

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Greg Forney (A)  
Rose Jackson (X) Beth Skinner (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Bath Christmas Project Chairman Hunter Clark told Council that Gary Sieck, the builder and donator of the yellow building at the Depot lot, is agreeable to having the building moved to behind the Pines Opportunity Center for the use of this committee. The County owes the Pines Opportunity Center and has given permission for the building to be placed there. Mr. Clark inquired about use of electric outlets at the Municipal Center for decorating this holiday season. He also asked about putting wreathes on electric poles in town and was directed to the owners of the poles.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor reminded Council of the necessity and importance of civility among Council members.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup>. No further report.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Volunteers to serve on this commission are requested.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Progress report was submitted. Rebecca MacLeod advised Council of the celebration of the NBRT Brownfield Cleanup Completion and the Storm Water Management Installation to be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Berkeley Springs Depot.
5. STREETScape: The next meeting is August 19. Progress report was submitted.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: The Chairman of the Committee John McCracken has reported to Council that the long awaited Notice to Proceed has been received for the Rehabilitation of the Interior of the Berkeley Depot. The Committee is moving forward with placing ads for Requests for Proposals for the project with a bid opening anticipated to be held in October.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: Record Webster reported that Ryan Rebant, Treasurer of the HLC, attended the joint meeting of the Finance and Grant Committees to explain the SHPO grant obligations for the resurvey of the Historic District of Bath. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and HLC is being developed to insure a swift, efficient and complete resolution of this matter.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Webster presented the following bills for approval:  
(A) Town of Bath \$28,404.85- Motion to approve: Webster/Weber-Carried.

Chairman Webster explained the inclusion of an \$11,000.00 loan to the HLC was included in the Town bills as discussed previously.

- (B) BSWW \$20,057.54- Motion to approve: Webster/Weber- Carried.
  - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$3,090.00- Motion to approve: Webster/Weber- Carried.
  - (D) Rail/Trail \$4,953.00- Motion to approve: Webster/Weber- Carried.
10. TREE BOARD: The Mayor is addressing an issue with hazardous trees in Warm Springs Run. Cars which are on private property have to be moved before further work can continue at the Old English Cemetery on removing trees.
  11. GRANT: In Chairman Forney's absence Recorder Webster reported that the Chairman has an interest in exploring safety grants for Town owned property.
  12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
    - (B) Police Report: Officer Ray has graduated from the State Police Academy and is welcomed back to work for Bath.
  13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that his understanding of the American Rescue Plan Act would not include the improvement of Legion, Kent and Pratt Streets; therefore his Committee is only moving forward with the paving of previously announced streets.
  14. ORDINANCE: No report at this time.
  15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that an accident occurred while digging a grave which damaged the family's headstone. She is investigating insurance coverage and the possibility of the Town absorbing the cost of repairs. The grave digger has resigned. The work will be contracted out until a replacement can be found. The Committee is having 'No Through Traffic' signs installed at the entrances of the Cemetery.
  16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the Committee wishes to table the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Morgan Wireless until the next meeting. Ads have been placed for office and plant staffing. The next Committee meeting will be Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
  17. ADJOURN: By Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Webb

Recorder Sensory Webster