

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors' Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Leonard, Comeau, Bauer, Park, Ambrosino and Madame Chair Eosco

Also in attendance were 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.

Councilors' Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Comeau, Bauer, Park and Ambrosino

C. Tabulations for Special Election:

- 1) Acceptance of Election Tabulations for State of Maine Candidate Election for District 52 and City of Bath Municipal Candidate Election for Ward 4 held on April 2, 2019.

CITY OF BATH

**STATE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOTALS
April 2, 2019**

	TOTAL
State Representative - District 52	
PAULHUS, SEAN C.	975
SENER, KENNETH D.	491
BLANKS	8

Total State Votes Cast: 1474 Total Registered Voters: 6995 21% of Voter Turnout:

**CITY OF BATH ELECTION TOTALS
April 2, 2019**

COUNCILOR WARD FOUR	
LEONARD, RACHELLE SHELLY 15 Pratt Street	164
BLANKS	19

Madame Chair Eosco announced that there were technical difficulties with BCTV and believed it would be live streamed and available to the public at a later date.

Madame Chair Eosco mentioned that there was a new Councilor to welcome onto our team.

Madame Chair Eosco asked to accept the tabulation results from the Special Election.

Councilor Park made the motion to accept the Election results and Councilor Comeau seconded the motion.

All were in favor of accepting the results, except Councilor Paulhus who abstained from voting.

VOTE:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

Madame Chair Eosco congratulated those who won the Election.

- 2) Madame Chair Eosco asked Raye Leonard to come forward to be sworn in by City Solicitor, Roger Therriault.

Madame Chair Eosco welcomed Raye Leonard to the Council and offered guidance during the learning period. She pointed out that we, as Councilors, continue to learn.

D. Public Hearing: 6:01 PM

- 3) New Special Amusement License for Concinnity Deli & Lounge, LLC located at 102 Front Street (*approval*)

Madame Chair Eosco announced that this was a public hearing for anyone to express concerns about this business holding a special amusement license. She asked if the Councilors had any questions. Ginger Dermott, owner of Concinnity Deli & Lounge stated that she was looking to have entertainment in her lounge. The music will, mostly, be acoustic with some jazz and various singers. Councilor Park asked if Ginger was going to have outside seating and she responded that, yes, she would be. The music, however, will be inside the building per her lease agreement.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SPECIAL AMUSEMENT LICENSE:

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

All were in favor of granting the special amusement license for this location.

E. Consent Agenda:

*4) Minutes of the previous Bath Council Meeting of March 6, 2019, *(motion to accept as presented)*

Councilor Bailey pointed out that on page nine and ten, in the minutes, it was written that Councilor Paulhus moved to table the meeting when it should have been the ordinance. No amendment was needed and the correction will be made on the permanent record.

Councilor Bauer moved to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

All were in favor of accepting the minutes with corrections.

F. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council 6:08 PM

No one spoke during this time.

G. Ordinances, Orders and Resolutions:

- 5) Ordinance: Further Amendment of the Land Use Code per Article 16, By Adding Section 16.27. *(first passage)*

Madame Chair Eosco began reading the ordinance.

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.

Councilor Park moved that the reading be waived because it had been read at the previous meeting. It was seconded by Councilor Comeau.

All were in favor of waiving the reading of the ordinance.

Ben Averill, Director of Planning and Development, referred to the first reading of the contract rezoning at 432 Centre Street, Map 29, Lot 7. He stated that this month's site plan would be easier to read and that there would be additional material from the applicant as well. Mr. Averill stated that this is a request for contract rezoning for a small parcel on 432 Centre Street. The applicant is asking to relax the front setback requirement to zero feet. This has been through the planning board process and was recommended by the planning board at their February 5th meeting. In compliance with the ordinance, the planning board, also, recommended specific voluntary conditions of the project which will include landscaping and lighting. Mr. Averill stated that he would be happy to answer any questions from the Council. Councilor Comeau wanted to be sure that the planning board had approved the site plan and contract rezoning. Councilor Bauer had questions about the map layout. Councilor Bailey stated that at the last meeting an adjacent property owner talked about their concerns with utilizing the property. There was discussion about putting up a fence to separate this property from the properties around it and would this be part of the plan. Mr. Averill stated that during the planning board meeting, the applicant did agree to put up signage which will be on a final plan. The applicant will be required to keep the right of way open and free of signs. Councilor Park asked for the applicant's representative to speak on the applicant's behalf. David Matero, from Matero Architecture located in Bath spoke on behalf of Jennifer Elwell who is the owner of the business. He stated they have not talked about adding fencing because it may prohibit snow removal. It's clearly a right of way and a driveway from Centre Street all the way to the property. It will be striped and there will be signs for no parking. The owner is well aware that this is not their property and he believes it will be enforced with the signs. This is a very small business with three offices and a conference room. It should not be hard to manage no parking and there would be no reason to park in front of the right of way. Councilor Bailey asked Mr. Matero if he anticipated that this was enough parking for this location. He stated that this is a low impact place of business with low volume of traffic. When fully staffed, it will allow the applicant two additional parking spaces. Councilor Ambrosino asked what type of business it was and Mr. Matero stated, financial planning. Councilor Park asked Mr. Matero if the property would be paved. Mr. Matero stated that the owner is having discussion to see if the neighbor will allow it to be repaved. He does not know if it will be allowed at this time. Councilor Ambrosino asked if the neighbor had attended the last planning board meeting. Councilor Bauer questioned whether this business would utilize the other driveway. Mr. Matero believes they do have a right of way but it's grassed in with construction trucks parked in the back. Councilor Bauer stated that it will be a very difficult place to get out of because of the heavy traffic. As part of the planning board approval, they were able to widen the driveway of this property so that cars could pass each other as opposed to backing up. In the future, perhaps, a better entrance could be made behind the building.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the discussion to the public for any questions or comments.

Wendy Johansson, owner of 500 Centre Street and abutters of said property, stated that the property was originally created for three residences. At that time, there was only one vehicle parked at that location. The new impact on the driveways and the easement getting in and out of the property is going to be an overburden for the area. There will be many more vehicles going into the entrance of 500 Centre Street. If they begin using the back entrance, as well, that will impact our entrance. At this time, the Elwell's are using the back entrance driveway and parking there. They've already created another parking lot that hasn't been discussed. Madame Chair Eosco asked Mrs. Johansson to focus on the discussion at hand. Mrs. Johansson said, she has not seen the updated version and Madame Chair Eosco explained nothing has been updated. What we are looking at is what was

proposed to the planning board. Mrs. Johansson said that as an abutter, she has her property up for sale. She asked for the Council to postpone any additional parking so that the realtor will be able to find a developer to purchase the property.

Councilor Bauer believes the proposal will make the property more passable and attractive. She understands Mrs. Johansson's concerns but to postpone for a year or more would not be fair to this business who would be improving the look of this property. Councilor Bauer stated that she would support it for those reasons. Madame Chair Eosco believes that the applicant's proposal would not deter a developer. Councilor Paulhus pointed out that this was a first passage and not the final vote. Councilor Bailey stated that she did visit the location and that it was clear that the other properties have been in disrepair for a long time. She said, it's hard to balance multiple people's concerns but if there is clear depiction of signs, landscaping and lighting, I think the issue may be resolved. There's a lot to balance here but someone has taken the time to invest in a business and create a new opportunity here in Bath. Councilor Ambrosino stated that becoming an attractive space, may make it more appealing to a developer once the work is completed.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other questions or comments and there were none.

Councilor Bauer moved in favor of a roll call vote and it was seconded by Councilor Ambrosino.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Councilor Bailey, Councilor Paulhus, Councilor Nordmann, Councilor Leonard, Councilor Comeau, Councilor Bauer, Councilor Park and Councilor Ambrosino

NAYS: None

All Councilors in agreement for first passage.

(second passage will be on May 1st @ 6:01 p.m.)

Councilor Comeau asked Mr. Averill if it were possible for him to speak at the next planning board meeting about the applicant's concerns.

Mr. Averill stated that there is no planning board meeting before the Council Meeting next month, however, the applicant did have the opportunity to address the planning board and she did relay her concerns about the discussion tonight.

6) Ordinance: Amendment of Ordinance, Chapter 13. Refuse, Article 1. Garbage and Refuse, Section 13-65. Restrictions on Single-Use Carryout Bags (*first passage*)

Madame Chair Eosco began reading 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 13. REFUSE

ARTICLE 1. GARBAGE AND REFUSE

Section 13-65. Restrictions on Single-Use Carryout Bags.

Amend as follows:

A. Prohibition. No store, as defined above, shall provide a single use carryout bag made of plastic that does not meet all the criteria as a reusable bag, as defined above, to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure from the store, for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment.

B. Single-Use Paper Carryout Bags.

1 A store may make available ~~for sale~~ to a customer a single-use paper carryout bag. ~~The store may at its discretion establish a fee per paper bag. for a mandatory, minimum charge of five cents (\$0.05) per bag. The charge will increase to ten cents (\$0.10) per bag one year after this ordinance takes effect. The charge will increase to fifteen cents (\$0.15) per bag two years after this ordinance takes effect.~~

2 All monies collected by a store for single-use carryout paper bags under this section shall be retained by the store and used by the store for any lawful purpose.

~~3 All stores shall post signage at each point of sale clearly indicating the per bag charge for single-use carryout paper bags. This requirement shall not apply to restaurants.~~

~~4 Notwithstanding this section, no store may make available for sale a single use carryout paper bag unless the amount of the sale of the single use carryout paper bag is separately itemized on the sale receipt.~~

~~5 No store shall rebate or otherwise reimburse a customer any portion of the minimum charge required in subsection (b).~~

C. Customer Options. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit customers from using bags of any type that the customer brings to the store for their own use or from carrying away from the store goods that are not placed in a bag provided by the store.

Madame Chair Eosco motioned to put the ordinance on the floor.

Councilor Bauer made a motion and it was seconded by Councilor Park

Peter Owen, City Manager, spoke in regards to this ordinance.

Initially, a five cent charge was recommended by the committee on paper bags with an increase in the fee each year. The plastic bag ban has gone very well but there has been a pushback by the business community. What wasn't recognized was the number of merchants that provide small bags and those merchants do not want to charge for their small bags. The City made it mandatory for that change and it made it uncomfortable for implementing a fine for not charging a five cent fee. The merchant would get the money and the City thought they were getting something they would want. We discovered that the merchants do not want this so the purpose for the revision is to make it optional for business owners.

Madame Chair Eosco asked Lee Leiner, Director of Public Works, whether he wanted to add anything to Mr. Owen's statement.

Lee Leiner, Director of Public Works, had two things to add. The ordinance boils down to the five cent charge going away and, at the store's discretion, a fee may or may not be charged to the customer. The State of Maine and other cities/towns are debating over the very same thing. Massachusetts is implementing a law that may trump all municipal laws regarding single use bags. Mr. Leiner believes the committee will revisit this again because it will continue to develop over time. Madame Chair Eosco questioned that if the State of Maine does create a law, Mr. Leiner said that it may short circuit the whole process.

Councilor Bauer spoke to say that part of the conversation at the committee was to deter from using single use trash bags of any kind. We did a lot of research and had conversations about paper bags not being any better than plastic bags. Their decision was based on the fact that bags are not produced in Maine and the fuel costs associated with the transporting of bags into the state. There was a misunderstanding about the five cent fee being a tax and that the City was keeping the money which was not the case at all. Councilor Bauer would like more people to refrain from using single use bags.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if anyone from the public had any questions.

Madame Chair Eosco mentioned that paper bags can be recycled and that she was happy to see how many people use their recycled grocery bags. She hopes that people will continue to use them. She suggested that merchants give an incentive for customers to bring in their own bags by giving them a small discount on their purchases. Mr. Leiner, also, stated that the notifications for the fees on the sales slips and notices in the stores will now be eliminated. Madame Chair Eosco recommended that notifications (signage) be continued asking that customers bring their own bags.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other questions or comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilors' Ambrosino, Park, Bauer, Comeau, Leonard, Nordmann, Paulhus and Bailey

YEAS: 8

NAYS: None

All Councilors in agreement for first passage.

(second passage will be on May 1st @ 6:02 p.m.)

- 7) Ordinance: Amendment of Ordinance, Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 17-210, One-Way Streets, Section 17-259, Parking Restrictions (*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 17-210. One-Way Streets.

Add the following:

LINDEN STREET Westerly, from Front Street to Washington Street

Amend Summer Street as follows:

SUMMER STREET Easterly, from ~~Washington Street~~
~~driveway leading from the Patten Free Library~~ ~~the intersection of the east~~ to Front Street

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

Councilor Bauer made a motion and it was seconded by Councilor Park.

Michael Field, Police Chief, stated that in November of 2017, the idea of making Linden Street and Summer one way was brought to the transportation committee. On January 31, 2018, a public meeting was held to discuss the proposal with no property owners attending, even though they were notified at the time. Last week at the transportation committee meeting, it was decided to move forward with this ordinance and bring it to the Council. Madame Chair Eosco asked Chief Field why this was being proposed. He stated that by changing these streets to one way, it will add to the flow for additional parking. Councilor Bailey stated that the library is very aware of this and behind it as well. Madame Chair Eosco met with the director of the library last year and she is still on board and excited with the concept of more parking near the library. Councilor Bauer commented that this is excellent news and a great plan. Councilor Nordmann agreed, as well, that this was an excellent plan.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any questions or concerns from the public. She, also, asked if there were any final Council comments.

There were none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

All Councilors in agreement for first passage.

(second passage will be on May 1st @ 6:03 p.m.)

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

Linden Street South Side

Delete the following:

From Front Street to Washington Street, No Parking.

Replace with the following:

From Front Street for a distance of 46 feet westerly, No Parking. From a point 46 feet heading 236 feet west, four hour parking.

Linden Street North Side

Delete the following:

From Front Street for a distance of 150 feet westerly, No Parking. From a point 150 feet westerly of Front Street to a point 40 feet easterly of Washington Street, 1 hour parking. From a point 40 feet easterly of Washington Street to Washington Street, No Parking

Replace with the following:

No Parking.

Washington Street East Side

Delete the following:

From Summer Street northerly for 150 feet north, no parking. From a point 150 feet north of Summer Street to a point 40 feet south of the southerly side of Oak Street, two-hour parking.

Replace with the following:

From Summer Street northerly to a point 40 feet south of the southerly side of Oak Street, two-hour parking.

Summer Street

South Side

Delete the following:

From Commercial street to Front Street, 4 hour parking. From Front Street to the driveway to the old Bath Area Community Federal Credit Union, No Parking, with the exception of a bus loading zone in front of the Y.M.C.A. From the Old Bath Area Community Federal Credit Union to Washington Street, 30 minute parking.

Replace with the following:

From Front Street west to Washington Street, No Parking.

Summer Street

North Side

Delete the following:

From Commercial Street to Front Street, 4 Hour Parking. From Front Street to the easterly entrance of the Patten Free Library, 2 Hour Parking. From the easterly entrance of the Patten Free Library to Washington Street, No Parking.

Replace with the following:

From Front Street west to Washington Street, four hour parking.

Councilor Park motioned to put ordinance on the floor and it was seconded by Councilor Ambrosino

Michael Field spoke again saying that parking will be eliminated on the north side of Linden Street. We will be adding four hour parking to the south side (park side). On Washington Street, we will be adding two hour parking, except for a small curbed area. We eliminated parking on Summer Street where the old YMCA used to be located and are putting all of the parking on the park side of the street.

Madame Chair Eosco invited anyone from the public to comment on adding twenty four parking spaces to the downtown. Madame Chair Eosco asked for any final comments from Councilors.

Councilor Comeau asked if there would be a barrier placed in the curbed location where there would be no parking. Chief Field suspects that they would have to put up a temporary barrier until a final solution is determined.

Madame Chair Eosco asked, once again, for final comments concerning the ordinance.
There were none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

All Councilors in agreement for first passage.(second passage on May 1st @ 6:04 p.m.)

8) Order: Council Approval of Transfer of Forfeiture Assets (*City of Bath Police Department*)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following order:

STATE OF MAINE
Sagadahoc, ss

UNIFIED CRIMINAL COURT
Docket No. CR-18-483

State of Maine	}	
	}	
v.	}	Municipality of Bath
	}	Approval of Transfer
Roy Jackson,	}	15 M.R.S.A. §5824(3) & §5822(4)(A)
Defendant;	}	
	}	
And	}	
	}	
\$3,200.00 U.S. Currency,	}	
Defendant(s) In Rem	}	

NOW COMES the municipality of Bath, Maine, by and through its municipal officers, and does hereby grant approval pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. § 5824(3) & §5826(6) to the transfer of the above captioned Defendant(s) In Rem (\$1,600.00 U.S. Currency), or any portion thereof, on the grounds that the Bath Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or a related criminal case.

WHEREFORE, the municipality of Bath, Maine does hereby approve of the transfer of the Defendant(s) In Rem, or any portion thereof, pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. § 5824(3) & §5826(6) by vote of the Bath municipal legislative body on or about

Dated: _____

Municipal Officer
Bath, Maine
(Impress municipal legislative body seal here)

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

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

Michael Field, Police Chief, referred to the attorney general's letter explaining the forfeiture and how the process works. Ray Jackson was arrested on May 24, 2018 and charged with unlawful trafficking of Scheduled W drugs and a Class B felony with the drug being cocaine. The results of the search warrant at Pleasant Street, Apartment A, Bath, allowed the confiscation of cocaine and \$3,200 in cash. The investigation was a joint effort involving the Bath Police Department and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. Our drug detective had a big part in this, so we are hoping to receive half of the funds (\$1,600), if approved. Chief Field, respectfully, asked the City Council to approve the transfer and said, he'd be happy to answer any questions. Councilor Bauer asked Chief Field to remind people where the money would go. The Chief explained that the police department has an account they use to help supplement their budget, mainly for equipment purposes. Councilor Bailey asked are there any risks that the money would have to be returned. Chief Field answered that there is always a risk but that Mr. Jackson has been convicted. Councilor Nordmann asked if there is a specific use for this money. Chief Field said that he has used the money for various types of equipment, like computers or new handguns. He added that this account is overseen by him and the finance director.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if the public had any questions or did the Council have any final comments.

Councilor Nordmann stated that he generally doesn't approve of confiscation. He asked to abstain from the vote.

Madame Chair Eosco asked again if there were any final comments before the vote and there were none.

All were in favor of the vote except Councilor Nordmann who abstained from voting.

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

H. Petitions & Communications 7:08 PM

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

I. City Manager's Reports: 7:08 PM

Peter Owen, City Manager, mentioned that notices were sent out to all the residences concerning the changes of trash removal. Pine Tree Waste is, now, using one truck and the pickup of trash has gone from five days to four. For those who had trash and recycling on separate days, they have been combined into one. There have been glitches but overall, it's going well. There was supposed to be a second passage for the Pine Tree Waste Contract Agreement but it was pulled from the agenda due to an oversight of not advertising for a public hearing within the time allowed.

Madame Chair Eosco showed the new annual report to everyone and praised Lindsey Goudreau for a great job on this report. Mr. Owen pointed out that the report is for the last fiscal year, not the current one. A City report had not been done for several years and it was determined that it was necessary to provide an annual report again going forward. The report provides a lot of information about every department but, also, an explanation of the City's finances. Hard copies of the report are available at Bath City Hall and, electronically, on the City's website.

J. Committee Reports: 7:11 PM

Councilor Bailey reported on the Sagadahoc Budget Review Committee. She and Councilor Ambrosino had a full day meeting. This is ongoing and we are keeping an eye on costs. The transportation committee met and there will be a steering committee meeting of the south end traffic study. We will be reviewing the final report

and the draft recommendations. The economic development committees had a joint meeting that was a lot of fun with great brainstorming! There are some very interesting ideas about potential reuse of some of the assets we have around the City.

Councilor Ambrosino reported that the Bath Community Forestry Committee had a meeting a couple of days ago to go over upcoming events, one being the forestry center. There will be a dedication on May 5th, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and plants for sale. The following weekend will be the plant sale. For more information, check out the City of Bath's website.

Councilor Bauer reported that the library is having its annual dinner at the library this year. It will be on Saturday, April 27th.

Councilor Comeau reported on the Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and passed out information to Councilors. He was surprised to learn that there are twenty-five bicycle racks in the City. The committee is looking into replacing and moving some of those bike racks. Councilor Comeau praised the committee for its good work.

Councilor Nordmann reported that HUD is looking into excluding smaller housing authorities such as the one in Bath. Bath Housing is looking into transferring its properties over to the housing development. Instead of a property management, they will be a voucher management group before too long. The ownership will be moving over to the housing development. HUD is prioritizing and thinning out who gets the funding. Davenport Trust has donated \$1,500.00 to Bath Housing to purchase bus tickets. The City sells the bus tickets to Bath Housing at a discount. Anyone living at Bath Housing can get three bus tickets per week and they're good for the whole day.

Councilor Park reported that they saw the first draft of the living document that they've been trying to create of the facilities in the City. They will refine it but it was great to see the first part of that and at some point we will be presenting that to the Council.

Madame Chair Eosco reported that she's on the S.C.L.C. at Morse High School. Please let us know if you know someone who has done great things in the community and has made contributions to benefit youth.

K. Unfinished Business 7:20 PM

L. New Business: 7:20 PM

9) Re-appointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Madame Chair Eosco stated that the Council would need to re-appoint Louis Riccardone to the Solid Waste Committee because he did not take his oath within the 30 day deadline.

All were in favor of the re-appointment.

10) Appointment to the Bath Community Forestry

Councilor Bailey stated that the Appointment Screening Committee had a great meeting with Nancy Sferra who works for the Nature Conservancy. She is a biologist and works with invasive plants and forest pests. She's been involved in field tours for the Nature Conservancy and is a member of Kelp. She will be a great addition.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other nominations for the forestry committee.

All were in favor of the appointment.

M. Councilor Announcements:

Councilor Ambrosino just wanted to say that it's fantastic about the boom in committee candidates.

Councilor Park announced that Bath Tsubaru had a fundraising dinner last night and that he and Councilor Bauer shared some cooking experiences together. Also, Councilor Park announced that he worked on Election Day and thanked Mary Howe, Interim City Clerk, for a great first Election for the City of Bath. Secretary of State, Matt Dunlap made an appearance with his Deputy, Julie Flynn. He seemed happy with how things were going. Councilor Park encourages people to become Election workers as we are always looking for a blend in parties to work at the polls.

Councilor Bauer, also, commended Mary Howe, on her accurate minutes and Councilor Bailey reiterated that statement as well.

Councilor Bailey announced that the Age Friendly Community of the Lower Kennebec has a great forum coming up a week from tomorrow on the high costs of prescription drugs. We've got a great line up and Ruth Lawson-Stoppa does a great job in pulling this stuff together. Eloise Vitelli will be there talking about State legislative options coming and Lori Parham from AARP will be there to give a national picture. Jonathan Rice will join us from Wilson Drug Store on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you're thirsty, please come to Concinnity and get your free drink from the cabin fever-reliever.

Councilor Leonard just wanted to thank everyone for the work that they do and she's really excited to be here and she looks forward to lots of learning as her term begins. She congratulated Councilor Paulhus on his victory to the House of Representative seat.

Madame Chair Eosco announced that she's running Heritage Days this year. There will be a Maine Brew tent, food court and fantastic music. The Mary E will be brought up to the dock, mostly likely, on Saturday so people can explore the ship. If anyone has any ideas, please contact her. This weekend will be the Hot Chocolate Jubilee at the Chocolate Church which is a community variety show. It will run, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is a fundraiser for the Chocolate Church.

Madame Chair Eosco entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 7:29 PM

Attest:

Mary C. Howe

Mary C. Howe, Interim City Clerk

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