

**Town of Old Orchard Beach
Town Council Workshop
Town Hall Chambers
Minutes September 15, 2009**

A Town Council Workshop was held in the Town Council Chamber following the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Chair Sharri MacDonald, Councilor Bolduc, Councilor Shawn O'Neill, Councilor Michael Tousignant, Acting Town Manager V. Louise Reid, Public Works Director Mary Ann Conroy.

Absent: Vice Chair Robin Dayton

Focus: Alternative 2 – Close the Transfer Station and move all services, except composting, to BBI

- I. Review Proposal from BBI**
 - a. \$50,000 a year was bid by only BBI**
 - b. BBI will provide: manpower, equipment, hauling, scale facility, recordkeeping, expanded operating hours, recycling drop off area**
 - c. Town will continue to pay tipping fees to MERC and composting/brush operations**

- II. Review Savings to the Town of Old Orchard Beach**
 - a. A detailed spreadsheet is attached.**

Financial Comparisons

Prepared by: DPW/Finance

15-Sep-09

Transfer Station Savings with Relocation

Utilities – Heat	\$10,000	Capital - Sewer	\$19,440
Utilities- Electrical	\$6,000	Capital - Drainage	\$25,200
Utilities – Water	\$1,000	Capital - Compactor	\$200,000
Utilities – Phone	\$1,000		
Hauling – BBI	\$20,608		
Hauling – CP	\$8,604		
Rental Units	\$1,475		
Overtime	\$10,000		
Misc - Office Supplies	\$3,000		
Total Approximate Immediate Savings	\$61,687	Total Pending Capital Needs	\$244,640

- III. Discuss Pro/Con List**
 - a. Pro: Better hours, cost savings, not closed during plowing/winter operations, employee needed at DPW, scales more accurate, time needed to manage MSW contract**

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- IV. Discuss Logistics**
 - a. 60 day minimum turnaround for permitting
 - b. Current resident permits will be honored, but will need to be redesigned to go by weight and not yardage
 - c. 24 accommodation for beach trash disposal to be coordinated
- V. Questions/Concerns**

Financial Comparisons:

Budget Review:

FY10 Budgeted	\$255,000
Bid Total	325,000
Shortfall	- 70,000

Private Park Pricing Example

Cider Hill	\$ 96	\$1.00	52	\$4,992.00
Cider Hill	165	\$1.00	52	9,152.00

Transfer Station Savings

Utilities	\$ 10,000
Hauling	
Container Rental	
Pending Improvement – Sewer	19,400
Pending Improvement – Drainage	25,200
Overtime	12,000
Compactor Replacement	
	\$ 66,640

The discussion of Permits indicated that so far in 2009 we have sole 458 permits. From 8/27/08 to 8/27/09 there were 638 permits for the Transfer Station. It is only a potential because the amount of blocks a resident uses on their transfer station permit is not tracked by the Transfer Station. One of the positives of BBI taking over the Transfer Station is that there would be a better compilation of information and the tracking of how this is affecting our recycling effort as well.

Permit History

2001	598 permits	\$ 5,980	2005	1,018	\$25,450
2002	1,008	10,800	2006	847	21,175
2003	1,127	11,270	2007	767	19,175
2004	557	5,570	2008	666	16,650

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Under the current proposal resident permits would be honored at BBI but trash would be measured by weight and not yardage.

Discussion continued on the Town's consideration of closing its transfer station and moving all its services, except composing, to BBI Waste Industries. Under this proposal the town would pay BBI Waste Industries to take over the duties of the Transfer Station. BBI would provide staffing, equipment, record keeping, hauling, a scale facility and a recycling drop-off center. An option to have BBI run service at the current Transfer Station was considered but Archie St. Hillarie, CEO of BBI, said that he thought moving services to the nearby solid waste disposal company was a better option. He indicated that with two of us doing the same things within a mile of each other is not cost effective. If BBI were to take over the Transfer Station, the hours would expand to later in the afternoon. Currently the Transfer Station is open from 7:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The cost to run the current Transfer Station is about \$62,000 a year plus the cost of a staff person. The cost for BBI to take over the Transfer Station would be \$50,000 annually. Under the current proposal the Transfer Station employee would be moved to the Public Works Department as he is already involved in winter plowing.

The Town Council requested that the Acting Town Manager, V. Louise Reid, provide the letter to BBI suggesting this arrangement so that BBI can arrange through the Department of Environmental Protection for the permitting required.

The Workshop ended at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Victoria Geaumont
Secretary**

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