

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Tuesday, May 20, 2003 6:00 PM
Dike-Newell School

Present: Councilors Hart, Rogers, Mitchell, Hall, Winglass, Blake, Wyman and Chairman James
Late: Councilor Daigle

Chairman James called the Hearing to order at 6:00 PM with the introduction of City Staff.

I. PUBLIC HEARING - City of Bath 2003-2004 Combined Budget (Tape #66)

Paul Mateosian, Acting City Manager, then presented an overview of the City Budget. He stated that the City had tried to keep the figures the same as last year's.

FY 2003-2004 Combined Budget Overview

	FY	Manager		Amount
	2003	FY		of
<u>Appropriations:</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>		<u>Change</u>
City Operations	8,321,041	8,352,351	0.38%	31,310
City Capital (Excluding Bond)	498,900	461,900	-7.42%	(37,000)
Sewer Utility	1,668,254	1,691,961	1.42%	23,707
County Tax	1,217,279	1,229,730	1.02%	12,451
School Operations	15,495,572	15,694,773	1.29%	199,201
School Capital		-		
Total Appropriations	27,201,046	27,430,715	0.84%	229,669

Ann and Brian London of 250 Centre Street and Dane Dwyer, Morse High Track Coach, spoke in favor of keeping the resurfacing of the track in the budget.

Julie Racioppi of Crawford Drive asked Council if the insurance costs were for health or liability.

Doris Ford of Whiskeag Road spoke in favor of eliminating curbside pickup.

Thomas Watson of Washington Street asked questions regarding what effects eliminating curbside pickup would make.

Councilor Daigle took his seat at this time.

Brian London stated that expanding the items that could be recycled might help with increasing revenues.

Charles Tibbetts of Seekins Drive spoke in favor of keeping curbside pickup.

Thomas Watson asked if Council would be interested in him pursuing the possibility of municipalities participating in the new drug program Governor Baldacci was promoting as a way to bring down insurance costs. Council asked Mr. Watson to pursue this.

Wayne Robinson of Trufant Street asked about the possibility of increasing the tipping fee even more.

Doris Ford stated that the Council needs to look into ways to promote less use of the landfill so as to prolong the life of the landfill for as long as possible.

Chairman James closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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