

Town of Bath Planning Commission

Minutes: August 3rd, 2023, 2:00PM

1. **Call to order:** Larry Landon
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Landon (x), David O'Connell (x), Susan Webster (phone), Elizabeth Skinner (), Steve Keith ()
Guest: Water Committee & Staff (Tom Hall, Rebecca McCloud, Ron Janney, Rick Mayhew)
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** David O'Connell July Minutes
(Motion to accept: Larry Landon, Second: Susan Webster
Motion carried by unanimous consent)
4. **Comprehensive Plan Development Discussion**
 - a. **2017 Comprehensive Plan Water Committee Task Review**

The current Goal/Objectives/Strategies were reviewed for status update with intention to bring forward Task/Strategies that should be included for the new Comprehensive Plan. The following ideas were proposed by the Water Committee & Staff.

 1. Fire Hydrant Survey should be included as a Task under Community Safety, Health and Welfare (2A). BSWW supports 130 Hydrants.
 2. EPA Sole Source Aquifer application should be included as a Task under (2E) Improve Water Quality.
EPA Region 3 contact: Alison Aminto (aminto.alison@epa.gov, 215-814-5350)
WV does not currently have any Sole Source Aquifer programs under EPA
 3. In collaboration with Blue Ridge Community & Technical College or WVU, develop a "Water Treatment Apprentice Program" as a new Strategy under (1B) improve sustained economic development.
 - * Budget to for Water Treatment Licenses
 - * Consider a 2% water tariff to fund the Apprentice Program
 - * Addresses personnel shortage and establish Berkeley Springs as a Training Center
 4. BSWW should proactively engage with the Morgan County Planning Committee with regards to new Commercial or Residential Development. This would also apply to the Warm Springs PSD. (Goal 1: Sustained Economic Development by increasing local engagement.)
 - b. **Other Current Water Committee requirements**

City of Berkeley Springs Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP)
Consider bringing forward items from SWPP to the Comprehensive Plan
In most cases the SWPP-PSSC item was considered an issue of another Lead Organization.

 1. PSSC: Potential Commercial / Residential Development
Communication concerns: State Issue Permits on new development but does not necessarily notify the Water Company as part of the Permitting process.
Lead Organization: County planning commission
BSWW Strategy: Partner with county planning commission
(Issue: Still leaves uncertainty with State communication.)
 2. PSSC: Future Development of Ground Water Recharge Area
Lead Organization: County planning committee

b. Other Current Water Committee requirements (Continued)

City of Berkeley Springs Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) (Continued)

3. PSSC: Gas station & Auto repair
Lead Organization: Groundwater Protection Plan (GPP) within WVDEP
(Issue: Who is the local communication point?)
4. PSSC: Mining Activities
Lead Organization: BSWW include in Comprehensive Plan
Strategy: Ongoing monitoring & engagement with US Silica
5. PSSC: Residential Septic Systems
Lead Organization: County Health Dept
(Issue: Who is the local communication point?)

Anticipated impact of Morgan County expansion and development (Priority 8)
(Deferred)

- c. Potential Future Water Committee tasks (Comprehensive Plan 2027)
(Deferred)

5. Status of Tasks:

6. Any New Business:


a.

7. Tasks For Next Meeting

- a. Coordinate for HLC meeting in September

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 5:00 PM

9. Motion to Adjourn: Time: (5pm) approved with common consent.

Chair 

Recorder 