

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Council of the City of Bath, Maine**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Bath City Hall**

Present: Councilors Brackett, Paulhus, Page, Wyman, Bauer, Mitchell, Omo and Madame Chair Eosco  
Absent: Councilor Rogers

Also in attendance were the City Manager – William Giroux and City Clerk - Mary White.

Madame Chair Eosco led the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

**I. Public Hearing: to discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for a Public Infrastructure Grant (PIG). The purpose of the grant application is to reduce sewer overflows on Willow Street through infrastructure improvements. 6:03 PM**

Madame Chair Eosco opened the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director Scott LaFlamme explained that this project in particular is aimed at improving the infrastructure on Willow Street in hopes of reducing the amounts or the frequency of sewer overflows. He said that historically this has been a problem and that Public Works Director Peter Owen would explain more about the infrastructure. He said that last summer the City received a \$60,000 green infrastructure grant through EPS and explained that in that, hydrology reports were done that showed that a lot of the volume from the run-off from North Street was being combined into that sewer system. He noted that the high volume of water from big storm events is too much for the pipes to handle so it pops off the manhole and then they have some issues.

Scott LaFlamme explained that this project would combine five catch basins on North Street that are located between High and Middle. The plan is to combine those five catch basins and re-route them down Middle Street where there is a higher capacity through a stormwater drain that runs down to Center. He said that it is an \$80,000 project that has gotten favorable reviews from DECD and that Public Works Director Peter Owen would explain more about the specifics about it.

Peter Owen addressed the Council stating that he wanted to clarify that there is still a lot of work to be done in the Willow Street area. He said they would be getting into some of the engineering and investigation. He explained that when TetraTech did the study in that area, it became apparent that it was a fairly easy sewer separation project that they could do, so it made sense to put that forward and get it done this summer. He pointed out that it is not going to solve the issues down there but will improve the situation. He said there are catch basins on North Street that tie into the sanitary and flow down into that area and as they are planning to tear up North Street this summer, it just made sense to try to tap in and do this project while they are doing some of that work. This will remove some of the water that flows into those catch basins and move it into that sewer line and separate it out into its own dedicated stormwater collection line.

Madame Chair Eosco said she is excited about this project and noted that Willow Street has had a lot of things done to it. She observed that it is a very low point and that all of the water just naturally goes there. She said that they need to make sure that sewer water does not come out during a major storm event. She noted that this is something that will prevent that from happening. Seeing no further comments, Madame Chair Eosco closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM to a Workshop regarding the recent Wastewater Study with a motion from Councilor Wyman. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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