

Town of Bath Planning Commission

Minutes: April 6th, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Larry Landon @ 5pm
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Landon (x), David O'Connell (x), Susan Webster (x), Scott Merki (), Steve Keith (x), Guest: Elizabeth Skinner, Chief Carper
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** David O'Connell January minutes
(Motion to accept: Susan Webster, Second: Steve Keith
Motion carried by unanimous consent)
4. **Comprehensive Plan Development Discussion**
 - a. **Weekly Working Group Update:**

Public Safety: Discussion with Police Chief Carper (comments & perspective)

 - Fire & EMS comments should come from the Fire Chief
 - Currently there is no code enforcement (e.g. building, 30-day parking limit, etc)
 - The best time to begin enforcement of codes that have not been enforced such as the 30-day parking rule is after the street has been improved (e.g. paving Wilkes St.)
 - Clean-up of Bad Properties
 - ✓ Owner engagement & negotiations, private buyout
 - ✓ Appeal to higher authorities (county, state)
 - Community policing should be included in the plan.
Lack of officers impact community policing.
 - Replacement for the Biking & Skate Boarding park is desirable
Concern was based on conversations with youth & teens.
(Biser St, David Henry park worth consideration)
 - Police dept needs an Office Administrator to improve dept effectiveness.
 - The town-of-bath police dept can exercise traffic enforcement any where with the town limits (e.g. Jake Brake usage etc)
 - Applying for WV Grants should be considered (e.g. Seat Belt / Sleepy Driver)
 - City Magistrate is needed to for follow-up with regards to enforcement (Warrants)
Scofflaw offenders should be reviewed periodically (e.g. 6 months).
 - Use of K9's for drug enforcement is more expensive than value provided.
(required coordination, loss officer time while supporting K9 actives)
 - ☒ Dug Interdiction Programs should be considered.
 - Public Events support
 - ✓ Use of volunteers introduces a risk (e.g. volunteer safety, liability)
 - ✓ Parking needs to be coordinated (Booting an option)
 - Police dept is capable of conducting Investigations & Serving Warrants.
 - b. **Train Depot (Update & Timeline):** Susan Webster
 - Finishing the floors were completed for \$1,800 by Shenandoah Flooring.
 - Sponsor Funding came from CNB \$900, Rotary Club \$100
 - Remaining funds came from the Depot Funds

8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 7th 5:00 PM

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** at 7pm approved with common consent.

Attest:

Chair:



Recorder:

