

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (A) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of July 21, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Paul Fogarty, owner of the Fairfax Coffee House, approached Council seeking a solution to a water leak in his service line under the adjoining public sidewalk. After discussion and building permit amendment Council concluded that the work should move forward.
MOTION: To accept Mr. Fogarty's amended building permit for the repair of his water service line at 23 Fairfax Street and replacement of any public sidewalk involved – Webster/Chapman – Motion carried.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor announced that the annual Community Volunteer Day had been cancelled. In lieu of attending this event the Mayor read a letter signed by all of Council commending volunteer Daniel Caldwell for his summer internship work for the Town of Bath. The Mayor, Council and Town Clerk expressed their gratitude for his consistently professional conduct, industry and results.
The Mayor explained that the local business which has donated mulch to the Town has requested receipts for past and future donations.
MOTION: To provide receipts for future donations of mulch to the Town- Chapman/Jackson- Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is August 5th at 4:30.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is August 18th at the Courthouse.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Recorder Webster passed on a suggestion that the Mayor and Council serve as the Town of Bath Planning Commission until further notice.
MOTION: To approve the Mayor and Council's service to the Town of Bath Planning Commission until further notice- Webster/Skinner- Motion carried.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member Pete Brown reported on the contracted remediation work being accomplished on Parcel 3 of the Town's portion of the project. The committee is starting work on an updated Land Use Covenant.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee member Pete Brown presented the status and update of Phase 4A of the Streetscape Project. The job walk-thru went well and Mountaineer Contracting is working on sequence and scheduling now. A community meeting to explain the project and take questions and comments will be Thursday, August 6th. The

Focus Grant group has met at the Depot lot.

6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick presented Resolution 2020-08-01 revising the Levy Estimate (Budget) of the Town of Bath.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2020-08-01 as presented- Jackson/Skinner- Motion carried.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$15,346.57- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Skinner -Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$3,745.64- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Jackson- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,130.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Jackson- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The Board is assessing trees on public property and assisting private property with their tree concerns.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chairman Jackson gave the Police Department activity report.
 - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: Chief Link described a situation with Foxglove Garden Club and parking permit allowances. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department is upgrading to a new radio system. This will entail the need for new radios for the Town. The Chief is looking into DOJ grants for this expense.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Four bids were received for the roof repair and replacement with Adam Myers being awarded the job. Streets are being cleaned due to recent storms.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairwoman Webster reported that volunteer Daniel Caldwell is completing his work with Code Book reconciliation while also assisting the Public Safety Committee with ordinance suggestions.
Town Attorney Richard Gay advised that when the committee has completed their work developing election law amendments he could review it before enactment.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that the committee has two estimates for the survey of the Old English Cemetery to clarify ownership. The committee must find space to house their records and conduct cemetery business. The Town of Bath has ultimate responsibility for the cemeteries and the committee requests help from the Town in this.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that ten applications have been received for clerk. Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project has been on hold, but will resume easement acquisitions with the assistance of Attorney George McVey.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - Carried

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Meles

Recorder

B. Webster