

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30PM by Mayor

ROLLCALL:

Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X)

Elizabeth Skinner(X) Andy Swaim (X) Rick Weber (A)

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

REVIEW OF MINUTES: July 18, 2017: Approved by common consent

PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL:

Diane LaVelle brought the new survey of her property at 10 Cacapon Road and offered \$300.00 for the areas of adjustments in property lines. The adjustments include each party ceding property for the convenience of the other. Survey attached. MOTION to accept Ms. Lavelle's proposal of property sale and exchange. Chapman/Jackson – Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:

Mayor Merki reported on the National Night Out event held in Hancock, MD, on August 1, 2017 and requested that the Finance Committee consider financial support for this event in next year's budget.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Chapman reported on the progress of TOD, the new transportation system. More marketing would be helpful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER WORKS:

Chairman Chapman will begin holding the regular meetings of the Water Committee on the first Mondays of each month at 4:30PM at Town Hall with the next meeting to be held September 11, 2017.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Building Permits: None requiring Council acceptance at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief expressed support for the National Night Out event. He gave warnings on general safety issues in the community.

CLERK / RECORDER:

No report at this time.

FINANCE

- Town of Bath Bills: \$24,068.03
Motion to Approve by: Swaim/Skinner - Motion carried.
- Berkeley Springs Water Works Bills: \$29,342.05
Motion to Approve by: Swaim/Skinner - Motion carried.
- Greenway Cemetery: \$212.49
Motion to Approve by: Swaim/Chapman- Motion carried.
Next Finance Meeting: August 16, 2017 @ 9am

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report at this time.

ORDINANCE:

Chairman to set regular meeting dates.

BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30PM.

GRANT:

Chairman Skinner wants to consult with Larry Lower on new possibilities.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Swaim reported on the Memorial Tree Program. The plaque has been ordered with Foxglove Garden Club as the first participant. The tree will be planted at CNB Bank. The Tree Board is dedicating their efforts on the Day of Caring on September 12, 2017 to Greenway Cemetery.

CEMETERY:

Chairman Skinner reported that the Cemetery Corporation will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. She expressed accolades to cemetery worker Anthony Zakrewski.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting August 3, 2017. The ADA Planning meeting will be August 15, 2017, at 4:30PM.

STREETSCAPE:

Wolfe Creek subcontractor has worked on inlets on Fairfax and Chairman Larry Lower suggested a regular cleaning schedule for these inlets.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Town of Bath has board vacancy.

TRAIN DEPOT:

Mayor Merki noted the length of time that elapsed since receiving the grant for the design of the Depot interior and suggested contacting committee members and the Mills Group for a progress report.

RAIL/TRAIL:

Further environmental work on the CSX Lot to begin. HDR Project Manager has been in discussion with Larry Lower.

LANDMARK COMMISSION;

BAD Buildings Program is to begin. The Landmark Commission will draft preliminary ordinances concerning demolition of historic buildings, additions to the building permit process and insuring that replacement buildings will reflect the historic nature of the Town.

A training session for realtors will be held at the Ice House on August 25, 2017.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Barb Wolfe inquired about when the sidewalk pamphlet would be taken up again for discussion. She reported that the trees branches along Congress Street were low over the sidewalk. This was referred to the Tree Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster, Motion Carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Merki

Recorder Suzanne Leebster