

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Council of the City of Bath, Maine**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2005 6:00pm**  
**City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall**

Present: Councilors Hinds, Quimby, Blake, Wyman, Hart, Pagurko, Mitchell and Chairman Winglass.  
Absent : Councilors Daigle

Also in attendance was the City Manager - John Bubier, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and City Clerk - Mary White.

Chairman Winglass led the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

Chairman Winglass read a proclamation and presented a City Chair to John "Jack" Hart of the Bath Recreation Department honoring his 30 years of service to the City of Bath.

Presentation by Ray Foucher of the Maine Department of Transportation and Joseph Grill of HNTB regarding an overview of the Feasibility Study proposals for the redesign of the Route One Corridor. They focused on two locations along Route One, the first by the Shaws Shopping Center and second the overpass area by the Bath Post Office. They suggested a stop light intersection with a pedestrian underpass or an overpass solution to the Shopping Center area and a newly designed overpass, or do away with the overpass and have a 4-lane highway with railway overpass design for the post office area.

Mr. Foucher explained that a viaduct improvement program was scheduled in the next two years to extend the life of the viaduct for another 11-15 years.

**C. Public Hearings:**

There were no public hearings.

**D. Consent Agenda: 7:04 PM #1890**

1)\* Acceptance of the Minutes to the meetings of June 1, 15 and 29, 2005. Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Mitchell to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor.

**E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council: 7:05 PM #1903**

Katherine Roberts McClellan of 708 Washington Street spoke to Council regarding two incidents that occurred, one at the Sheriff's Office and was reported to the City Manager on February 9, 2004 and a head injury accident on February 14, 2004.

**F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders: 7:10 PM**

**Item 2 Order: Appointing Harbor Master #2078**

Chairman Winglass read the following Order:

**ORDER APPOINTING HARBOR MASTER**

**WHEREAS**, the incumbent Harbor Master, Jeffrey Shiers, has recently resigned the position, and **WHEREAS**, the Harbor Master's Assistant, Dana Houston, has indicated an interest in filling the position, and **WHEREAS**, Mr. Houston meets the qualifications of the office, has worked for the City of Bath for 22 years in the capacity of the Assistant Harbor Master and as the City's Parking Control Officer. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED** that Dana Houston be and hereby is appointed to the position of Harbor Master for the City of Bath effective immediately.

Motion by Councilor Wyman, second by Councilor Pagurko to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

**VOTE on Order:**

**Yeas: 7**

**Nays: 0**

**Order passed unanimously. 7-0**

**Item 3 Order: Approving Lease for Tri-County Literacy Volunteers #2111**

Chairman Winglass read the following Order:

**ORDER**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE LEASE TO TRI-COUNTY LITERACY VOLUNTEERS FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING FORMERLY THE SUPERINTENDENT'S BUILDING BEING 2 SHERIDAN ROAD, AS SET FORTH IN THE LEASE ATTACHED HERETO, BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED AND THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BATH.

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

**VOTE on Order:**

**Yeas: 7**

**Nays: 0**

**Order passed unanimously. 7-0**

**G. Petitions & Communications: 7:13 PM #2202**

Councilor Mitchell shared a communication from a resident on Cherry Street that is experiencing a runoff problem. Councilor Mitchell stated that he and Peter Owen, Public Works Director, would be doing a site visit on Thursday, July 7, in the morning to assess the problem and hopefully, offer a possible solution.

Councilor Blake stated that she had information on a wireless network program and would like to have the City look into the feasibility and value of such a program being implemented citywide.

**H. City Manager's Report: 7:18 PM #2382**

John Bubier, City Manager, spoke on the following topics:

- Draft Mission Statement for Economic Development Commission

**H. City Manager's Report: cont'd**

- Tax Reform Update

- Land Transfer Issue on Winter Street Court *It was the consensus of Council that the City Manager go through with this transfer.*
- Winslow Court Easement issue *It was consensus of Council that this issue be investigated further by the City Solicitor.*
- DOT Route One Gateway Communities Meeting Update
- BRAC Update
- Recap of Heritage Days Events

**I. Committee Reports: 7:32 PM #2984**

Councilor Hart gave a report from the Community Policing Committee and their support during Heritage Days.

**J. Old Business: 7:35 PM #3008**

Councilor Quimby asked that the Council Staff Reviews of the City Manager, City Clerk and City Solicitor go forward. It was the consensus of Council to hold these reviews in September.

**K. New Business: 7:39 PM #3107**

None.

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Quimby to waive the rules and add an Executive Session to the agenda. All in favor.

Motion by Councilor Pagurko, second by Councilor Mitchell to go into an Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter under MRSA 401 E (6) at 7:40 PM. All in favor.

Motion by Councilor Wyman, second by Councilor Mitchell to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 PM. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with a motion made by Councilor Wyman and seconded by Councilor Pagurko. All in favor.

Attest:

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Mary J. White, City Clerk

*Please note: These minutes are not recorded verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available for review in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours.*