

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 6:00 PM

(This meeting was postponed from 2-7-2018 due to storm)

City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Comeau, Bauer, Ambrosino and Madame Chair Eosco.
Excused Absence: Councilors Wyman and Park

Also in attendance were the City Manager – Peter Owen, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and City Clerk – Mary White.

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

Presentation of City Chair and Proclamation to former Councilor James Omo for his 9 years of service for the citizens of Bath.

Madame Chair Eosco read the following proclamation and presented Mr. Omo with a City Chair:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Bath wishes to recognize James Omo for providing 9 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Bath, serving as Ward 1 Councilor from December 2005-November 2011, and At-Large Councilor from December 2014 through November 2017; and

WHEREAS Jamie has been a capable advocate for his constituents and has always been diligent about being informed regarding any item coming before the City Council for action, and was a bulldog about digging out the facts on anything that needed to be researched; and

WHEREAS Jamie has provided exemplary leadership and has served as a model of perseverance, preparation, diligence, energy, and attention to detail as a member of the City Council, and

WHEREAS Jamie has been a well-rounded, versatile and diverse Councilor with involvement in numerous areas bringing his expertise and creativity to numerous Boards and Committees including the Community Development Block Grant Committee, the Kennebec Chaudiere Trail Committee, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, the Waterfront Park Committee, the Welfare Review Board, the Board of Education, the Midcoast Center for Higher Learning, the Community Policing Partnership, the Parking and Transportation Committee, the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee, the Illumination Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the Capital Improvement Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Midcoast Council of Governments and last, but not least, the Winnegance Alewives/River Herring Commission; and

WHEREAS Jamie has devoted hundreds of hours of service to the community during which his boundless enthusiasm has done much to enhance, preserve, and promote our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the City wishes to thank James Omo for 9 years of excellent public service and for making Bath a better place to live, work and play.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2018

Mr. Omo stated that should anyone be thinking about being on Council, to please do so as it is very rewarding and enlightening.

Presentation of City Chair and Proclamation to Captain David Hudson for his 31 years of service with the Bath Fire Department for the citizens of Bath.

Madame Chair Eosco read the following proclamation and presented Captain Hudson with a City Chair:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Bath wishes to recognize the 31 years of service by Captain David Hudson of the Bath Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, David is from Bath, Maine, graduating from Morse High School in 1980, husband of Lynn Hudson and father of David and Katherine Hudson, and

WHEREAS, David was sworn in as a firefighter in July of 1986, obtaining his EMT license in 1978, Advanced EMT in 1988, eventually becoming one of the first paramedics in the City of Bath, and has sat on both regional and State EMS Boards, and

WHEREAS, David has received numerous letters thanking him for the outstanding patient care that he administers, and has received recognition as EMT of the Year and Paramedic of the Year; and

WHEREAS, David has received several commendations, including one in 1988 when on the way to an emergency scene, David was involved in a motor vehicle accident with the ambulance and once on scene, he proceeded to provide life-saving care for a patient that had coded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that David Hudson's long and productive career of public service to the citizens of Bath has been marked by his integrity and professionalism and with the thanks of a grateful community, the Bath City Council wishes to thank Captain David Hudson for his 31 years of dedicated public service to the citizenry of Bath.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2018.

Presentation by Patricia Quinn, Executive Director of Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, on the Amtrak Downeaster's future plans for the Bath Area.

Ms. Quinn gave an overview of the details of bringing the Amtrak Downeaster from Boston through to Rockland. She stated that in order for the train to make Bath a scheduled stop, the City would have to make the ramp at the station handicap accessible, which would entail work to the ramp area, making a small grassy area accessible by wheelchair and appropriate night lighting for accessibility to the ramp. The Council stated they were in favor of going ahead with the upgrades.

C. Public Hearing: 6:55 PM

1) Ordinance: Approval of City Manager's Contract. (second passage)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY MANAGER, PETER H. OWEN, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2018 AND RUNNING THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2020, BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED.

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to put the Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Bauer seconded the motion.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the public hearing. Seeing no comments she closed the public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE on Ordinance:

YEAS: Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Comeau, Bauer, Ambrosino

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 6-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

2) Ordinance: Land Use Code Zoning Map change for Maine Maritime Museum. (second passage)

Councilor Ambrosino made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the waiving motion.

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bath, as part of the adoption of the Bath Land Use Code on July 19, 2000, effective August 9, 2000, depicted the boundaries of all Land Use Districts on a Zoning Map of the City of Bath, also dated July 19, 2000, incorporated by reference into the Land Use Code pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.02 of the said Code; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that the boundaries of the Land Use Districts be, from time to time, adjusted and amended, in order to create new Districts and adjust boundary lines of existing Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the Zoning Map of the City of Bath, dated July 19, 2000, be and hereby is amended in accordance with the new official Zoning Map of the City of Bath, affixed hereto and made a part hereof and a part of the Land Use Code. The specific adjustment is as follows:

Rezoning of property designated as 233 and 237 Washington Street and further designated as Lots 13 and 14 on Tax Map 38. The proposed Land Use Map rezoning is to rezone the two lots from its current R2 Residential Zone to the Museum Zone. The Planning Board has reviewed and recommends this Land Use Map amendment and has determined that the amendment conforms to the Comprehensive Plan and meets all applicable Ordinance requirements.

Councilor Bauer made a motion to put the Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Ambrosino seconded the motion.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Andrew Deci gave a summary of the details of this amendment to the Land Use Code Map stating this change would take a portion of the R2 Zone and put it in the Museum Zone so the Maine Maritime Museum Campus Redevelopment Project could go forward.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the public hearing. Seeing no comments she closed the public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE on Ordinance:

YEAS: Ambrosino, Bauer, Comeau, Nordmann, Paulhus, Bailey

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 6-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

3) Ordinance: Chapter 6. Cemeteries and Parks, Article 5. Bath Community Forestry Ordinance, Sec. 6-103(C). Bath Community Forestry Committee. (second passage)

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Councilor Bauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the waiving motion.

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BATH, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**CHAPTER 6. CEMETERIES AND PARKS
Article 5. Bath Community Forestry Ordinance**

Sec. 6-103. Bath Community Forestry Committee.

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Add a new Section C. Members, and re-letter the remaining Sections, as follows:

C. Members: The Bath Community Forestry Committee shall consist of no fewer than five (5) members, and no more than eleven (11) members who shall serve three (3) year terms. One (1) of the members shall be a member of the Bath City Council and all members shall be appointed by the Bath City Council. The members shall also constitute the Board of Trustees of the Bath Community Forestry Trust. The terms of the Committee members shall coincide with the terms of the Trustees, and an appointment as a member of the Bath Community Forestry Committee shall constitute an appointment as a Trustee of the Bath Community Forestry Trust. Terms shall run through September 30th. The term of the City Council Representative shall be a one (1) year term and coincide with the Council year and with Council appointments made in January of each year. Reference shall be made to Section 1(a) of the Bath Community Forestry Trust.

DE. Ex Officio Members: The Director of Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation and the City Arborist serve the Committee as non-voting ex officio members.

ED. Compensation: All members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

Amendment to Bath Community Forestry Trust:

1. Trustees.

a. Board of Trustees.

This trust shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of no fewer than five (5) members, and no more than ~~eleven~~^{nine} (11⁹) members who shall serve three (3) year terms. The ~~initial~~ trustees shall consist of and be concurrent with members of the Bath Community Forestry Committee. ~~The Committee~~

~~members shall determine how the one, two, and three year initial terms shall be distributed, and if no agreement can be reached, then distribution will be made by lottery.~~ Terms shall run through September 30th, except the City Council Representative whose term shall be one (1) year consistent with the Council year. Reference shall be made to Chapter 6, Cemeteries and Parks, Article 5, Bath Community Forestry Ordinance, Section 6-103(C).

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to put the Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Bauer seconded the motion.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the public hearing. Seeing no comments she closed the public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE on Ordinance:

YEAS: Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Comeau, Bauer, Ambrosino

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 6-0

This Ordinance will become law in 21 days.

4) New Liquor and Special Amusement Licenses for Larry and Larry, LLC located at 128 Front Street. (approval)

NOTICE

THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BATH WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVING:

the **LIQUOR and SPECIAL AMUSMENT LICENSES APPLICATIONS** FOR:

**Larry and Larry, LLC
128 Front Street
John Peter Lomba III, Contact Person**

SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 6:04 P.M.** IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, AT CITY HALL, BATH, MAINE, AND ALL PERSON(S) MAY APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID APPLICATIONS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

John Lomba III, Co-owner of the establishment, explained that the owners graduated from Morse High School and wanted to come back and start a business. He gave details concerning the food, layout and entertainment they proposed to have.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the public hearing. Seeing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

VOTE on Licenses:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

Passed unanimously. 6-0

D. Consent Agenda 7:05PM

***5) Minutes of the previous Council Meetings on January 3, 2018. (Motion to Accept)**

Councilor Bauer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilor Comeau seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address The City Council 7:05 PM

Daniel Dunn of 54 Richardson Street spoke regarding the Richardson Street traffic calming situation and that the MDOT would not let the City proceed with any calming improvements.

City Manager Peter Owen stated that City staff and the traffic consultant had met with the MDOT in Augusta and found out that the State would not allow the City to take any action to help with the calming of traffic. He said the next meeting with the public is planned for the first week in March.

F. Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances 7:10 PM

6) Order: Authorizing Purchase of a 2016 Schwarze Tornado Model Street Sweeper for \$216,000.00. (motion to pass)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Order:

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, THAT THE BID OF H P. FAIRFIELD, AS SUPPLIER FOR A 2016 SCHWARZE TORNADO MODEL STREET SWEEPER, FOR THE TOTAL BID PRICE OF \$216,000.00, IT BEING THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BID SUBMITTED, BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED AND THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE, OR CONVENIENT TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BATH. THIS PURCHASE IS FUNDED FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BOND ACCOUNT 05-0520-533.

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to put this Order on the floor for discussion. Councilor Bailey seconded the motion.

Lee Leiner gave the details of the equipment and purchase process.

VOTE on Order:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

Passed unanimously. 6-0

7) Order: Approving Bid and Contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. (motion to pass)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Order:

ORDER APPROVING BID AND CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, THAT THE BID OF APEX CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE 2018 BATH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,724,000.00 IS ACCEPTED, IT BEING THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BID SUBMITTED, AND A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BATH AND APEX CONSTRUCTION INC. IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND THE MANAGER IS

AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE, OR CONVENIENT TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BATH. THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED FROM WASTEWATER (FUND 7) ACCOUNT 07-0703-750.

Councilor Bauer made a motion to put this Order on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

City Manager Peter gave a history of the process for funding and details of what the funding would be used for.

Public Works Director Lee Leiner gave an overview of the dewatering process that the equipment would be doing this. He stated there would be an update done to the chemical storage area, some energy efficiency upgrades, updates to the computer which programs the process and restoration work on the aeration tanks. Mr. Leiner stated this work should start in the next couple of months.

VOTE on Order:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

Passed unanimously. 6-0

8) Ordinance: Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions, Washington Street – West Side {Pine Street to Pleasant Street} (first passage)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BATH, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 17. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking

Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions

Washington Street West Side

Delete the following:

From Pine Street to a point 50' feet south of Pleasant Street, 2 hour parking.

Replace with the following:

From Pine Street to a point 95' feet north, No Parking. From a point 95' feet north of Pine Street to a point 50' feet south of Pleasant Street, 2 hour parking.

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Ambrosino seconded the motion.

Police Chief Mike Field explained that due to complaints of parking on Washington Street between Pine and Pleasant Streets causing a visual hazard of vehicles parking at the corner on Washington Street. He and the Transportation Committee recommend that the two parking spaces causing the traffic hazard be removed.

ROLL CALL VOTE on Ordinance:

YEAS: Ambrosino, Bauer, Comeau, Nordmann, Paulhus, Bailey

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 6-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would go for second passage on March 7, 2018 at 6:01 PM.

9) Ordinance: Moratorium – Prohibiting the Location and Operation of Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. (first passage)

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to waive the reading Councilor Ambrosino seconded the motion. The Vote on the waiving motion was unanimous.

**MORATORIUM ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS
AND RETAIL MARIJUANA SOCIAL CLUBS**

The City Council of the City of Bath, Maine hereby ordains as follows:

1. Authority

This Moratorium Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution, the provisions of 30-A M.R.S Section 301 (Home Rule), 30-A M.R.S Section 3001 (Ordinance Power), and 30-A M.R.S Section 4356 (Moratoria).

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Moratorium Ordinance is to temporarily prohibit the location, operation, licensing or permitting of any retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club, as those terms are defined under the Marijuana Legalization Act (“Act”), 7 M.R.S. Section 2441 (specifically Section 2442), *et seq.*. The term retail marijuana establishment includes retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, retail marijuana stores, and retail marijuana testing facilities.

3. Statement of Necessity

The Act would legalize the recreational use of marijuana. The impact of this new law with regard to the public safety and welfare is of major concern given that marijuana has traditionally been illegal, and remains illegal under Federal statutes. The Act provides that the State licensing authority, created for the purpose of regulating and controlling the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale, of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products, has been tasked to adopt appropriate rules within nine (9) months after the effective date of the Act.

The Act, in Section 2449(2) requires municipal approval after a license is issued by the State licensing authority, to enable a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club to operate. Under Subsection (4), a municipality may impose separate local licensing requirements, said requirements being at least as restrictive as the provisions of the Act and rules adopted pursuant to the Act.

The City requires time to understand any potential State rule making under the Act, as well as the impact of the Act on the City’s existing rules and ordinances which do not contemplate or address the recreational use of marijuana in any form, or the location and operation of any of the facilities designated in Section 2 above, related to recreational

marijuana. As well, with the increased use of marijuana, additional burdens could be placed upon public safety personnel, facilities, and infrastructure.

Municipalities, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. Section 4356(1)(a) and (b), are authorized to enact moratoria:

- (a). To prevent a shortage or an overburden of public facilities that would otherwise occur during the effective period of the moratorium or that is reasonably foreseeable as a result of any proposed or anticipated development; or
- (b). Because the application of existing comprehensive plans, land use ordinances or regulations or other applicable laws, if any, is inadequate to prevent public harm from residential, commercial or industrial development in the affected geographic area.

Therefore, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. Section 4356(1)(a) and (b), and for the reasons stated above, the City Council of the City of Bath finds that a moratorium on retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs is necessary and warranted.

4. Conflict With Other Ordinances

The provisions of this Moratorium Ordinance supersede any conflicting provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Bath.

5. Moratorium on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs

During the time that this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, no approval for retail marijuana establishments or retail marijuana social clubs, including but not limited to, site plan or subdivision approval, building permit, certificate of occupancy, or any other licenses or permits shall be issued for any such use on any property within the City of Bath. This shall apply to the requirement of municipal approval under 7 M.R.S. Section 2449(2).

6. Effective Date and Duration

This Moratorium Ordinance will become effective on the date of first passage by the City Council, assuming final approval after public hearing and second passage, as required under the provisions of Section 221 of the Charter of the City of Bath. The Moratorium shall remain in effect for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of first passage, after which it shall be repealed, unless extended in accordance with Section 8 below.

7. Exclusion

This Moratorium shall not apply to a registered medical marijuana dispensary licensed pursuant to Title 22, Chapter 558-C, Section 2428 *et. seq.*, the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

8. Extension

Where the circumstances giving rise to the need for this Moratorium continue to exist and have not been fully resolved, this Moratorium may be extended by vote of the City Council for additional one hundred and eighty (180) day periods after appropriate notice and hearing and in accordance with the provisions of 30-A M.R.S. Section 4356(3) and Section 221 of the Charter of the City of Bath.

9. Separability

If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid for any reason by any competent court, such a decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance.

10. Violation

Any violation of the terms of this Moratorium Ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement penalties under 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4452. The violator shall be subject to the civil penalties contained therein and the City shall have the specific authority to obtain injunctive relief to prevent the licensing, location, establishment or operation of any recreational use facility within the City of Bath. This provision shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other violation provisions or penalty provisions of applicable City Ordinances or State Law.

City Manager Peter Owen explained that this was coming to Council as the State Legislature had not come forward with guidelines for these circumstances. He stated, since other municipalities have experienced these facilities opening without guidelines, he would like to see Bath take proactive steps in this matter.

Councilor Paulhus made a motion to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Bauer seconded the motion.

Director of Planning and Community Development Andrew Deci explained that entrepreneur or caregivers are pressing forth with opening these facilities and selling marijuana. He stated that this is not a ban on these facilities but just a six month pause until rules can be put in place to govern the operation of the facilities.

City Solicitor Roger Therriault explained the purpose for this moratorium is to create the pause described earlier where the municipality is not in a position to regulate what is going on but this matter clearly needs regulation and these regulations usually occur in a land use code context.

After a very lengthy discussion by Council, Councilor Nordmann made a motion to table the Ordinance. There was no second to the motion, so the motion failed.

Councilor Paulhus went on the record as stating he was in support of the moratorium and would not have any problem in the future, once regulations are in place, to participate in a Council debate on the matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE on Ordinance:

YEAS: Bailey, Paulhus, Comeau, Bauer, Ambrosino

NAYS: Nordmann

Ordinance passed. 5-1

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would go for second passage on March 7, 2018 at 6:02PM.

G. Petitions & Communications 7:58 PM

There were no petitions or communications taken up at this time.

H. City Manager's Report 7:58 PM

Mr. Owen reported the DOT had a Bid opening for the Congress Avenue Bridge Project. He stated that the project would be starting up around March 26th and traffic would be limited to one lane/one direction-going north bound. Mr. Owen said the project would be completed around May 24th.

I. Committee Reports 8:00 PM

Councilor Bauer reported the Patten Free Library Annual Fund Raiser Dinner will be held on April 26th and tickets were available through her or on the Patten Free web site. She also reported that the Facilities Committee is still working on the inventorying of City Buildings and got to visit the Public Works building for the first time. Councilor Bauer reported the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is working on what the City's reuse bags are going to look like and will be handed out in celebration of Earth Day in April.

Councilor Ambrosino reported that the Community Forestry Committee has been working with KELT on the cleanup of Butler Head after the horrible wind storm in October.

Councilor Bailey reported that the Transportation Committee has the RFP in the development stage for the Traffic Study for the Southend.

Councilor Comeau reported the Councilor Interview Screening Committee would be meeting on February 23rd to interview for the vacant position on the Bath Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Councilor Nordmann reported the Bath Housing Authority had held an Open House for their new apartment building complex on Maple Street. He reported the Winnegance River Herring Committee is working with the contractor on details for the extracting of the river herring in the Spring. Councilor Nordmann stated that the recent testing done on Winnegance Lake had shown an increase in salinity and they were working with the State on remedies and funding to help with the problem.

J. Unfinished Business 8:09 PM

There was no unfinished business taken up at this time.

K. New Business 8:09PM

10) Appointment of a member to the Bath Forestry Committee with a term ending October 2021.

Councilor Comeau, on behalf of the Council Screening Committee, nominated Julie Ambrosino for this position. All were in favor of the nomination.

L. Councilor Announcements 8:11 PM

Councilor Bailey reminded everyone in Ward One that parts of the Rose, Middle, Marshall, Cherry and Weeks Streets will be involved in the Sewer Relining Project and there will be no digging up of streets. She stated that if you want more information on this project you can call the Public Works Department or consult the City's Web page for the map of affected areas.

Councilor Bailey reported that she had attended a talk at the Patten Free Library put together by Ruth Lawson-Stopps regarding livability and age friendly communities. She stated that there was to be a second talk on February 15th and as an FYI: out of about 120 AARP certified communities nationwide the State of Maine has 45 of them.

Councilor Paulhus reassured Richardson Street residents that the City Staff is working very hard on the traffic issues. He stated that some measures that have been done are street stripping, more police presence on the street and the Richardson Street signage on Route One will be taken down by MDOT. He reported on the "Welcome to Bath" event held at the Maine Maritime Museum which was attended by around 120 new Bath residents. He stated that it was a very fun evening of sharing information on the beautiful City of Bath. He brought attention to an article in the Forecaster regarding homelessness in the City and strategies for dealing with that issue. He stated to keep watch as there will be more meetings regarding this issue. Councilor Paulhus gave an overview of Maine's First Governor William King, whose birthday was on February 9th, was a Bath resident. He stated that the State's bicentennial would be coming up in two years and Bath could be playing a part in that and there is a bicentennial license plate available through the Secretary of State.

Councilor Nordmann reported that "Shakespeare on the Kennebec" will be doing a production of "Macbeth" at the Chocolate Church in June.

Madame Chair Eosco reported that the Welcome to Bath evening was super fun and thanked the Councilors that attended for being there. She informed everyone that there would be a forum on March 3rd called "Downtown Tomorrow" to talk about what people would like to see happen to make the City thrive. She spoke regarding the "Be Bath Buy Bath" program as a way to thank people for buying locally and the Main Street Bath's "Front Street Feud" fund raising event to be held on March 16th. She stated she had been invited to speak to a 4th Grade Class about the government process and to the Sophomore Class during "Sophomore Awareness Week". Madame Chair urged everyone to look at the Community Calendar on the City Web Page to learn more about events happening in the City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM with a motion by Councilor Bailey, seconded by Councilor Paulhus. All were in favor of the adjournment.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

Please note: These minutes are not recorded verbatim. A DVD recording of the meeting is available for review in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours by appointment. You can also view them on Townhallstreams.com for up to a year.