

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday May 2nd, 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, Brian Collins, Tasha Raymond, Claudia Diller, Les Jordan, Donna Miller, Josh Nunes and Donna Gagne

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from April 19th, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Browne, Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. Selectman McMichael indicates that she has one issue with the minutes. In the section where it is talking about wastewater and it reads that the “board agrees that the that the number one priority is rates and feels that there may need to be increases every year on this” she did not agree to this, she didn’t disagree either but wants the record to state that she did not indicate either way. Board discusses the intentions of this statement in the minutes and agrees to amend the line to read “the majority of the board agrees...” Motion amended to approval of minutes with amended line item. All in Favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Board opens three bids for Rebuild of Tufts Pond.

Bids are as follows:

Bid#1 Fenwick Construction LLC, Inc in the amount of \$788,930.00

Bid #2 J.R. Nunes and Sons Excavation in the amount of \$755,445.00

Bid #3 Jordan Excavation in the amount of \$869,000.00

Chairman Dunham asks if others attended the meeting. Selectman Kilbreth says that Pike Industries and Sargent had attended. Selectman MacMichael asks Selectman Kilbreth for his opinion on these. Selectman Kilbreth says he would rather not award tonight as he feels that everyone should take the time to look at the bids. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to award at a later date. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor,

Chairman Dunham recognizes Tasha Raymond from Central Maine Power to discuss upgrading streetlights. Tasha says she believes the board was provided paperwork which indicated a potential savings of LED over what you have now is \$5627.74. There is no installation fee, and we still do the maintenance. We are not as backed up as we were in the beginning - and stock lead time has been back to around 8 to weeks, so this could happen within 12 weeks of the day you sign if you decide to. The board asks about removing lights. Tasha says, you can add or remove or change wattages before you sign. No problem. Know that you would be signing another 15-year contract. Selectman Kilbreth asks if

this needed to wait until the current construction in town was completed. Tasha said no, it is the boards choice when they would like this to happen. Generally speaking, they hire On Target and they have been able to do 30 lights a day on average. The board discusses further, and it is agreed that they will look at street lights and determine what they feel could be removed before signing agreement.

The board reviews the draft of the Town Meeting Warrant. After some clarification on two articles Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept and sign warrant as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Board reviews the updated draft of procurement policy. AA, Targett explains that this was verbally accepted in the past however she felt amounts needed to be clarified for future use. Board discusses and there is a consensus to change the Informal bid cost to \$10,000.00 and the Formal Bid Cost to \$25,000.00. Selectman Browne make a motion to approve with those recommended changes. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett states that she would like a discussion with the board a review schedule to look over the town's Labor Policy Updates as this has been listed under long term since 2019. Board agrees to review and discuss after town meeting.

AA, Targett says she has also been copied on an email that a Shiloh Pond committee member has needed to resign so the selectboard will need to appoint another individual. She indicates that there was one more resident left on the initial list that could be appointed however she cautioned that the committee must accept the resignation first which she believed would happen this week.

AA, Targett says another item in that when we planned our meeting schedule, she was not aware of the Juneteenth holiday which is celebrated June 20th this year. Does the board still wish to meet? Chairman Dunham asks what the holiday is for. AA, Targett says she does not know and thought it was a new one from Governor Mills, regardless that town follows all state holidays. Sue Davis and Claudia Diller point out that it is for the emancipation of the slaves which is a national holiday. Board agrees to hold meeting on the 20th.

Other:

Chairman Dunham asks for any other. Selectman Browne reminds everyone that the annual town meeting is fast approaching. He also states that Bill Gilmore is working out well with the tax assessing and although he is not certain what funds remain, we may want to keep him through June.

Selectman MacMichael asks for committee minutes again. AA, Targett states that what she has on hand she has uploaded to a new page on the town's website. Selectman MacMichael asks about progress with the lines on Depot Street. AA, Targett says she has not heard back but has kept this on the agenda as work in progress. She asks if there is a date for the next work session on roads. Board first states that it will be determined after town meeting, then schedules it for May 17th at 5:30ish.

Donna Gagne is recognized as she is overly concerned with the plans for West Kingfield Road where she has just purchased a home and asks if studies were performed on that road. She indicates that she did not purchase a home in Kingfield with a paved driveway for the road to be turned back to dirt. She asks

what the work sessions are. Selectman Kilbreth says it is where we have been discussing roads in town and how to prioritize what is done first. We have determined that it is Tufts Pond First, then West Kingfield Road and Riverside. He says we have 3.5 million to invest in our roads but that does not go very far with the cost of pavement. Selectman Browne says we have started planning. Donna says she also would like the speeds lowered because of the kids, walkers, dog walkers and the Jordan excavation trucks on that road. Selectman Browne says that speeding is an issue everywhere, we recognize this issue and are trying to deal with it. Claudia Diller tells Donna that there is a movement about speeding and there will be some organization that has been looking at speeding issues for three years now, they were hoping to get data from the speed radar sign before presenting to the selectboard. Chairman Dunham says we care, that is why we are all selectmen and we have been spending and will continue to spend a considerable amount of time discussing these things.

Board then discusses adjourning meeting to have a quick work session on the bids.

Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in Favor.

Board discusses that there is a huge difference in culvert pricing and wonders why.

Board agrees a decision must be made within 10 days as written in the procurement policy.

It is agreed that Selectman Kilbreth will talk with the low bidder to see if he has any references as the board is unfamiliar with this bidder. Final decision is to be made Tuesday 10th at 5:30pm (before Planning Board Meeting) in the Administrative Assistant's office.

*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.