting is **Tuesday**, April 19th and that nomination papers must be returned by close of business (tomorrow) – April 5th.

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman Kilbreth asks the board to consider an article at town meeting to change the ruling on stumpage fees to at least pursue this further. Walt explains that it will need municipal body backing first. AA, Targett is asked to write an article for town meeting in regard to this.

Selectman Browne states that he has spent the past couple Fridays with Billy on tax assessing. The other day they covered the majority of roads in town and wrote down anything that might not be on the tax records.

Selectman MacMichael says she has a few items. She would like to see a warrant article that would adopt the secret ballot process of voting. She says in the past there has been a lot of discussion on absentee voting so people can at least vote on selectmen and school board when they are unable to attend the annual meeting. If this was accepted, then people could vote the Friday before town meeting or prior to town meeting if it was moved to a weeknight – like a Tuesday. Selectman Browne and Chairman Dunham agree that the secret ballot voting for the officials only would be a good idea but not

for warrant articles. Selectman MacMichael says she agrees that the only articles that should be listed are similar to bond articles. AA, Targett is tasked with investigating a cost and to produce some education for the public – to be printed in the town report.

Selectman MacMichael asks about the TIF funds known as parking funds and how they are spent. AA, Targett explains that it is up to the municipal officers (selectman) to decide when/how it is spent. Simply put the municipal body already accepted the credit enhancement agreement dictating where funds can be spent. Truth be told they approve TIF expenses each year (for a second time) as part of the budget, then it is the board responsibility to spend – we have already asked them twice and on occasion when we want further direction, we ask them at town meeting or a special town meeting with a specific warrant article. This is what the VEC was designed to do, to provide the board with suggestions on how to spend the money.

Selectman MacMichael asks if there will be capped articles again this year. AA, Targett says yes, until we change our form of government. Selectman MacMichael says she has more questions on budget. AA, Targett offers to respond via e-mail if that would work.

AA, Targett asks if the board would approve one budget member attending the first meeting via zoom as he would be away on vacation in Florida. Board agrees this is ok.

Jeff Maget is recognized to file a complaint that the Transfer Station Supervisor has singled him out and sent him away with loads of brush recently and wants to know why this is. Board instructs Jeff to bring brush and states that a conversation would be completed with the Supervisor.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) - discussion of confidential records with Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

No motions made following executive session.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.