

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Council of the City of Bath, Maine**  
**Monday, May 5, 2003 5:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall**

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

**Absent:** Councilors Winglass

**Also Present:** City Manager John Bubier, City Solicitor Roger Therriault and Assistant City Clerk Nancy Anderson

Chairman James called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant City Clerk Anderson called the Roll.

**I. Public Hearing: Order - Consolidate (4) Polling Places into (1) Fisher-Mitchell School, 597 High Street for the June 10, 2003 Special State Referendum Election. #88**

Chairman James read the following Order:

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING POLLING LOCATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bath has traditionally operated several separate and distinct polling locations for the purposes of conducting state and local elections within the City of Bath, and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine State Legislature has approved legislation that allows consolidation of voting venues within a municipality for purposes of the June 10, 2003 Special election,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** BY the City Council of the City of Bath that a single polling place for the June 10, 2003 Special State Referendum election only shall be in a single location at the Fisher Mitchell School on High Street in Bath, Maine and all wards, 1 through 7, shall cast their ballots on the Referendum issues presented at that election.

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Mitchell to put the Order on the floor for discussion.

City Manager Bubier gave an overview of the reasons for this Order.

Ruthe Pagurko of Ward 7 spoke against the Order, as the elderly would need to have rides as some walk to the polls in their areas.

It was suggested that signs be posted at all polling places stating the polls were at the Fisher Mitchell School and the City Bus make routine runs from the Dike Newell and Huse Schools to take voters to the polls at the Fisher Mitchell School.

**VOTE:**

**YEAS: 6**

**NAYS: 1 (Rogers)**

**Vote on Order. 6-1**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM with a motion made by Councilor Mitchell and seconded by Councilor Blake. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy J. Anderson, Assistant City Clerk

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