

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

**Present: Councilor Bailey, Councilor Paulhus, Councilor Nordmann, Councilor Leonard, Councilor Comeau, Councilor Bauer, Councilor Park, Councilor Ambrosino and Madame Chair, Eosco**

Also in attendance were 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 – Mary C. Howe called the Roll.

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

**Proclamation for Arbor Week, May 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2019:**

Madame Chair Eosco asked members of the Bath Forestry Committee to come forward for the reading of the proclamation. She thanked the Bath Forestry Committee for their good work. Madame Chair Eosco read the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**ARBOR WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world (more often as a weekly observance), and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE, HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AS,**

## **ARBOR WEEK**

in the City of Bath, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Week and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**FURTHER**, We urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this 1st day of May 2019

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Mari H. Eosco, Madame Chair  
City Council of Bath, Maine

### **C. Public Hearings:**

#### **1) 6:01 PM**

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance, (*second 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.

Councilor Park motioned to waive the reading of the ordinance and it was seconded by Councilor Ambrosino

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

Madame Chair Eosco stated that this ordinance had been read before.

Madame Chair Eosco invited Ben Averill, City Planner to give a recap about the ordinance.

Ben Averill, City Planner, stated that this was in last month's first passage and that this was a request for contract rezoning for 432 Centre Street, Map 29, Lot 7. The planning board did review this and recommended passage by the Council at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The contract is in C4 so it is allowed for contract rezoning. The applicant is requesting a relaxation of the setback in the yard area requirements, specifically, in the driveway area which is closest to Congress Street. They are requesting a zero foot setback because there is a right of way for the parcel adjacent to them. The applicant is willing to complete some voluntary conditions which will include landscaping and lighting.

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

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

Madame Chair Eosco stated that this was a public hearing and invited anyone to come up and ask questions but there were none. She closed the public hearing and asked the Council if they had any final questions or comments. Councilor Paulhus asked if the two property owners had conversations about the contract rezoning and Mr. Averill believed that they did. Mr. Averill said Scott Davis, Codes Enforcement Officer, had been working within the confines of the land use code and City code to insure that everything was in compliance.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any final Council comments and there were none.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**YEAS: 8**

**NAYS: 0**

**Ordinance passed unanimously. (*second passage*)**

**Madame Chair Eosco announced that this would become law in 21 days.**

2) 6:02 PM

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance, (*second passage*):

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.

Councilor Ambrosino motioned to waive the reading and it was seconded by Councilor Bauer. All were in favor of waiving the reading of the ordinance.

Lee Leiner, Public Works Director, stated that this was an amendment to the single-use bag ordinance. Due to concerns of the business community, Mr. Leiner stated that we are proposing to remove the five cent fee on single use paper bags. It was to be a slowly escalating fee over time but now the fee can be removed and will be optional for the business community to charge a fee.

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

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

Madame Chair Eosco stated that she has heard that people are disappointed about the removal of the fee. She said that she is encouraged that the State of Maine is getting involved. If the State of Maine passes a law regarding fees with single use paper bags, Mr. Leiner said, the new law will supersede this amendment.

Madame Chair Eosco asked the public if they had any questions or comments about the amendment to the single-use bag ordinance. Madame Chair Eosco closed the public hearing and asked for any final Council comments and there were none from either the public or the Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**YEAS: 8**

**NAYS: 0**

**Ordinance passed unanimously. (*second passage*)**

***Madame Chair Eosco announced that this would become law in 21 days.***

**3) 6:03 PM**

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance, (*second passage*):

**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~~  
~~the intersection of the east~~  
~~driveway leading from the Patten Free Library~~ to Front Street

Councilor Bailey motioned to waive the reading and it was seconded by Councilor Paulhus.

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

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

Michael Field, Police Chief, stated he gave a brief history last month about how this came about. In November of 2017, this was brought to the transportation committee for Linden and Summer Streets to become one way. On January 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018, there was a public meeting and no residents or property owners attended. This past March it was brought to the transportation committee again and they agreed to move it forward to the City Council. The one way change on Linden Street will run east from Front Street to Washington Street and the one way change on Summer Street; will run west from Washington Street all the way to Front Street. Traveling from the library to Front Street is already one way. The small island at Washington and Summer, will be temporarily blocked and, eventually, it will be made to look nice. Madame Chair Eosco asked Chief Field to explain some of the benefits to the one way change. Chief Field said that it will add more parking and an extension to parking from two hours to four hours. Madame Chair Eosco asked the Council if there were any questions or comments. Councilor Leonard asked Chief Field where the parking spots would be located. Chief Field used the diagram on display to show her. He said, they'd be adding spots from the park side of the library to Washington Street and, also, adding about 150 feet of parking on Washington Street. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other public hearing questions or concerns. Madame Chair Eosco stated that the library is supportive of this change. Madame Chair Eosco closed the public hearing and asked for any final Council comments and there were none from the public or the Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**YEAS: 8**

**NAYS: 0**

**Ordinance unanimously passed. (*second passage*)**

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**4) 6:04 PM**

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 made the motion to waive the reading and it was seconded by Councilor Bauer All were in favor of waiving the reading.

Chief Field stated that along with the one way changes, there will be parking changes. He said you can currently park on the north side of Linden Street. Eventually, there will be no parking and we will put the parking on the south side of Linden Street about 46 feet in and all the way up to where the path goes into the park. These will be four hour spots. On Summer Street, there is already two hour parking on the north side and we will be adding parking from the library lot back to Washington Street on the north side. All of the parking will be four hour parking. On the south side of Summer Street there will be no parking to leave room for emergency vehicles. The change will add about twenty-four additional parking spots.

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

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

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any questions from the Council. Councilor Park stated that it was going to be great to have additional parking. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to comment or had questions. Madame Chair Eosco asked everyone to get the word out with the new parking change. Councilor Leonard asked Chief Field is there wouldn't be any parking around the library during Heritage Days. Madame Chair Eosco said that there would be some changes with Heritage Days and she wasn't sure whether the new parking would affect Heritage Days. Dan Sterns of 3 Linden Street asked where the signs would be located and will the parking be enforced. Chief Field stated that parking would be enforced and that he was still working out the signage with Public Works. Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any final Council comments. Councilor Bailey stated that they talked about this during the transportation committee meeting and there is a communications campaign going on with the implementation of the ordinance. There should be press releases, in the newsletter, social media and on the website. Peter Owen, City Manager, added that usually with a traffic change, enforcement will happen within the next few weeks.

There were no other comments from the Council or public.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

#### **VOTE:**

**YEAS: 8**

**NAYS: 0**

**Ordinance passed unanimously. (*second passage*)**

*Madame Chair Eosco announced that this would become law in 21 days.*

#### **5) 6:05 PM**

Madame Chair Eosco read the following ordinance:

#### **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.

Councilor Park motioned to waive the reading and it was seconded by Councilor Bauer.

All were in favor of waiving the reading.

Lee Leiner, Director of Public Works, stated that this was a second passage of a five year contract with Pine Tree Waste. This would be succeeding the previous five year contract of 2014. The provisions of the contract are, essentially, the same as the last one. The prices and scheduling have changed a little bit. Everyone has recycling and trash on the same day now which was not the case for everyone before. Mr. Leiner believes it's going reasonably well and if people have any questions, they can be answered at public works or on the website.

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

Madame Chair Eosco asked if anyone from the public had any questions about this contract. She, also, asked if there were any final comments or questions from the Council and there were none from either the public or the Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Councilors Bailey, Paulhus, Nordmann, Leonard, Comeau, Bauer, Park and Ambrosino.**

**VOTE:**

**YEAS: 8**

**NAYS: 0**

**Ordinance passed unanimously. (*second passage*)**

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**D. Consent Agenda: 6:28 PM**

(Items as marked with an asterisk (\*) on the agenda shall be considered routine matters not requiring debate. In the case of items marked with an asterisk, the motion as stated in parenthesis following the items on the agenda shall be considered to have been passed by the City Council as part of the Consent Agenda. Any Councilor wishing to have any item so marked with an asterisk removed from the Consent Agenda shall have the unlimited right to do so at any time prior to the vote by Council on the Consent Agenda. If such an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it shall be dealt with in the normal course of the meeting.)

**\*6) Minutes of the previous Council Organizational/Regular Meetings of April 3, 2019, F7 for tree arborist (Motion to Accept as Presented)**

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

Councilor Paulhus made the motion on the order for the appointment of the City's tree arborist and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the appointment.

**E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council: 6:29 PM**

Judy Mansfield of 121 High Street stated that she is an Odyssey of Mind coach. She brought four team members with her. She said that two Bath Middle School teams took first place at the State tournament this year. Ms. Mansfield described Odyssey of the Mind as a creative thinking competition. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, the team will be heading to Michigan State University for the world finals. The team is trying to raise money for the trip which will cost about \$18,000.00. Councilor Comeau asked Judy Mansfield to explain exactly what the team does. She said it's an international program. There will be teams from all over the world at Michigan State. The team is presented with five problems and picks one, vehicle, technical, classics, structure and performance.

Alaina Trundy of 918 Washington Street wanted to let Councilors know that she was having a yard sale on Saturday, 8:30 to 2:30 to raise money for the trip.

Madame Chair Eosco invited the public to come up and speak during this time devoted to residents.

**F. Ordinances, Orders and Resolutions:**

**Order:** Arborist approved by Council on the consent agenda.

**Order:** Approving Lease Renewal for the Lambert Park Community Center.

Madame Chair Eosco read the order for approving the lease renewal:

#### ORDER APPROVING LEASE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the City of Bath has had a long-term Lease with Terri Crocker regarding her occupancy at the Lambert Park Community Center; and

WHEREAS, that Lease is up for renewal; and

WHEREAS, there is no proposed change in the terms and conditions of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Lease is proposed to run through June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the Lease Renewal Agreement with Terri Crocker for the Lambert Park Community Center be and hereby is approved and the City Manager is authorized to execute the Agreement to Renew Lease and such other documentation that may be necessary for the renewal.

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

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

Steve Balboni, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the original idea for the Lambert Park Community Center was a social serves hub. The Lambert Park area was in desperate need of affordable daycare.

Councilor Comeau stated that there was a change to the deadline and that it should be 2019 to 2022, not to 2020.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there was a motion to make the change to the deadline. Councilor Comeau made the motion and it was seconded by Councilor Bailey.

Councilor Bauer left the Council meeting at 6:42 p.m. due to an emergency.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if anyone had any questions about the date change and there were none. All were in favor of the date change to 2022.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if anyone from the public had any questions about this or were there any final Council comments and there were none.

All were in favor of the order.

#### **G. Petitions & Communications 6:44 PM**

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

## **H. City Manager's Report 6:44 PM**

Peter Owen, City Manager, reported that the planning board has been working on legislation to establish adult use and medical marijuana. They passed a proposed ordinance to regulate adult use marijuana establishments as well as medical marijuana establishments. The proposal will be coming to the Council in the form of a workshop in the near future. It will go through the Council's process and Mr. Owen wanted the Councilors to know what's coming up. On May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing to review the budget and give the public a chance to ask questions. City taxes will be going down .42%, county budget will be going up by .2%, RSU #1 tax will account for 1.25%, with an overall property tax increase of over 1%. Councilor Comeau stated that for three days Councilors did budget deliberations and he wanted to commend the City Manager, Peter Owen, Finance Director, Juli Millett and department heads on an outstanding job.

## **I. Committee Reports 6:48 PM**

Council Bailey reported that we have already seen the outcome of the Sagadahoc Budget Advisory Committee. The transportation committee just met and there are going to be some things coming up. We had the final meeting with the consultants with the South End Traffic Study and they're about to come in with their final report. Hopefully, the City staff will be prioritizing with recommendations about how to move forward.

Council Paulhus reported that the recognition committee, recently, met. They talked about the Japanese proposal, moving a plaque to Pitman Square and to give back the William King Square name in front of the Old Customs House.

Councilor Park reported that the facilities committee will be exploring the budget line for Morse High School and it will be an ongoing process figuring out what to do with that space when it becomes available. The Bath Forestry Committee will have a dedication on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. with refreshments and will be selling trees and bushes. The committee is almost full with a few spots open and Councilor Park encouraged people to apply. There is a new polystyrene State wide ban now and Maine is the first in the nation for this ban. This will become law in 2021.

The recognition committee approved Bath's Sister City T-Sugaru's memorial so they will be working towards creating a memorial space in conjunction with the river walk. We are very pleased that the memorial was approved and will begin fundraising efforts soon.

Councilor Comeau reported on the Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and gave kudos to them for their hard work. The month of May is bicycle month so you will be seeing lots of bicycles on the road. Madame Chair Eosco reported that bike to work week is coming up. The committee is working with the City and they have asked permission to have 30 minute parking spaces across from City Hall. It's encouraged that you bike downtown instead of drive your cars during bike week. A Go Pro camera is being set up by a teacher and students from the Bath Middle School at City Hall to keep watch on the bicycles parked across the street.

Madame Chair Eosco spoke about redefining the boards and committees list and reassigning some of Bernard Wyman's committees to other Councilors, giving first dibs to Councilor Leonard who has filled the Ward 4 seat.

#### **J. Unfinished Business 6:57 PM**

There was no unfinished business at this meeting.

#### **K. New Business 6:57 PM**

Councilor Bailey reported that the Assessment Review Board met last month with Michael Jakubowski who will be a terrific addition to the forestry committee. He is an environmental scientist, has a B. S. in forestry and recently completed his Master's Degree in earth and environmental science. He has served as chair on the education committee for the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there were any other nominations.

All were in favor of the appointment.

Madame Chair Eosco stated that there was one more appointment for the Bath Sidewalk Vending Committee, a re-appointment to that committee.

All were in favor of Bruce Goodwin being re-appointed to the Bath Sidewalk Vending Committee.

#### **L. Councilor Announcements 7:00 PM**

Councilor Bailey announced that the Lower Kennebec Age-Friendly Group was having a public forum on the outcome of their survey and assessment process. It's scheduled for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the library.

Madame Chair Eosco asked if there was a motion to go into executive session.

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

All were in favor going into executive session.

The meeting adjourned at **7:01 PM** with a motion by Councilor Park and seconded by Councilor Ambrosino.

All were in favor of the adjournment.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Discuss Personnel Matter per 1 MRSA §405(6)(A)

Attest:

*Mary C. Howe*

Mary C. Howe, Interim City Clerk

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