

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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 (A) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of February 16, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor commented on recent weather conditions and the work progression on snow clearance and street cleaning.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is March 3rd. President Lisa Stine presented two candidates to Council for appointment to the BDA. Both candidates wrote letters of introduction, attended this meeting and spoke of their interest in serving Bath.
MOTION: To appoint Abby Wood to the BDA- Weber/Jackson- Carried.
MOTION: To appoint Nikki Cowles to the BDA- Webster/Weber- Carried.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is March 17th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be scheduled at the pleasure of County Commissioner Tuttle. Co-Chairman Pete Brown presented a letter from Bath to the US EPA requesting a no-cost extension through September 30, 2021 for the Brownfield Cleanup Grant. This request has been granted.
5. STREETScape: Co-Chairman Pete Brown advised Council of funding concerns and a lull in activity with the project. Recent storms have revealed drainage situations on Congress Street that will be addressed. A suggestion of a public event celebrating the several projects and promotion of the North End of Bath will be presented to the BDA for their consideration in producing such.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that documents have been received indicating the DOH attention to restarting the project to rehabilitate the interior of the Depot.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: Two resignations from the Landmark Commission have been received. Member Donna Hoffman spoke to Council on the importance of preserving buildings in the Historic District of Bath. A Special Meeting of Council has been arranged with Town Attorney Richard Gay to address the issues of Certificates of Appropriation and of Building Codes in Bath for March 9, 2021.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reminded Council of the need to schedule FY 2021/2022 Budget meetings.
9. FINANCE: Councilman Weber presented the following bills:

- (A) Town of Bath \$6,928.77- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman –Carried.
- (B) BSWW \$1,169.78- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman- Carried.
- 10. TREE BOARD: Member Kate Lehman has written a letter to a property owner adjoining the Olde English Cemetery requesting the ability to have equipment on his property in order to more safely remove certain dangerous trees from the cemetery.
- 11. GRANT: No report at this time.
- 12. PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: In the absence of Chief Link Danielle Swope gave the February activity report. She reported that the new police vehicle has been received.
- 13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that seasonal work is progressing.
- 14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that the Committee attended the Historic Landmark Commission meeting. Discussions with Town Attorney Richard Gay and the Mayor resulted in the scheduling of a Special Meeting of Council to receive legal guidance in regards to proposed ordinances on Certificates of Appropriateness and Building Codes. This Special Meeting will be March 9, 2021.
- 15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported on continuing efforts with Town Attorney Richard Gay to clarify and possibly petition to amend the Trust agreement which holds and regulates the Perpetual Care Greenway Cemetery assets.
- 16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman informed Council that acquiring the ROWs necessary for the Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project is advancing with better results. The BSWW has received a Groundwater Protection Plan from Thrasher Engineering for consideration.
- 17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Weber

Recorder Suzanne Webster