

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilor Bailey, Councilor Paulhus, Councilor Nordmann, Councilor Comeau was excused, Councilor Bauer, Councilor Park, Councilor Ambrosino and Madame Chair Eosco.

Also in attendance, the City Manager – Peter Owen, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and Interim City Clerk – Mary C. Howe.

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

Madame Chair Eosco started off the evening by inviting the Wyman family to come up for the presentation to honor Councilor Wyman for his 24 years of service. Madame Chair Eosco read the proclamation and presented it to Quinda Wyman along with a chair from the City of Bath. Councilor Paulhus, also, presented a memoriam from Senator Vitelli that was passed by the House and Senate in honor of “Bernie”.

Madame Chair Eosco mentioned that she would be adding an Executive Session after the meeting for a real estate matter.

C. Public Hearing:

There was no public hearing for this meeting.

D. Consent Agenda: 6:07 PM

1) Minutes of the previous Council Meeting on February 6, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019 (Motion to Accept as Presented). Items F2 and F3

Madame Chair Eosco read the orders of Items F2 and F3.

Madame Chair Eosco asked the Council if there was a motion to except the minutes of February 6th and 12th of 2019 and Items F2 and F3.

Councilor Park asked for a correction on page 7 of the February 6, 2019 minutes. The number 30-31 should have been **30/130**. The correction was noted and changed.

Councilor Bauer made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

All were in favor of accepting the minutes and items F2 and F3.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address The City Council: 6:10 PM

No one spoke during this time.

F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders: 6:10 PM

2) ORDER – EXERCISING THE RIVER HERRING FISHING RIGHTS AT WINNEGANCE LAKE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE WINNEGANCE RIVER HERRING COMMISSION AS PER HARVEST AND PER ORDINANCE ADOPTED AUGUST 28, 1985.

ORDER

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, Maine, that the River Herring Fishing Rights at Winnegance Lake be operated by the Winnegance River Herring Commission as per Ordinance adopted August 28, 1985, and the municipal rights to take river herring will be sold by the Commission. The Harvest Plan (*Condition and Regulations*) will be submitted by the Commission setting forth in detail the exact conditions under which river herring may be taken, all in accordance with good conservation practices. This plan will be submitted to the Department of Marine Resources by the Commission with City of Bath approval.

3) ORDER – EXERCISING THE RIVER HERRING FISHING RIGHTS AT WHISKEAG CREEK TO “ROD AND LINE” ONLY.

ORDER

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

that the taking of alewives at Whiskeag Creek will be restricted to “Rod and Line” only.

These orders were passed on the consent agenda.

4) ORDINANCE: APPROVING CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS WITH PINE TREE WASTE, INC.

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance, (*first passage*).

ORDINANCE APPROVING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Bath and Pine Tree Waste, Inc. currently have an Agreement that provides for the pickup of residential solid waste, recycling items, and other items as may be determined that are not residential solid waste or recycling materials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bath and Pine Tree Waste, Inc. are both desirous of continuing the contractual relationship relating to waste pickup within the City of Bath; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is proposed to be renewed for an additional term of Five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the parties are proposing an Agreement effective on April 1, 2019 for a term of Five (5) years, expiring on March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bath, in Section 1102, requires that Contracts involving the payment of monies out of appropriations of more than a year must be approved by Ordinance, and such Contracts may not be made for a period of more than five years; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Agreement is attached to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the City Council hereby approves the Agreement with Pine Tree Waste, Inc. relating to residential solid waste, recycling items, and other items not determined to be residential solid waste or recycling materials, for the period commencing on April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024, and the City Manager is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Bath in substantially the form as attached, and to execute any other documents that may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to the implementation of the Agreement.

Madame Chair Eosco asked for a motion to put the ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Park made the motion and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

Peter Owen, City Manager, stated that this is a contract that's been in place for over 20 years. There are some minor modifications to it. The current contract expired in June of last year and Pine Tree Waste has asked that we follow through with the contract. Mr. Owen asked for Lee Leiner, Director of Public Works, to speak about the details of the contract agreement.

Mr. Leiner stated that this contract is a mirror image of the contract that the City has had in place with Pine Tree Waste for a very long time and that there's no changes in the services provided, however, there are changes in the costs. The term of five years is the same as it was in the previous contract. The City did ask for improvements on the costs and Pine Tree Waste did make those changes. There will be changes on how Pine Tree does the collection of trash/recycling. They have a new truck that's split in half that will allow trash and recycling pickup at the same time. So, now, trash and recyclables will be picked up together on the same day. In the past, trash pickup, throughout Bath, has been five days a week. Now, it will be four days a week. Madame Chair Eosco asked when this change would happen and Mr. Leiner gave the date of April 1st. The contract does state that most of the notification responsibility will come from Pine Tree Waste and the City will add notifications as well. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there was a possibility to alter this contract in the future for decisions that were made and Mr. Leiner said, that it was and that Pine Tree has made changes for other municipalities. Councilor Bailey asked if the costs were comparable to other towns. Mr. Leiner stated that it is very difficult to compare town to town. The mileage is different, number of stops are different and the services provided vary widely. It's in line with the cost of living of what we have historically paid. Councilor Bailey asked Mr. Leiner to speak about performance evaluation and whether it's been done. She read about the complaints and what triggers a bigger issue. Mr. Leiner said that every week generates various calls on different aspects of the service and that they do get a log from the company about who called and what the issue was. Pine Tree Waste does have a customer service line where people can call in with concerns. Sometimes customers will call public works or City Hall with their questions or complaints. Pine Tree picks up from about 150,000 stops per year. The log from 2018 had 60 calls on it. Mr. Leiner considered that acceptable and Pine Tree's performance appears to be very good. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other options and Mr. Leiner said that there were not. Pine Tree Waste knows the streets, when we plow and when things happen within the City and it would be a shame to lose that knowledge. Peter Owen, City Manager, stated that when we look at the entire picture, we find that Pine Tree Waste offers a good service. Madame Chair Eosco said that this will be a learning curve for people who have been putting their trash out on the same day for years. Mr. Leiner, also, mentioned that this is the first change in the schedule that he's aware of in a very long time. Madame Chair Eosco suggested that everyone help to get the word out about the change. Councilor Park stated the recycling market is so volatile and asked Mr. Leiner to address how that is taken care of in the contract. Recycling has changed a lot and we are not

proposing any changes to the materials that are collected. There probably should be instructions about cleaning and the collection of what should not be put in the bins. Unfortunately, there are some new costs associated with it and the City has not paid anything for recycling processing for a very long time. With the market the way it is, there are additional costs with the additions to the contract that covers the cost of processing the recyclables differently than it was being done just a few years ago. Councilor Park asked if the City was locked in for the next five years. Mr. Leiner stated that it is an equation that has a market component. If the market goes up, rates go up, if the market goes down, rates go down. The United States needs to seriously consider recyclables and where they are going to go. The main issue is the recycling of plastics. Mr. Leiner suggested that we all think about our purchases when going to the grocery store and how we are going to dispose of what we purchase.

Madame Chair Eosco asked for anyone from the public to comment or ask questions on this subject.

John James, of 30 Garden Street, has owned a small three unit apartment house for about four years. Mr. James mentioned that he was proud to serve with Bernie for nine years on the Council and that he was a great man and decision maker. Mr. James stated for those who might not be aware, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is actively discussing whether or not to amend the City's ordinance regarding refuse for the smaller three to six unit apartments. The landlords believe that the tenants actively engage in the City's pay as you throw and recycling programs. The best way to engage them and to reduce the waste brought to the limited life landfill is to have the tenants put out their blue bags and recycling bins just like every other homeowner. Several months ago at the first committee meeting and due to prior commitments, the City Manager and Madame Chair Eosco were unable to attend the first half of the first meeting and did not hear directly from the landlords about their concerns and ideas. We believe the input from the landlords is an important part of that dialog and needs to take place. Mr. Leiner has not made his calculations public, regarding costs to the City and the impact to our landfill. We need to look at the numbers again, especially where apartment tenants will continue to have their blue bucket recycling picked up. With Pine Tree Waste's new two bay truck, there will be cost efficiencies there and some new numbers to be crunched. Without further dialog and discussion, regarding these issues, their costs impact and prior to any decision by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, we were very surprised to learn that tonight the City intends to sign a five year contract with Pine Tree Waste for trash pickup and recycling. Mr. James stated, while he understood that Pine Tree Waste has been without a contract for approximately six months, he, respectfully, requests that tonight's ordinance be tabled until the Solid Waste Advisory Committee finishes its deliberations and their final recommendation is brought to the Council. Madame Chair Eosco wanted to clarify that while she attends the committee from time to time, she is not on the committee.

Daniel Beishline, of 444 Washington Street, stated that he was given notice this afternoon that the Council was addressing the ordinance approving the contract with Pine Tree Waste or at least discussing it tonight. He, respectfully, request that the Council delay the approval until the Solid Waste Advisory Committee can have a thorough vetting of the landlords' issues concerning which residents qualify for City trash pickup and who does not. Unfortunately, at our first meeting, two months ago, our City Manager was unable to hear the testimony from eight or nine landlords and at the second committee meeting; the two landlords present were not allowed to speak. I feel that the costs benefits for allowing 168 multi unit properties to share the expense of trash removal and the incentive to increase the life of the landfill by incentivizing recycling has

not been thoroughly addressed in the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to date. Affordable housing in Maine is becoming a limited commodity. In order for businesses to have a reliable workforce, affordable housing is key. I feel the City should work with landlords to keep costs reasonable by simply allowing more curbside pickup so that landlords would not have to increase rents. Mr. Beishline asked to delay any final approach to a trash pickup program until the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has made its recommendation to the Council.

Dick Hill, of 71 South Street, asked to read a note from his son who has properties at Rose Street, Washington Street and two properties at Middle Street. The reason that this does not make sense is that this is bad for the environment. There will be less recycling and composting, more trucks on the road wearing it down and emitting more carbon. It will be bad for the neighborhood as dumpsters could attract rodents and there would be more noise from the trucks. He has to keep buying locks for his dumpsters on Washington Street. People stop by at all hours of the day to dump trash. If the trash doesn't fit in the dumpster, people will leave the trash next to it and it's usually not picked up by the waste company. Mr. Hill said that he has to take care of it, so he's paying for the people who avoid paying for the blue trash bags. Mr. Hill questioned why are landlords and tenants treated differently even though we pay taxes like everyone else. Our taxes go to municipal services such as trash removal and why is this any different. It's not moral, ethical and probably not even legal. My son requests that it be tabled tonight. Mr. Hill questioned the difference between a tenant living in an apartment building as compared to someone living in a home. Mr. Hill, and his son, bought three apartment houses near the family home. He is trying to protect the family home and clean up the neighborhood. Two of the buildings his son bought have two driveways and there is no way a truck can pick up a dumpster. Tenants should not be treated as commercial.

Stephanie Luce who owns a 3 unit at 37 York Street stated that her sister formerly owned the property and always used the trash. She was never aware of the ordinance. When she received the letter about the more than 3 unit apartments not being able to use the blue trash bags she became concerned. She's trying to keep the rent affordable for her tenants. She's concerned about the expense of a dumpster and where to put it. She stated that she has about a tenth of an acre and the dumpster would end up on the front yard for tenants to look at. Ms. Luce understands that the pay as you throw system is to increase the recycling and from her understanding, a duplex is allowed twelve bags of garbage per week. Ms. Luce lived on High Street in a three unit for fourteen years. She never put out more than four or five bags for all three units. She knows her tenants put out a couple of bags per unit. She does not know why these restrictions are in place and they don't make a lot of sense. She asked that this be tabled until the Solid Waste Advisory Committee can look at the issue again.

Madame Chair Eosco reiterated that this contract can be changed according to any decisions that the committee makes because that's an ordinance change on the Council's end and that this is just continuing on what's happened so far. Madame Chair Eosco wanted to be sure that everyone understood that. Peter Owen, City Manager, stated that this is a business that's waited eight months for a contract and it's unfair to burden a business to make them keep waiting. Right now, we are paying them for last year's contract. Mr. Leiner agreed with Mr. Owen stating that Pine Tree Waste has been very flexible. Madame Chair Eosco said that she agrees that everyone has legitimate concerns; we are just trying to follow a consistent process. The committee can have those conversations and bring recommendations to the Council. Mr. Owen stated that this would be going through two passages and this could extend beyond one month. Madame Chair Eosco said that if the committee were to make a recommendation that would be

an ordinance change and that would take a couple of months as well. Councilor Bauer stated she appreciated the fact that changes can be made. We want to do good business with this company and to string Pine Tree Waste along without a contract is not good business. We have a solid committee made up of citizens and Councilors and we are talking carefully. Councilor Nordmann said that we depend on our property owners to provide housing at an affordable rate. One issue we have not addressed is that we have a landfill that is filling up and I am wondering what percentage is added to the landfill and how significant it is. That's the original reason why not to accept garbage for multiple dwellings. Taxpayers, probably, should have the same rights to the landfill and it seems like it would be a burden to find a place to put a dumpster. Maybe we need to cut some slack for the smaller apartment building owners and accommodate them as long as they stick to the limit of the number of bags. This is not a decision we have to make tonight but certainly we are sympathetic to concerns of the landlords. Councilor Nordmann believes it would be a healthier environment for Bath apartment owners to be allowed to put out their trash, rather than use a dumpster. Councilor Bauer responded that she would like to talk more with Councilor Nordmann and invited him to attend a committee meeting. Madame Chair Eosco would like to see the Solid Waste Advisory Committee continue this conversation and she may stop in for a visit at some point. Madame Chair Eosco announced that anyone who may be interested in the issues discussed tonight is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any more questions about the contract.

Councilor Paulhus mentioned that it may be a good idea to give Pine Tree Waste notice that there's discussion among Councilors, committee members and landlords. He's glad to see the landlords engaged with involvement and concerns. Even if they voted tonight (first passage), there would be a final vote next month. It sounds like we need more conversations about this subject. Councilor Bailey asked Mr. Leiner if there was a change in the contract proposed in the future, would it add a financial change or terms if 168 more properties were added into the contract. Mr. Leiner said, that it would.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other questions.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Councilors' Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Bauer, Park and Ambrosino

NAYS: None

Ordinance approving contract passed unanimously, (first passage) because the Council can modify in the future.

Madame Chair Eosco stated that you can obtain several types of compost bins if you want to limit the amount of garbage going into the trash. If you don't want to compost garbage in your yard, you can pay for a service. Anyone who's serious about limiting the amount of trash going into the landfill should really think about the other options. On Heritage Days, the City hires a company that diverts 80% of the trash that normally would go into the landfill because it's being composted and recycled. The second passage will be on April 3, 2019 at the Bath City Council Meeting. Councilor Ambrosino thanked the property owners and didn't want them to lose hope because we all want to use the services we are entitled to. It could be that we may reduce the number of bags to less than six if the average household is using less anyway. As taxpayers, we should be baring our own load, not channeling it to another. Councilor Bauer mentioned that the

decision to make the ordinance more than two units came as a result of a deliberation of a committee many years ago. They deliberated long and hard on where to draw that line. The work has been done and we are happily re-doing it but Councilor Bauer wanted to point that out. Mr. Leiner announced that the next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Bath City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance.

5) ORDINANCE: FURTHER AMENDMENT OF THE LAND USE CODE PER ARTICLE 16, BY ADDING SECTION 16.27. (FIRST PASSAGE)

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE LAND USE CODE OF THE CITY OF BATH ADOPTED JULY 19, 2000, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, BE HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Amend Article 16, by adding Section 16.27, as follows:

SECTION 16.27 ELWELL ENTERPRISE DISTRICT

A. District Designation

The property designated for contract rezoning is the property located on Centre Street, being identified as Lot 7, on City of Bath Tax Map 29 dated April 1, 2018.

B. Findings

The property is located in the Route 1 Commercial Contract Zone (C-4) Zoning District. The City Council makes the following additional findings:

1. Contract Rezoning is allowed in the Route 1 Commercial Contract Zone.
2. The project consists of an existing structure on a 0.3 acre parcel originally constructed in 1955. The proposed structure, with a minor addition, will be a 1,144 square foot building.
3. The structure is currently used as an office, which is an allowed use in the Route 1 Commercial Contract Zone.
4. Without the creation of a contract zone, the minimum yard area is 20 feet from the side, front, and rear of the parcel. The parking area is proposed to be constructed in the front yard area, necessitating contract zoning.
5. Without the creation of a contract zone, the minimum setback is 50 feet from the front lot line, and 30 feet from the side and rear lot lines. The parking area and proposed addition to the structure are within the front setback necessitating contract zoning. The contract zone will relax the front setback to 0 feet from the front lot line.

6. Contract rezoning is allowed on the parcel per section 8.10 (D) of the Land Use Code.
7. The project is consistent with the mandatory conditions set forth in Land Use Code Section 8.20 paragraph D1.
8. The applicant is proposing the following voluntary, Discretionary Conditions in exchange for Contract Rezoning. For the Contract Rezoning the applicant will:
 - In addition to applicable zoning requirements in section 10.27 of the Land Use Code the applicant will ensure that all lighting on the property does not exceed 0.1 foot-candles at the lot lines to minimize the impact of lighting on adjacent parcels and roadways.
 - Improve the appearance of the site with enhanced landscaping along the Centre Street side of the parcel
 - The applicant will provide increased buffering and screening in addition to the requirements of Section 10 of the Land Use Code.

C. Zoning Provision Affected

This contract zoning amendment is intended to relax the minimum setback and yard area requirements pursuant to Section 8.10 of the Land Use Code, by allowing the construction of the parking area and other site improvements depicted on the Site Plan approved, without conditions, by the Bath Planning Board on February 5, 2019.

D. Conditions of Approval

This Contract Rezoning Ordinance requires full and complete compliance with all conditions of approval, which are part of the Site Plan approval, granted to J. Ellwell, LLC, by the Bath Planning Board on February 5, 2019.

Madame Chair Eosco asked for a motion to put the ordinance on the floor.

Councilor Bauer made the motion and it was seconded by Councilor Ambrosino.

Ben Averill, Director of Planning (City Planner), thanked Madame Chair Eosco for reading the lengthy ordinance. The contract zoning is being requested to allow for the parking area to be reconfigured on that lot. The property was purchased at the end of 2018 and office use was established on the parcel. After the applicant purchased the property, the parking they created didn't make sense so they wanted to reconfigure the parking lot. Due to the size of the lot, they really didn't have much space to work with. Their request for contract zoning, as you read in the ordinance, is to relax that setback on the front lot line to zero. Regardless of any configuration that the applicant would do with zoning, they would require contract zoning. The ordinance states that the structure had a small change to it. The applicant will be removing the front porch from the structure and will rebuild. Both the front porch and parking area fall within the guidelines of contract zoning. This was reviewed by the planning board at their February meeting. They did

approve the relaxation of the setback, yard area standards and recommended that the contract zoning conditions that were read off in the ordinance as well. The applicant was not present because of an illness but Mr. Averill stated he was very willing to answer any questions. Mr. Averill, also, stated that the applicant plans to attend next month's meeting. Madame Chair Eosco asked if anyone from the public had questions.

Wendy Johanson of 520 Centre Street spoke about her property which is located on the back lot of the building in question. Her son owns 500 Centre Street which is located next to this building. Mrs. Johanson asked that this request be tabled because she needs more time to seek what her rights are. This is the third meeting and she has had very little opportunity to speak about this request. She has spoken to an attorney. This request is for additional parking lots to be placed in front of the building which will give no setback to the driveway. Mrs. Johanson, also, stated that the properties are for sale. She has an issue with the large parking area and no access to the six acres in the back. Right now, 500 and 520 Centre Street are zoned residential but this request would change it to commercial zoning. She has lived at this location for over 50 years. This will affect the runoff from that building because of the topography. The runoff from two additional parking lots will come into the middle of our driveway and there will be no place for the runoff to go. Her son owns the land of the driveway and owns the land adjacent to Congress Avenue. Mrs. Johanson asked that this be tabled until we can put a barrier or fencing up. Mr. Averill stated that notices went out to all abutters for the planning board meeting and there was a public hearing with prior notices in the former Coastal Journal. Mr. Averill said that this project had planning board review in the February meeting. The abutter notices previous to that and the actual notice in the paper for the meeting itself or public hearing was approximately two weeks prior to the public hearing. Mr. Averill stated that there is an opportunity for people to speak about an item. It's similar to a City Council public hearing. Councilor Bailey asked if these were current residential buildings or are they vacant. The parcels in question, 6 and 8 currently have structures on them. They have been used as residential structures, however, the zoning for the property we are talking about tonight, which would be to the south and southwest are zoned in the same C4 zoning district. It's zoned as residential and or zoned for several types of commercial use. Mrs. Johanson is not currently living at 520 Centre Street due medical reasons that require her and her husband to reside in Westbrook. Her son, also, does not reside at the 500 Centre Street location due to illness as well. Councilor Paulhus asked if we did table this tonight would there be any timeline we would disrupt besides the first and second passage. Mr. Averill said, no that the Council can choose to table it and take no action. All it would do is push this out and that the site plan will not be valid until Council approves on a second passage. It's an ordinance, so it would be 21 days after the second passage. Peter Owen, City Manager, mentioned the memo stated that drainage information needs to be reviewed by the public works director. Mr. Owen, asked if this will need to go back to the planning board to address the issues. Mr. Averill stated that our public works director has reviewed information from the applicant. Recommendations are being reviewed to see if they would be a viable addition to the site that was one of two conditions for approval of the site plan. Mr. Averill did not believe that this would go back to the planning board; they are now just seeking approval from Lee Leiner, Public Works Director.

Councilor Paulhus suggested because of the applicant's absence, due to illness, that this be tabled until the next meeting.

Councilor Paulhus moved to table the ordinance until next month and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

VOTE TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE UNTIL NEXT MONTH:

All those in favor, 6 – 0.

G. Petitions and Communications: 7:22 PM

H. City Managers Report: 7:22 PM

Peter Owen, City Manager wanted to acknowledge Mark Steele who was awarded “Officer of the Year” for the Bath City Police Department. Three other officers who received merit awards were Nick Green, John Dietlin and Eric Bryan.

There was a fire on February 27th and the Bath Police Department was the first on the scene to get people out of the building. The Bath Fire Department arrived and successfully put the fire out. Also, the Bath Public Works Department showed up to sand the roads and sidewalks after all the water was used to extinguish the fire. Mr. Owen thought this was a perfect example of interdepartmental cooperation with all three departments working well together. There was another fire on March 2nd at 827 High Street. This location was very close to the fire department. Mr. Owen mentioned the Town of Berwick’s fire fighter who lost his life fighting a fire. This is an unfortunate reminder that our public safety departments put their lives on the line for us every day.

I. Committee Reports: 7:25 PM

Councilor Bailey reported that Transportation Committee met and it was a very productive meeting. The South End Traffic study report will be out in April. She believes there will be a steering committee meeting before that report. There is still work going on at Richardson and Western. There is a new parking brochure out with great information and Councilor Bailey commended Lindsey Goudreau on getting that done. The Community Development Committee met and talked about opportunity zone and possibilities that may come with that. Councilor Bailey is hoping for a meeting between the Community Development Committee and Economic Development Committee soon.

Councilor Park reported that the Facilities Committee is pulling together a living document of all the City’s facilities’ life spans, so that way the City will have a handle on where their buildings are. We are giving thought about what will happen with Morse High School. The McMann Field project is on hold right now. We know that there are issues down there that need to be dealt with. Cheri Brunault of the Bath Community Forestry Committee has given her resignation. She will be sorely missed and has done a great job as a co-chair. On May 5, 2019, we will be doing a celebration at the Forestry Center at the nursery. We may have a tree and shrub sale on that date to celebrate the building of that new facility and support the nursery. We have a new director of Maine Street Bath. Councilor Park wanted to thank Madame Chair Eosco for all of her work as the former Interim Director. Amanda Stanley is the new director of Main Street Bath and she’s doing a tremendous job. She’s very active learning more about the City and is a great advocate for the City of Bath.

Councilor Nordmann reported that the Winnegance River Herring Committee granted the fishing rights at \$5.00 per bushel and this is for the alewives that come through the fish gate. The problem that we are still dealing with is the rising ocean levels. The higher levels affect the salinity in Winnegance Lake. When the levels increase, the alewives and river herring do not breed because they need fresh water. They have a similar issue at Center Pond in Phippsburg. They are doing a study through Acadia Civil Works to look at the Portland Tide Gage which is the king tide and how this relates to Winnegance Creek. We have to

know what the tide level is through the course of the year and that's what the study will do. There is an idea to put a siphon in to keep the sea water out or make the flood gate higher. If the flood gate is higher, there could be a problem with higher water levels to adjacent property owners and if we want to keep this resource, we will have to look at it closely.

Madame Chair Eosco reported that Economic Development met and is considering electric car charging stations in Bath.

J. Unfinished Business: 7:34 PM

There was no unfinished business at this meeting.

K. New Business: 7:34 PM

Appointment - Councilor Bailey nominated James Michael Princiotta to fill a vacancy to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. The term begins immediately and expires September 2020.

All were in favor of the appointment, 6 – 0.

Madame Chair Eosco reminded the Councilors that they would be going into Executive Session.

L. Councilor Announcements: 7:37 PM

Councilor Park gave praise to the Long Reach Swim Club for a wonderful swim meet.

Councilor Bailey announced there will be another Age Friendly Community cabin fever reliever at Concinnity Deli & Lounge tomorrow night and there will be free drinks. We are, also, putting out a calendar of stuff coming out and there's a survey in process for data analysis. We will have a report out in the spring.

Councilor Paulhus announced that March 15, 2019 is the 199th birthday of the State of Maine. March 16th is Governor William King Day. There is a State and Municipal Special Election next month to fill a vacancy for District 52 House of Representative and the Council seat for Ward 4. Please don't forget to go out and vote.

Councilor Nordmann announced that Sean Paulhus is running for the District 52 House of Representative seat. Madame Chair Eosco pointed out that Kenneth Sener is, also, running for the same seat.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: REAL ESTATE MATTER

Councilor Bauer motioned to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Councilor Park.

All were in favor of going into Executive Session, 6 – 0.

Executive Session began at 7:44 p.m.

Councilor Park motioned to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Councilor Bauer.

All were in favor of ending the Executive Session, 6 – 0.

Executive Session ended at 8:06 p.m.

Attest:

Mary C. Howe

Mary C. Howe, Interim City Clerk

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