**Town of Bath Grants Committee Minutes**

**August 12, 2024 at 4:30**

**Town of Bath Municipal Center**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Members – Chairman Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Scott Merki (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X)

Quorum - Yes

3. Minutes of the Grant Committee meeting of July 8, 2024, were approved.

4. Project update review of currently awarded grants and grants in pipeline

A. Streetscape:

* Phase V construction contract – Awaiting confirmation of receipt by DOH of Supplemental Funding agreement and Town match check for $13,680.80 (sent certified mail) and contract award schedule before planning next steps.
* Phase V lighting grant - Awaiting notification on grant award schedule for funding request of $100,000 with $25,000 Town match.
* WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant – Thrasher SOW document for the DOH/Town funding agreement reviewed and updated. The $14,000 cash match from the Town will be covered by funds on hand at the signing of the funding agreement.
* WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI construction grant application – Grant for $400,000 with $100,000 Town match is in process and the Town is awaiting notification.

B. Trail Head and Rail Trail – NBRT Task Force meeting held on July 24. Alternatives that could potentially speed up the start of work by CenForce were discussed. DOH and the County are reviewing previous permits to verify end dates and revise expired permits as needed.

C. Berkeley Springs State Park – Consent Order detailing the $3,360 DEP fine was out for public comment until August 2 deadline. DEP signed the consent order on August 9 and the Town will be required to submit the fine payment within 30 days of that date (by September 8) along with a Corrective Action Plan and Schedule for DEP acceptance which are currently being drafted.

D. USDA NRCS grant –Waiting on signed notice of award from the state. This grant is 100% Federally funded with no local match required.

E. WV Division of Forestry Demonstration City grant – This grant application was approved for funding and the formal notice of award and award amount is expected shortly.

5. Status update on other grant submissions.

* AARP Safe Communities grant for Train Depot streetlights was declined.
* SHPO Remembrance grant application was approved for $8,000 and will be split between projects at the German cemetery (Foxglove) and the Olde English cemetery (DAR).
* COPS grant application submitted and notification should be received on or about September 30.
* Appalachian Forest Grant application for new Town website submitted on July 30. Notification expected by the end of August.
* EPA’s Community Change grant being researched and RAISE grant on hold until 2025.

6. New business – New grants for playground equipment police department computers including one computer designated for monthly Court are being researched. After speaking with a representative for the Recreational Economies Initiative grant, a new Town website is not eligible for funding under their guidelines. The Town cannot apply for this funding directly and the Bath Civic Trust cannot submit the application on the Town’s behalf. The next meeting of Region 9 will be held on September 9 in Ranson.

7. Next Meeting – September 9, 2024, 4:30pm

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM.