

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 3-18-03 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bob Oxtan, Chair  
Jim Harper, Vice Chair  
Robin Haynes  
Richard Klingaman  
Gordon Reed  
James Hopkinson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marjorie Hawkes

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Upham, Planning Director  
Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary

Bob Oxtan, Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

**Minutes of March 4, 2003, meeting**

**ROBIN HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY RICHARD KLINGAMAN, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2003, MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL****Old Business:**

No Old Business.

**New Business:****Item 1****Presentation Regarding New Meadows Lake/River Watershed Protection Project**

Anne Hayden, consultant to the New Meadows River Project, stated that she was before the Board to outline the purposes and goals of the project and to request input from the Board with regard to this project. Ms. Hayden told the Board that Bowdoin College students have been collecting data and a report of that data has been made available to the City Planner. Ms. Hayden described the New Meadows Lake/River and highlighted that many New Meadows clam flats which have been closed due to pollution have recently been reopened due to efforts to reduce pollution. She pointed out that New Meadows is also an excellent recreational area as well as being aesthetically pleasing. She added that this is an opportunity to develop informed guidelines to protect this watershed area from issues that are currently impacting other larger water bodies and asked for the Planning Board's expertise in developing these guidelines.

No public being seen, Bob Oxtan, asked the Board for comments or questions.

The Board held discussion on the total area of the watershed, what areas of the watershed border the City of Bath, non-source pollution, clam flats, impact to homeowners and business, manmade constructs on the watershed, zoning changes, as well as natural and man-made pollution sources.

Jim Harper requested that a general list of pollution sources be made available to the Planning Board to assist in making appropriate recommendations.

Bob Oxtan suggested that as the Planning Board regularly requests input from Sagadahoc Preservation Inc. on applications involving historical review that the Board might be able to request input from a watershed committee for projects on the New Meadows as well.

## **Item 2**

**Discussion --** Cellular phone tower regulations

The discussion item has been postponed.

## **Other Business**

### **Route One Study**

Jim Upham informed the Planning Board that the contract for the Route One study has been signed by the consulting firm and may be approved by the new Commissioner of the Department of Transportation as soon as next week.

The Board held discussion on the study process, the areas to be reviewed, and the projected timeframe for completion of the study.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **GORDON REED MOVED, SECONDED BY JAMES HOPKINSON, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

## **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary