

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
AGENDA**

PRESENT:

**Chair Sharri MacDonald
Vice Chair Robin Dayton
Councilor Laura Bolduc
Acting Town Manager V. Louise Reid
Public Works Director Mary Ann Conroy
Archie St. Helaire
Helen Whittaker
Carter Whittaker
Jetta Antonakos
John Bird
John Weaver**

ABSENT:

**Councilor Shawn O'Neill
Councilor Michael Tousignant**

A workshop was held for a preliminary review of the bids on the Solid Waste and Recycling Materials Collection and Disposal Services. It was noted that in the Request for the Proposal, only two bids were received; one from Waste Management and the other from Blow Brothers.

BBI Contract

**Low bidder at \$325,000 per year
\$92,000 below other bidder – MWM
Review Committee – Mary Ann Conroy, Jetta Antonakos, John Weaver
Recommended going with low bidder for curbside pickup
Who will manage the contract?
Legal counsel to draw up the contract.**

Alternate 2 – Close the Transfer Station – move all services to BBI except composting

**\$50,000 with moving services to BBI
Look closer at cost savings
Pro: Better hours, cost savings, not closed during plowing, employees needed at DPW,
scales more accurate, others.
Con: Price control.
Another public workshop needed**

Condo/Private Parks Pricing

Cider Hill – Example Pricing

The need to better track the recycling and also waste delivery to MERC was discussed and it was felt that the proposal by BBI would enhance the ability of the Recycling Committee to get more accurate records of the cost of waste removal and the rewards from recycling. Also discussed was the improper disposal of leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients which can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Industrial non-hazardous waste that can be recycled and reused are key to a successful resource conservation program.

The following alternatives were discussed as well:

Alternative 1: BBI will operate the Town of Old Orchard Beach Transfer Station.

BBI will provide manpower, backhoe, containers as needed, holding tank pumping, record keeping, and maintenance and repairs up to \$10,000 per year.

The Town of Old Orchard Beach will provide: Permitting and engineering if needed, mandated upgrades, electricity, water, plowing assistance, compost handling. It was suggested that compost be accepted one or two days per week and the Town to provide disposal site for MSW within fifteen miles, i.e., MERC, etc.

The annual cost to the Town: \$100,000
Annual cost in word: One hundred thousand dollars

Alternative 2 Town to close transfer station and all materials delivered to BBI site except compost (DEP must approve these changes.)

BBI will provide: manpower equipment, hauling as needed, scale facility, record keeping, expanded operating hours, recycling drop off areas.

Town will provide: Disposal site for MSW within 15 miles; i.e., MERC, etc.

The annual cost to the Town: \$50,000
Annual cost in word: Fifty thousand dollars

Alternative 3: Addition of mobile home parks, condos, large apartments, campgrounds, additional stops, etc., for recycling pick-up.

BBI proposes to provide additional recycling services for the cost of \$1 per unit per week to any of the above mentioned stops.

Some of the financing that was discussed included:

<i>Budget Review:</i>	
FY10 Budgeted	\$255,000
Bid Total	325,000
Shortfall	(\$70,000)

Private Park Pricing Example

Cider Hill	\$ 96	\$1.00	52	\$4,992
Cider Hill	176	1.00	52	9,152

Transfer Station Savings:

Utilities	\$10,000
Hauling	
Container Rental	
Pending Improvements –Sewer	19,440
Pending Improvements – Drainage	25,200
Overtime	12,000
Compactor Replacement	

Balance until other expenses are calculated - \$66,640

Some time was spent on the need for education of the community and the need to generate ideas for students and teachers including things such as solid waste and recycling science fairs as well as for all citizens providing basic facts about garbage and ideas to help reduce the amount of waste that is created every day. The Recycling Committee is very involved in the educational process include developing creative ways to not only reduce and recycle but also to manage municipal waste. This can be done through source reduction, recycling including composting, and disposal. The most environmentally sound management of MSW is achieved when these approaches are implemented according to the EPA's preferred order such as source reduction first, recycling and composting second and disposal in landfills or waste combustors last. Source reduction is the altering of the design, manufacture or use of products and materials to reduce the amount and toxicity of what gets thrown away; recycling is sorting, collecting, and processing materials to manufacture and sell them as new products; and composting is the decomposition of organic waste such as food scraps and yard trimmings, with microorganisms (mainly bacteria and fungi) to produce compost. Compost is organic, material that can be used as a soil amendment or as a medium to grow plants.

It was indicated that the bid for weekly recycling and curbside pick up would go on the next agenda but that another workshop and public hearing is necessary to talk about the transfer station being administered by BBI. The other issue that was discussed was the pay-as-you-throw option which has been favored by some councilors and is to be discussed at future workshops as well. Some of the local communities who have already done this are Arundel, Bath, Falmouth, Gorham, North Berwick, North Yarmouth, Ogunquit, Wells, etc. and the average price per bag is about \$1.50.

This Workshop was very productive and there was a genuine sense of excitement into the possibility of reduction of costs as the recycling program is to be once a week with the expectation of citizens getting into the habit of recycling.

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Victoria Geaumont
Town Council Secretary**

I, Victoria Geaumont, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of four (4) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop of August 19, 2009.

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