

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2015

A meeting of the Administrative Review Board was held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 in the Police Department Community Room at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was being held at the request of the Administrative Review Board members as a follow up to their meeting on September 10, 2015 and September 23, 2015 when they discussed their mission statement and issues relative to how meetings are conducted. Today they were to look at possible ordinance change and also at several needed business licenses to be addressed in the future.

Attending: Marc Bourassa
Larry Mead – Town Manager
V. Louise Reid – Assistant Town Manager
Tina Kelly
Jeffrey Hinderliter – Planner
Dan Feeney – Code Enforcement
Police Chief Dana Kelley
Ken Lafayette
Kathy Smith – Licensing Administrator

Absent: Chief Ricky Plummer
Gary Curtis

The meeting this evening was to review seventeen businesses for which complaints have been received and to decide which ones will be brought before the Administrative Review Board and which businesses will continue to be monitored.

The business discussed was:

The Brunswick	29 West Grand Avenue
Bill & Lynn's Ocean Inn	204 Saco Avenue
America's Best Value Inn/Mt. Royal	30 West Grand Avenue
Old Orchard Beach Campground	27 Ocean Park Road
Harold's Cut Rate	11 East Grand Avenue
GRB Scottish Pub	32 Old Orchard Street
Rental Property-Diane Dion	102 Saco Avenue A&B
The Landing by the Sea	29 Saco Avenue
Uptown O'Leary's Public House	41 Old Orchard Street
Rental Property – Nick Bissonnette	66 Atlantic Avenue
SeaBreeze Motel	30 Milliken Street

Apartment House – Guy Bouthot	42 Washington Avenue
Apartment Building	29 Portland Avenue
Rental – 3 Short Street	3 Short Street
Grand Beach Inn and Café	198 East Grand Avenue
Apartment Building	6 Prospect Street
Rental – 66 Atlantic Avenue	66 Atlantic Avenue

The Board review several options and issues for resolution:

How do we handle noise issues? Getting readings is not usually effective. Should businesses be accountable for incidents outside their businesses even when some would be coming from the beach or from other alcoholic businesses?

How important are minor issues? Do they need to be addressed? Is a meeting with a police officer or the Chief sufficient to address the issues?

How does age of tourists affect the number of calls? Young versus old? Need for better business plans.

Is everything possible being done by a business so that due to the type of business one would expect there to be some complaints?

Calls for service are cost factors for considerations as well as actual complaints.

Encroachment issues are difficult because they are all over the Town of Old Orchard and if one is addressed, all need to be addressed.

Suggestion of “quiet hours” and shortening the hour when bars need to be closed. It was noted that this is something to be considered but it is also noted that there would probably be a business outcry.

Drug issues throughout the State are increasing.

Having a business in Old Orchard Beach is a privilege, not a right.

Discussion continued as we started to review the business complaints and the Town Manager noted that it would be much more sensible to separate the type of complaints from those that do not come to the level of having to be addressed and those that count in the serious nature. He recommended to the Board that in preparation for the next meeting when some of these businesses will be informed they needed to attend, that we have those lists made subjectively so that the more serious issues are addressed.

To do this, we went through some of the complaints and came up with a list of businesses that were needed of immediate attention and others that needed to be continually monitored.

Immediate Addressing:

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Rental Property-Diane Dion	102 Saco Avenue A&B
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Continued Monitoring:

Bill & Lynn's Ocean Inn	204 Saco Avenue
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The Town Manager requested that a meeting be set for the third week of November and that prior to that meeting that each of the members provide their list of Serious Issues to be Addressed for each of the businesses on the Immediate Addressing List and that the Chief of Police should continue to monitor those that require continue monitoring.

The Town Manager closed the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The Assistant Town Manager will provide dates for the third week in November for consensus as to appropriate time to meet.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Louise Reid

Assistant Town Manager

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