

Dan Blaney, Archivist, presented the Harmon Museum Budget which was accepted as presented. The roof repairs will be submitted in the Capital Budget requests. It was asked if the Harmon Museum building was owned by the Town to which he indicated that it was. 20177 – OOB Historical Society; The Museum is celebrating 126 years in Old Orchard. Historical records and all kinds of interesting paraphernalia are contained within the walls of the Harmon Museum. The history of the Town is as deep as the soft sand that lines our seven mile beach. Earliest records date back to 1653, making the beautiful coastal destinations 356 years old. We have been a Town for 125 years. Settled in 1657 by Thomas Rogers as “Garden by the Sea,” for many years there were old apple orchards which were landmarks for sailors, thus the name – Old Orchard Beach. This historic museum contains so much of our history including information on the great fire of 1907 that destroyed the entire beachfront; the destruction of the end of the Pier in 1909; the 1920 and 1930 era of the “big bands;” and of course lots about the Lindberg daring flight to our community. Dan Blaney, Archivist for the Museum, noted the many updates that have been done to the Museum and the historical value of all that it contains.

Discussion on the agencies was first on the agenda: 20174– Service.

20174 - The Agencies represented by their letters of request for funding provide a number of sources of assistance to citizens of Old Orchard Beach. Each organization has its own specific mission and in their letters presented to the Council a synopsis of their work and particularly the involvement with local residents.

20176 – Transit District Subsidy; For 25 years the ShuttleBus has served Southern Maine residents with a convenient and affordable public transportation network. ShuttleBus Tri-Town Service within Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach are a great service to the community as well as providing connections to the tri-towns with Scarborough, South Portland and Portland. In 1998, Shuttlebus joined with the Maine DOT and the Maine Turnpike Authority to launch the Zoom Turnpike Express, a commuter service that links between Biddeford and Saco with downtown Portland. Each of the three communities has three representatives on the Shuttlebus Board and each community supports financially the operation of the Shuttlebus. Shuttlebus Chairperson, Roxanne Frenette updated the Council on the history of the Transit System, financial coverage by other agencies such as the DOT, Maine Turnpike, etc. She also provided a review of the outdated busses and the plans for replacement of those busses and the one trolley. Ms. J. Clark also presented her comments regarding the value of the bus services to her as someone that works in Portland and rides the bus on a daily basis.

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summer months through Old Orchard Beach. She also, along with the Chair, discussed the recent meeting with the Transit Director regarding possible additional service to Ocean Park which the Director of Ocean Park Association indicated would be considered in next year's budget. The increase was approved.

20117– Miscellaneous; This account is used for small, unforeseen expenditures, for example flowers or donations for employees; town-wide Christmas Party, etc.

20118 – Contingency; This account could be used for unexpected repairs such as the boiler, roof, etc. These expenses or costs, however, must go to the Council for approval. Discussion continued on this account and comparisons to the Undesignated Account. The question was asked if these two accounts might be combined and the plus and minus results of doing that.

20119 – Insurance; This account is used to cover the Town’s General Liability Insurance, Worker’s Compensation and Unemployment Insurance as well. Discussion continued on why we are paying for seasonal individuals and the Finance Director said it is the law which requires this type of payment. It is minimal for our municipality but we do have to put this into the budget.

20116– York County Tax; This account is for the Town’s portion of the County Tax. There were comments about how little is provided by the County and the cost of the service they do provide.

20197– Debt Service Principal; This account funds the Town’s Bond principal payments and lease purchase payments. The Finance Director reviewed this account; the payments and the lease responsibilities.

20198– Debt Service Interest; This account funds interest payments on bonds and lease purchases.

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Louise Reid
Town Council Secretary

I, V. Louise Reid, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of three pages (3) is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop of May 3, 2010.

V. Louise Reid