

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 2-5-02 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bob Oxton, Chair  
Jim Harper, Vice Chair  
David King  
Paul Karass  
Robin Haynes  
George Pollard

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marjorie Hawkes

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Upham, Planning Director  
Mary Jane Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Bob Oxton, Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2002.

**Minutes of January 8, 2002 meeting**

**PAUL KARASS MOVED, SECONDED BY GEORGE POLLARD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2002, MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL****Old Business:****Item 1**

**Request for Site Plan Approval and Contract Rezoning** – for construction of new buildings; Leeman Highway (Map 28, Lots 53 and 54); Mark Sewall, applicant. (Tabled from the January 8, 2002, meeting)

**DAVID KING MOVED, SECONDED BY JIM HARPER, THAT THE ITEM BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

Jim Upham reported that Mark Sewall would not be at the meeting. He said that he thought progress had been made at the workshop meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mr. Sewall seems cooperative and will be working on the plan with his engineering consultant. However, he said that he did not know when a plan would be presented for Planning Board review. Therefore, he recommended tabling again, but not to a specific date.

David King said that he believes the Board should continue to schedule tabled items until completed so they don't get forgotten.

Jim Harper asked if the Planning Office had received a copy of the deed indicating that Mr. Sewall had acquired the land along Route 1 and the land to the east of his property.

Jim Upham indicated that he had not received a copy of the deed.

**DAVID KING MOVED, SECONDED BY JIM HARPER, THAT THE REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND CONTRACT REZONING – FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS; LEEMAN HIGHWAY (MAP 28, LOTS 53 AND 54); MARK SEWALL, APPLICANT, BE TABLED TO THE MARCH PLANNING BOARD MEETING.**

## **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**New Business: None**

**Other Business:**

### **Item 1**

**South End Historic Resources** – Robin Haynes showed slides of her study of historic resources of the south end.

### **Item 2**

#### **City-wide Planning Update**

Jim Upham reported that the South End Waterfront Park had its second public meeting at the Maine Maritime Museum. Ten or twelve volunteers will be working with him on details for the park. Money to build it has been applied for.

Jim reported that the South End Urban Design plan is complete, although the final plan has not yet been received. Once it is received it will be on the Planning and Development portion of the City's website so people can access it. Changes to the Comprehensive Plan will be required to implement part of the plan. And, Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map changes will have to be made. He said he is fine tuning the greenbelt concept.

He told the Board that he would like to apply for a Comprehensive Plan Update grant so that a consultant can be hired to assist with the Demographics and Local Economy sections of the Plan. The applications are due in March.

Jim Upham said he and other City officials met this week with Maine Department of Transportation officials on the Route One study. The viaduct needs to be widened, removed, or overhauled. The study will also include a study of Route One from the new bridge to Congress Avenue. The feasibility of a Route 209 bypass will also be studied.

A consulting firm is expected to be hired by June 2002 for a two or three year study. The driving force is that the DOT needs to have the viaduct replaced, removed, or overhauled by 2008.

Hannaford has not provided a site plan yet. They are in the process of doing traffic studies on Route One.

The Route One corridor is going to be looked at for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path as an alternative to the Old Bath – Old Brunswick roads corridor.

Jim Upham said he is also working on a Cellular Phone Tower Ordinance. He said he may have a draft ready for the Board to review in March.

Bob Oxtan, Chair, declared that our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5.

Bob Oxtan, Chair, thanked Jim Upham and Robin Haynes for their presentations.

**ROBIN HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY JIM HARPER, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mary Jane Sullivan, Recording Secretary.