

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 18th, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wade Browne, Walter Kilbreth, Polly MacMichael and Hunter Lander

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent)
Fred Nichols (Fire Chief); Brian Collins (Road Commissioner); Shanda Hargreaves (Treasurer); Savannah Merrill (Town Clerk); Jim Boyce (Caretaker)

Public: Susan Davis, Jeff Maget, Henry Williams, Bill Gilmore, Terry Coffin, Myra Coffin, Kim Jordan and Danielle Mathieu (via Zoom)

Absent: Morgan Dunham and David Taylor (Transfer Station Mgr.)

Vice-Chairman Browne call the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from July 5, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Kilbreth. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman says the first item of business is to receive quarterly updates from department supervisors. The board is provided with updates from the Fire Chief, Road Commissioner, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Caretaker and Wastewater Superintendent.

Old Business: Vice Chairman Browne says he had read in the last minutes about some work in the sewer fields and wanted to state that that project was on town land in which town maintenance is a priority, and although the KTB committee feels that we should have check in with them he feels that we don't have to check in with anyone about work that needs to be done.

Vice Chairman Browne says he also read about the need for more special town meetings to get stuff done. He doesn't agree and doesn't think they are necessary.

New Business:

Board review Special Amusement Permit for Orchard Girls live music event. AA, Targett asks the board to also consider one that she has ready for The Beer Shed. Board reviews. Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to accept the Orchard Girls Permit. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. Vote of 3 to 1 abstain. Motion passes. Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to also accept the Beer Shed amusement. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.

The next item is to discuss Wednesday office closures. Board agrees to revisit during August 1st meeting.

The board moves into continued Discussions on Town Manager form of Government. Board agrees that the process should be started to move forward with this and to get necessary special town meeting scheduled.

Board reviews the Sewer Commitment from July to September and the one that was not officially signed covering April – June. Selectman Kilbreth moves to accept. Seconded by Selectman Lander. Motion passes by vote of 3 to 1 abstain.

Board beings review of Labor Policy. Following discussion, it is agreed that a work session should be held Wednesday July 27th at 5:30pm.

Vice Chairman says the next item is a discussion on the generation of a bill for charging water companies for water taken from aquifer. Selectman Kilbreth says he thinks this could get thrown off to a committee. Upon further discussion it is agreed that the Environmental Advisory Committee would be a good committee for this. AA, Targett is directed to post something to gain additional committee members with this being there first priority.

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett says she has been attempting to deal with some Code Enforcement items however she is not a licensed plumber, and she is not familiar with the ordinance enough to be of much help. The town really needs help and to hire someone immediately. She has asked Billy Gilmore to assist with some open plumbing applications. AA, Targett wishes to remind the board she will not be in attendance for August 1st meeting as she will be attending tax school. She also wants the board to be aware that Marc Edwards from Natural Resource Council of Maine will be at the August 1st meeting.

She also has a few other items if the board will entertain them. One is some supplemental tax bills for tree growth penalty and the other is about a fence in front of Longfellow's. Board reviews tree growth penalties. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to sign. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor. AA, Targett explains that DOT has contacted her with what they feel is the only way to fix the granite issue in front of Longfellow's. It would be for an ornate type of fence so that people are not using the granite as a step. People would need to enter the sidewalk further down. This is within the State right of way so ultimately it is their decision however DOT was looking for some form of understanding/cooperation from the town. Board agrees that they are okay with this.

Other:

Vice-Chairman Browne asks for any other. Jeff Maget says that it was a shame to see all the tootsie rolls and wrappers on the side of the road after the Kingfield Days Parade and thought that something might want to be done in the future. Kim Jordan who chairs the Kingfield Days Committee says that on Sunday a group of them went around cleaning up all the wrappers. Bill Gilmore wants to thank those that mowed near the river for Kingfield Days events and wished it was done more often as it looks so nice seeing it as you come into town. Sue Davis thanks Kim and her team for such a good Kingfield Days.

Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) A – Personnel Matters – discussion of employee cost of living/merit increases/performance evaluations and 405 (6) A – Personnel Matters – discussion of code enforcement/plumbing inspector applicants. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.

Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Selectman Lander. All in Favor.