

MINUTES
TOWN OF BATH ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF BATH MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2026

3:30 pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Members- Chairman Ryan Kessel (x) Greg Schene (x) Rick Weber (x)

Quorum – Yes

Also present: Councilwoman Reba Dalson, Kate Lehman, Sam Abbott, Ryan Rakhshan, Lisa Swanson, Wendy Hoagland, Keith Lemirande

3. Review Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting of December 18, 2025- Approved by common consent


4. Vacant Structure Registry: The Vacant Structure Ordinance was discussed. This ordinance would list vacant structures, including those without utilities and determined to be unsafe, with a yearly fee structure. In order to address the challenges of unsafe structures for first responders, potential vagrancy and drug trafficking, pests and vermin, and the negative economic impact to the town for these structures. Chairman Kessel will have the second reading at the next Town Council meeting on January 20, 2026.

It was noted that, if the ordinance goes into effect, there would need to be created an internal form for Town use and a standard boilerplate letter to be used to notify owners applicability. The meeting was moved to the main Town Hall room to accommodate the attendees. The Town residents inquired about ordinance, provided examples of properties to which it might apply and generally supported the ordinance.

5. New Business: None

6. Next Regular Meeting- February 19, 2026 at 3:30 pm

7. Adjourn 4:15 pm

Chairman Signature: 

Date: 3/19/26