BATH PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES October 6, 2026

A workshop meeting of the Bath Planning Board was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT
James Hopkinson, Vice Chair
Robert Gersh
Andy Omo
George Sprague

MEMBERS ABSENT
None

STAFF PRESENT
John Rutecki, Assistant City Planner

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Planning Board Vice Chair Jim Hopkinson commenced the meeting at 5:00 PM and opened the floor to Assistant City Planner John Rutecki.

Mr. Rutecki alerted the Board to two procedural items that may arise during future review meetings. First, the newly adopted Land Use Code allows the Planning Board to grant waivers to certain performance standards by verbal request during a review meeting, rather than only to requests made in writing beforehand. As before, zoning district standards cannot be waived in either case, and instead require a variance form the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second, where an applicant answers a question, provides information, or otherwise satisfies the Boards Concerns during a review meeting, it is not always necessary to require that applicant submit a record of this information after the meeting, as a Condition of Approval or otherwise.

Mr. Rutecki then addressed the need for the Board to elect officers, including a Chair, Vice Chair, two members of the Historic District Committee, and a member of the Bath Development Corporation Board. The Planning Board members discussed suitability and preferences for each office in preparation to vote at the 6:00 PM regular meeting immediately following the workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Notes prepared by City Planning Staff