

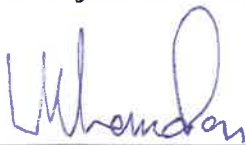
Town of Bath Planning Commission

Minutes: June 12, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Larry Landon @ 9am
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Landon (x), David O'Connell (x), Susan Webster (x), Scott Merki (), Steve Keith (), Guest: Alisa Stine representing the BDA
* Note: This meeting was reschedule to Monday 9am (from Thursday June 1st 5pm) to accommodate Alisa's schedule.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** David O'Connell May minutes
(Motion to accept: Susan Webster, Second: David O'Connell
Motion carried by unanimous consent)
4. **Comprehensive Plan Development Discussion**
 - a. Weekly Working Group Update:
The working group is working on a draft version of "Interim Proposal on Representation at Stakeholder Forums and Committee Reporting".
* Susan: Supported the effort by noting that the Town-of-Bath form of government is a "Weak Mayor" system, which puts a great deal of governance control on the members of Town-Council. The proposal calls out the need for town council's active representation on the standing committees.
 - b. Discussion with Bath Development Authority (BDA) representative (Alisa Stine)
* Susan: Noted that Development Authority role is spelled out in WV-Code 7-12-7.
* Lisa: Supported the idea of having a Goal List spelled out in the Comprehensive Plan.
* Lisa: Supporting Tourist Industry should be major goal.
* Lisa: The lack of Building Supply is a concern, limiting new business formation.
- Idol & Abandon buildings is a further complication
* Lisa: Developing youth skills is desirable
* Lisa: Identifying the needed services to support the Lotus Rehab center is desirable but BDA does not have a Lotus contact or relationship.
* Lisa: Is not supportive of a common community calendar because of logistic challenges.
* Lisa: A Town Analysis (or Survey) is not needed.
* Lisa: Expressed concern about labor availability:
- Affordable Housing,
- Training/Education
* Lisa: West Virginia Main Street / ONTRAC Program should be evaluated
(WVCAD – Community Advancement & Development a division of
WV Dept of Economic Development <https://WVCad.Org>)
* Lisa/Larry: Discussed the need for new businesses outreach to improve local assimilation. The greatest challenge considered to be the initial contact.
5. **Status of Task**
6. **New Business**
7. **Task for Next Meeting**
 - a. Scheduling Water Committee (BS-Water-Works) interview
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 6th, 5:00 PM
9. **Motion to Adjourn:** at 12pm approved with common consent.

Attest:

Chair:



Recorder:

