

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, May 22, 2013 6:00 PM
Bath City Hall Auditorium

Councilors Present: Brackett, Merrill, Paulhus, Lockwood, Eosco, Sinclair, Mitchell, Winglass and Chairman Wyman

PUBLIC HEARING - City of Bath 2013-2014 Combined Budget

Chairman Wyman called the Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomed everyone.

City Manager William Giroux gave an overview of the Combined City Budget. He stated the entire City Budget would come in with a 1.43% tax increase and with the County (.43%) and RSU #1 (3.12%) Budgets the combined rate would be 4.98%.

COMBINED CITY, LANDFILL, SEWER AND CAPITAL RESERVE
2013-2014

City Operating Fund	\$9,373,627
Landfill Fund	\$1,814,749
Sewer Fund	\$2,067,466
City Capital (excluding Bonded)	\$978,064
Overlay	\$50,000
Total Combined	\$14,482,285

Francis Dillon of 47 West Chops Point Road asked Council to take a position on the RSU #1 budget and then asked that Council let the RSU know in writing that these increases each year had to stop.

Jacqueline Dwinal of 1552 Washington Street commended Council on the budget preparation. She asked if there were funds being put in the landfill closure fund and if the \$20,000 given to the Skatepark yearly could be stopped.

City Manager Giroux answered that there have been calculations done that will provide for the landfill closure when the time comes and that the subsidy to the Skatepark was needed to keep it operational and the subsidy would be continuing in years to come.

Robert McChesney of 132 Washington Street asked about the State Revenue Sharing Road Paving Bond.

Linda Wood spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Zorach Fountain asking Council to continue to support their efforts in the upgrade project to Library Park Pond.

Judith Dillon of 47 West Chops Point Road asked that Council consider putting the money required to make the needed repairs to the roads in the north end of the City into the paving fund.

Seeing no other comments or questions, Chairman Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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