

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 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 (X) Rick Weber (A) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of March 16, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Town resident Charlie Webster informed Council that he was opposed to the proposed ordinances of the Historic Landmark Commission which would require Certificates of Appropriateness be recommended by the Commission before the Town could issue a building permit. At this time David Abruzzi requested that the agenda be amended to bring forward the Landmark Commission report. This was allowed by common consent. Discussion ensued on private property rights, current and proposed state and local laws. The Mayor suggested another Special Meeting of Council be arranged on the subject mid to late May after Councilman Weber returns from his vacation.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor presented the Fair Housing Month Proclamation (see attached).  
MOTION: To approve the Fair Housing Month Proclamation as presented- Chapman/Jackson- Carried.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Co-Chairman Pete Brown presented a project update to the Town Clerk's office. The Town request for an extension of the Grant period to September 30, 2021 was approved.
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Co-chair Pete Brown has submitted an update to the Town Office. DOH District 5 is negotiating a resolution with MCI on the corrections to the planter boxes. A multifaceted event is being planned for April 24<sup>th</sup> including a celebration of the Congress Street Streetscape project.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that the DOH has sent the Depot Project to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Nothing further.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Open candidate filing for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Municipal continues until April 12<sup>th</sup>. Election Officials will be presented at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Recorder Webster informed Council of the vacancy of the Town position on the Morgan County EDA Board and the process to fill the vacancy.
9. FINANCE: Councilman Bohrer presented the following bills:

- (A) Town of Bath \$22,454.01- Motion to approve: Borher/Chapman –Carried.
  - (B) BSWW \$3,856.47- Motion to approve: Borher/Chapman- Carried.
  - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$25.00- Motion to approve: Borher/Chapman- Carried.
  - (D) Hotel/Motel \$15,984.84- Bohrer/Chapman- Carried.
10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Bohrer presented the Arbor Day Proclamation.  
MOTION: To approve the Arbor Day Proclamation- Webster/Jackson- Carried.  
The Arbor Day Celebration is planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
(A) Permits: No report at this time.  
(B) Police Report: Chief Link presented the activity report for March. Vehicle readiness and repair are ongoing along with organizing the evidence locker. Officer McGuire has resigned.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: The Mayor reported that seasonal work is progressing.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster presented Special Ordinance 2021-03-01 as amended for Second Reading discussion and decision.  
MOTION: To approve Special Ordinance 2021-03-01 for Second Reading as amended- Webster/Bohrer- Carried. See attached.  
Chairman Webster informed Council of the meeting outcomes of the MC Unsafe Building Agency, the Bath Dilapidated Building Agency and her discussions with MC County Administrator Stefanie Allemong, MC Permit Officer Alex Moore and Town Attorney Richard Gay on building codes. Bath Code Chapter 22-14 and 78-524 must be amended to reflect fine changes with the newly adopted 2021-03-01.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner is waiting for advice from Town Attorney Richard Gay regarding his review and recommendations in regard to modifications to the Cemetery Corporation's bylaws. She is seeking estimates for the repair of the mausoleum and headstones for inclusion in the petition to the MC Circuit Court for use of the Perpetual Care Fund. Seasonal grounds maintenance is commencing.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman informed Council the acquisition of the ROWs necessary for the Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project has advanced to 31 now in hand. Attorney George McVey is preparing to petition the MC Circuit Court for remaining easements to be able to move forward with the project.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Miki

Recorder Susan Webster