

## February 2, 2023

In person meeting: City Auditorium

Present: Dunn, Bell, Johnson, DeChant and Millet

1. We started meeting with Juli sharing out some information she gathered about municipal non-profit giving. She shared emails from Rockland, Portland, Brewer, Scarborough as well as recent Policy from Brunswick.
2. We discussed Bath's recent history of non-profit giving. According to Juli, non-profit giving has been based on tradition and no fixed formula. Traditionally the city gives \$10,000 or less to non-profits. (Midcoast Youth Center is an exception and has seen varied giving from the city based on several unique circumstances like Armory lease etc. We noted that there has been significant miscommunication about this).
3. We talked about some of the past organizations that regularly receive city \$. (Bath Municipal Band, Food Bank, KELT, Skate Park, Senior Citizens, Tsugaru etc). We also talked about where in the budget funds come from.
4. Two big questions arose in our conversation.
  - A. If we create a City non-profit giving policy will it invite more requests, or will it help clarify criteria and decision making?
  - B. Is it fair for the City of Bath to collect tax payer money and then have the Council decide which non-profits receive funding? Do individual tax payers want to make their own decisions about which non-profits they support?
5. We talked a bit about differentiating some organizations. We agree that PFL is in a unique situation. There may be a few others?

Homework: We will all carefully review Brunswick Policy for next meeting.

We set a date for our next meeting.

Feb. 16, 5:30 City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Bell

## **Minutes from Organizational meeting January 20, 2023**

Zoom Organizational Meeting.

Present: Dunn, Johnson, Bell, Dechant. Absent: Millet

We started by discussing these questions about the configurations of Ad Hoc committees.

1. How and when is it determined that an Ad Hoc Committee includes or does not include citizens? If citizens are included, how and when is public notice given? Does the real time meeting space need to be a city facility?

2. How and when can a committee be hybrid or remote? (hybrid = both real-time and online participants. Remote = only online participants.

We developed discussed some questions around non-profit city giving to begin with our next meeting. We gave ourselves some HW.

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