

**TOWN OF BATH FINANCE/GRANT
COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 3:30pm.
2. ROLL CALL: Susan Webster (X) Beth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (X) Quorum – Yes
3. Finance Committee Minutes of July 18, 2022 were approved by Common Consent.
4. Grant Review Reports: Reviews of the previous meetings reports were discussed with no changes.
 - a. Streetscape- Members were directed to the Streetscape progress report as provided by Committee Co-Chair, Pete Brown to the Town office.
 - b. Rail/Trail- Members were directed to the progress report submitted to the Town office by Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown. The grant application submitted for the Trail Head by the Morgan County Commission should be announced later this summer.
 - c. Depot Interior Rehab- Chairwoman Susan Webster informed the Committee that rehab construction is continuing on the Depot and was going well. She is continuing to explore financial aid possibilities. The FC reiterated it's commitment to allocate the Hotel/Motel surplus to the Depot.
 - d. Chairwoman Webster explained the importance of Bath maintaining the Certified Local Government status that it currently has. It is important for Council to discuss and pass an amendment to Chapter 42 Historic Preservation correcting the ordinance to comply with State requirements. She will present an ordinance to accomplish this. Webster has spoken with Zach Salman who is willing to again participate in the HLC. The Town has also received a volunteer application from Joyce Jones requesting appointment to this commission.
 - e. The Ad Hoc ARPA Fund Committee will meet on July 26, 2022.
 - f. Chairwoman Webster is continuing to press for broader eligibility standards for applying for HB 4566 funds. She believes there are several projects in Town that could benefit from this bill. She asked Councilman Forney to look into the storm drain issues on the corner of Mercer and Union Streets which have become hazardous. This is a State maintained street, but could be eligible for repair funds from this source.
5. Clerk Corrick provided the FC with the Bath income Profit & Loss vs. Actual statement. The Committee reviewed account balances and other account details. Reviewing payroll data will be on the next agenda.
6. The additional BSWW and Town of Bath bills were reviewed and it was agreed to present them to Council for approval.

- 7. Town financial concerns of Council: The FC discussed confusion surrounding businesses in the community and trash pick up. The FC concurred that moving forward with legal advise would be prudent at this time. Cemetery Chairwoman Skinner informed the FC to expect legal bills soon for the Olde English Cemetery annexation which is now completed. The Town attorney has suggested that an easement through an unused part of this cemetery for the use of the adjoining neighbors as a driveway may be a better solution that to sell this portion to them. Further research is necessary.
- 8. The next regular meeting will be August 2, 2022 at 3:30pm.
- 9. Adjourn

Attest: Chairwoman Susan A. Skinner Date: 8-2-2022