

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 19, 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 and Henry Williams

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from April 4th, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes with correction of two spelling errors in the paragraph with Jeff Maget by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Board opens one bid that was submitted for the grinding of Tufts Pond. Bid is from Nate Manzer of Manzer's Fine Grade and Earthwork. Bid for 22667 SY of compacting and grading \$58,189.16 or bid for 19000 SY grinding and compacting \$48,830.00. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to accept the 19000SY at \$48,830.00. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Chairman Dunham notes that Tasha Raymond would be in attendance to discuss upgrading streetlights however she has needed to postpone as she has been on storm watch.

Chairman Dunham then moves to discuss the bid package for Tufts Pond Road. Selectman Walt has provided the board with a list of items needing discussion.

Do we want to eliminate the section of TPR from Rte. 27 to Tom Cross Road? This section is in very good shape and doesn't need to be re-built. Board agrees with the removal of this section from the specifications.

Selectman Kilbreth indicates that the board would need to approve specifications as written, approve SK-1 as drawn, approve RFP and put out to bid on 4/20/2022 with bids due to the Town Office no later than 12:00 noon on May 2, 2022. Board agrees to all of this.

And lastly, Selectman Kilbreth says a decision needs to be made in regard to extra work / costs during construction. Selectman Kilbreth states that delays caused by the need to meet with the Board will cost additional money because we never know what additional work might arise until it happens. Selectman Kilbreth indicates that we need to make immediate decisions. Selectman Browne says he feels the board needs to be included in this – they shouldn't be left in the dark. A phone call or e-mail would be sufficient to all board members. Chairman Dunham and Selectman MacMichael agree with this.

Board discusses a 10% contingency being factored in. Following further discussion Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to accept specifications as provided and to approve SK1 as presented.

Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor. AA, Targett is instructed to get ready for bid on Wednesday morning.

Selectman Kilbreth says he also provided the board with a cost difference of paving Tufts Pond Road compared to using blue stone road and there is a significant difference now and 30 years from now. He says that he thinks this could be done to West Kingfield Road and Riverside Road to save money in the future – perhaps the board should move on grinding those roads and then leaving until next spring.

Review and make recommendations on municipal “outside” requests.

	2022-2023	2022-2023		
	REQUESTED	Selectmen Recommend		
Community Concepts	1,000.00	\$1,000.00 Vote 4/0	MacMichael Moved	Browne Seconded
Kingfield Festival Days	5,000.00	wait until presentation from representative	Browne Moved	Kilbreth Seconded
Kingfield Historical Society	0.00	<i>withdrawn</i>		
Kingfield Historical Society	1,200.00	\$1,200.00 Vote 4/0	Kilbreth Moved	Browne Seconded
Kingfield Pops	6,000.00	wait until presentation from representative	MacMichael Moved	Browne Seconded
Kingfield Sno-Wanderers	4,000.00	\$4,000.00 Vote 4/0	Browne Moved	Kilbreth Seconded
Maine's Northwestern Mtns	6,000.00	\$2,000.00 Vote 3/1	Browne Moved	MacMichael Seconded
Safe Voices	1,000.00	wait until presentation from representative	Browne Moved	MacMichael Seconded
Seniors Plus	500.00	wait until presentation from representative	Browne Moved	MacMichael Seconded
Stanley Museum	5,000.00	wait until presentation from representative	Browne Moved	Kilbreth Seconded
United Methodist Economic Ministry	6,000.00	\$6,000.00 Vote 4/0	Kilbreth Moved	MacMichael Seconded
Webster Library	10,000.00	\$10,000.00 Vote 3/1	MacMichael Moved	Browne Seconded
TOTAL	\$45,700.00	\$0.00		

Selectman MacMichael would like to see future collaboration from the Kingfield SnoWanderers, Kingfield Quad Runners and Kingfield Trail Builders in their request for funds. She would like to see these groups work together towards a common goal for trail use.

Board reviews the Zoom etiquette policy provided. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor. Selectman MacMichael mentions the use of a side bar so that links could be posted there.

Next item is to discuss parking lines and signs on depot street. AA, Targett says she is not certain if it is the town’s responsibility or DOT’s and what the specifications or standards are, so she reached out to

DOT last week and was forwarded to two other individuals that she has not heard back from. She will hopefully provide the board with an update at a meeting in May.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett states that she would like a discussion with the board about the special warrant articles that will appear in this year's town report. She would like to know if the board would like to have recommendations listed from the board and budget committee on these articles. Things such as this have been done in the past both ways – some with recommendations some without. Board agrees that it should have recommendations and feels that it will aid in getting information out to the public.

The following articles are presented:

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectboard to expend Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA Funds) received by the town from the federal government as they deem to be in the best interest of the town." For the following projects: marketing of town, hazard pay for workers, Information Technology (IT) upgrades, electronic sign, investment in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, housing support services for unhoused persons and road building and maintenance.

*Selectman recommendation: **Recommended 4/0 Motion by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth***

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to accept the secret ballot process of voting as set forth in Title 30-A M.R.S. § 2528 for the election of all town officials required by Section 2525 to be elected by ballot, except the moderator, who shall continue to be elected as provided in Section 2524, subsection 2.

Selectman Dunham asks if the cost could be added to this. AA, Targett says yes. Costs are unknown at this time and could range from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

*Selectman recommendation: **Recommended 4/0 Motion by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael***

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to generate or assist with the creation of a bill to be sent for sponsorship by one or more members of the Maine legislature who would sponsor in an upcoming session of Legislature to change the current State rule regarding charging commercial water companies for water taken from local aquifers as they deem to be in the best interest of the town.

The Town municipal body would need to support this initiative before it would be sponsored in the legislature. Preliminary discussions were that companies should pay a minimum of \$0.05 per gallon for every gallon of water they pump from the aquifers. 50% of that should go to the municipality from which it is pumped and the other 50% goes to the State to be used to purchase public lands, conservation easements, etc.

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Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman MacMichael mentions wanting meeting minutes from committees, scheduling another meeting for department heads, work journals for staff. Board agrees that department meetings will be completed in July with evaluations.

Selectman Kilbreth notes that he will have Brian at the Tufts Pond Project a lot to get him familiar with doing this in the future.

Selectman Dunham states that she has received an email from the Daily Bulldog on the purchase of the Herbert Hotel by Sugarloaf and how the board feels about this. Board agrees that they are looking to be good partners with Sugarloaf on this.

Selectman Dunham says that the Utility Advisory Committee will be meeting again, and she wants them to understand that their first task is with fees so that the system supports itself. They seem to think they are tasked with fixing the system itself. The majority of the board agrees that the number one priority is rates and feels that there may need to be increases every year on this.

Sue Davis is recognized. She states that the Planning Board has invited Sugarloaf to their board meeting in May to better understand their plans with the Herbert. In their press release they noted having 40 people in 26 rooms. She feels this will be a big parking issue as well as other issues. She asks that the entire board attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn 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.