

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Tuesday, May 22, 2003 6:00 P.M.
Fisher-Mitchell School

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

Absent: Councilor Mitchell

Chairman James called the Hearing to order at 6:13 p.m. with the introduction of City Staff.

I. PUBLIC HEARING – City of Bath 2003-2004 Combined Budget (Tape #10)

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.

Fred and Chris Hagan of 449 Middle Street spoke against eliminating curbside pickup. Mr. Hagan praised the Public Works Department for the outstanding job they do with the limited number of employees that they have.

Bruce Goodwin of 79 Russell Street asked for an explanation of the increase in employee benefits, cut in the Police Department budget and the increase in the recycling expenditure. Mr. Goodwin stated that a cost per bag garbage pickup would promote recycling.

Kimberly McCulloch of 70 High Street stated she would like to see an increase in the composting efforts by the landfill.

Debbie Blum of 52 Corliss Street asked for an explanation as to why the school side of the budget isn't broke down like the City side for the public.

Charlie Turcotte of 29 Office Drive asked for an explanation as to why Topsham's budget was smaller than Bath's as they are about the same size.

Jim Rice of 21 Linden Street asked the Council to continue to support the Library.

Chairman James closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. White
City Clerk

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