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# **Town Council Workshop Minutes**

*May 8th, 2024*

I, Tim Fleury, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of 6 pages is a copy of the original minutes from the workshops of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council held on 5/8/2024.

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Approved By:	Old Orchard Beach Town Council
Approval Date:	5/21/2024

Respectfully  
Submitted,

Tim Fleury  
*Town Council*  
*Secretary*



## Town Council Workshop Agenda

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00pm**  
**Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue**

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There will be a Town Council Workshop on Wednesday May, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm to discuss Veteran's Memorial Park capital improvements.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill opened the workshops up at 6:00pm.

Larry Mead from the Veteran's Memorial Park Committee presented information on the park walkway material options. The Committee is proposing stone dust walkways with stabilizing additives and steel edging for definition. This would include the walkway at the monument area. It includes granite step fronts and stone dust landings on the stair tread areas. The primary entrance on Staples and First Street would be the only different material used. It is proposed to be concrete as it is the grand entrance to the park. Committee preference would be for concrete or paving stones, but it is outside of the budget. An updated budget was presented with a \$35k increase in path construction and a slight increase in contingency amount to reflect

that. Construction administration costs would increase. \$221k short of total for concept plan. Councilor Rague likes the improvements and believes it would bring more visitors to the park. Vice Chair Blow would like to get a price for stamped concrete for all of the paths down to the front entrance to maintain uniformity. Chair O'Neill agreed that they would like to see a unified path material throughout the park. He is impressed with the proposed park improvements and fiscal responsibility presented to the Council. Vice Chair Blow would like to get an idea of trash receptacles that would match the ascetic presented with the proposed improvements.

Chair O'Neill closed the memorial park portion of the workshop and moved on to service agencies and recreation.



## **Town Council Budget Workshop Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Immediately Following the Veteran's Memorial Park Workshop  
Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue**

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There will be a Town Council Workshop on Wednesday May, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm, immediately following the Veteran's Memorial Park Workshop, to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 budgets for:

- Service Agencies
- Recreation/Ballpark and CIP

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill introduced Town Manager Asanza to present the Recreation budget drivers. Town Manager Asanza presented the drivers.

Chair O'Neill thanked the Rec director and the entire staff for the programs and opportunities they offer for the town. Councilor Rague inquired about the 3-wheeler. Town Manager Asanza moved to capital and offered the floor to Jason Webber, recreation director. Mr. Webber presented the improvements

made since last year to office facilities, the parking area, and the skate park.

**Parking lot paving and lighting** - Vice Chair Blow asked about the paving extent and the lighting options prior to paving. He doesn't want to have to replace paving if lighting needs to be updated. Jason Webber - the lighting was finished just 2 weeks ago. Paving had to be pushed off to get the lighting finished. Jerome Beggert - asked if the paving stopped at the BBQ area or continued down to the ticket area to help prevent erosion from rainfall and snowmelt. Councilor Rague - How many parking spaces would this add? Rec Director Webber - 10 or more spaces around rec building but continued parking on grass/gravel for big events.

**Stadium lighting** - Jason Webber would like to sit with Town Manager Asanza and Council to get an idea of what the future of the Ballpark is and to scale the lights accordingly. Councilor Rague - Plan to take existing down and replace? Rec Director Webber presented the plan to replace the poles. Vice Chair Blow would like an idea of what the electricity savings would be converting to LED lighting. Councilor Rague clarified if it was replacing poles or replacing fixtures on the existing poles.

**Plumbing issues** - Jason Webber - Some of the fitting were installed backwards when the buildings were constructed. This project would fix the piping issues and install updated toilets. Vice Chair Blow asked about the cost of the proposed fixture costs and inquired if they can obtain additional quotes for fixtures and more details on the quote presented.

**Lower Bowl improvements in stadium** - Jason Webber - repairs concrete in stadium including cracking, and he would like to involve the community to determine the future of the property before making major repairs.

**Skyboxes** – Jason Webber -removal of unused sky boxes – Town Manager Asanza would need to go out to bid

**Toro Sandpro** – 3 wheeled equipment designed for field maintenance – least expensive piece of that particular piece of equipment offered by Toro.

Revisit sky boxes and bathroom quote.

### **Service Agencies:**

Town Manager Asanza presented the history of Council funding for these agencies. Community Watch Council – recommended to drop funding from the Police Department – not active anymore, items are now falling under VIPS programs. Community Animal Watch – assists with residents that can't take care of pets – agency used to fundraise on their own and Town could contribute small amount. Group is looking for members to become active again. Town Manager Asanza reducing total funding by \$3,400. Vice Chair Blow – saving \$3,400 this year, food insecurities presenting in community, would like to see an increase between the 2 food pantries to assist with food insecurities in town. Chair O'Neill need in area for food. Would like to see \$1,500 to each food pantries. Councilor Rague – changing needs in town and would like to see more options for income insecurities too. Vice Chair Blow agree with concern, but it is tough to identify agencies to contribute to. Town Manager Asanza – add \$1,500 to each food pantry to make \$7,500 to each. Chair O'Neill – do we still contribute to Animal Welfare Society for stray animals? Town Manager Asanza – yes, though the Police Department budget. Chair O'Neill – do we need to contribute more?

So closed the workshop at 7:04 pm.