

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE**  
Wednesday, March 16th, 2022, 6:00 PM

**Councilors Present:** Julie Ambrosino, Phyllis Bailey, Mary Ellen Bell, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant, Susan Bauer

**Councilors Absent:** Terry Nordmann, Aaron Park, and Elizabeth Dingley

**City Staff Present:** Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Juli Millett, Finance Director; Lee Leiner, Public Works Director; Ben Averill, City Planner; Roger Therriault, City Solicitor; and Richard Osmer, BCTV

Vice Chairperson DeChant led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Darci Wheeler, City Clerk, called the Roll.

Presentation of CSO Master Plan

**I. Public Hearing – CSO Master Plan-Wright Pierce**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Bath will hold a public hearing at its City Council Meeting on

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
**at City Hall**  
**located at 55 Front Street, Bath, ME 04530 at 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Bath will hold a public hearing on the  
"Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan Update for the City of Bath "

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time. A copy of the proposed application is available at the City Clerk's Office and can also be obtained by calling the City Clerk at 207-443-8332 during normal business hours and requesting that a copy be mailed to you.

Please see the City of Bath website at [cityofbath.com](http://cityofbath.com) in advance of the meeting to find out if there will be a remote participation option.

Public comments will be taken at the meeting and written comments should be submitted to [dwheeler@cityofbath.com](mailto:dwheeler@cityofbath.com).

Lee Leiner, Public Works Director introduced this item. Matt Burns and Kendra Fox, Wright Pierce Engineers facilitated presentation. Discussion and questions provided by Councilors Bauer, Dunn, Bell, Bailey, and DeChant. No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:59pm.

**II. Resolution – To join the Community Resilience Partnership**

**RESOLUTION- JOINING THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bath adopted the 2019 Climate Action plan on November 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bath has pledged to take a leadership role to minimize the City’s energy use and emissions and maximize efficiency, resiliency, and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bath has completed the Community Resilience Partnership’s Community Resilience Self- Assessment and List of Community Actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bath held a community workshop on March 10, 2022, which prioritized the following action areas:

1. Install electric vehicle chargers in public parking areas,
2. Adopt the energy efficiency stretch building codes,
3. Conduct a community vulnerability assessment that identifies climate risks and vulnerable populations and includes a review of existing plans and policies. Adopt a climate resilience plan that describes high priority strategies for reducing risk and vulnerabilities,
4. Require consideration of sea level rise projections and impacts in planning and permitting coastal development,
5. Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaptation for residents and businesses,
6. Initiate a community bulk purchasing program with a vendor, or vendors, to provide low-cost equipment such as heat pumps and solar for interested residents and businesses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the City of Bath commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Bath designates the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Sustainability and Environment to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary points of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

Ben Averill, City Planner, gave overview of the item.

Discussion and questions provided by Councilors Bailey, Bauer, Dunn, Ambrosino, and DeChant. No public comment.

**Councilor Ambrosino moved, Councilor Bell seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays.**

**III. Order – Approving Memorandum of Understanding with RSU 1 Regarding Transfer of Former Morse High School and Regional Technical School Property**

**ORDER**

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, AS MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 1: LOWER KENNEBEC REGION SCHOOL UNIT REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER MORSE HIGH SCHOOL AND REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 826 HIGH STREET, FROM RSU 1 TO THE CITY IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM AS PRESENTED HERETO.

Marc Meyers, City Manager, gave overview of the item. Juli Millett, Finance Director, provided financial feedback.

Discussion and questions provided by Councilors Dunn, Ambrosino, Dunn, Bauer. No public comment.

**Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Ambrosino seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays.**

#### **IV. Reappointments to Bath Development Corporation**

**Councilor Ambrosino moved, Councilor Dunn seconded, to approve the slate as amended. The motion carried with five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays.**

#### **V. Rabies Adhoc Committee Discussion**

Councilors Dunn and Bell gave update. Discussion provided by Councilors DeChant, Bauer, Ambrosino, and Bailey. Next report will be in 45 days.

**Councilor Bailey moved, Councilor Bell seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried with five (5) yeas and (0) nays.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Attested:

Darci L. Wheeler, City Clerk

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