

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 19 2025, 4:30 PM

Recreation Conference Room

In Attendance

1. Holly Korda
 2. Tim Bollea
 3. Terry Gallagher
 4. Reza Namin
 5. Graham Roeber
 6. Jordan Miles - Finance Director
 7. Christopher White - Wastewater Superintendent
 8. Jay Lebreton - Wastewater Operations Manager
 9. Jason Webber - Recreation Director
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1. Call to Order: 4:31 pm.
 2. Wastewater
 - i. Stock Channel Grinder
 1. Must be replaced every 3-4 years.
 2. The current one is 2 years old, and it takes at least 6 months to get one.
 - ii. F-350 Superduty
 1. They have held onto a truck from 2006; this purchase is to replace that.
 2. The current (2006) truck is not drivable on the road. It won't take a sticker.
 - a. History:
 - i. They transferred a vehicle in the past. Since 2017, Wastewater has had three fleet trucks, if they lose this one they'll be down a vehicle.
 - b. They use trucks for: crane truck, pulling pumps, plowing, pulling generator.
 - c. They have a multi-body truck for sanding, plowing, etc.
 3. This is a general use vehicle.
 - a. They use it to plow & pull generators.
 4. They will likely pull this out of capital, probably going to be a five-year lease.
 5. The truck would be gas and for general use.
 6. These trucks are generally low mileage; ww has a solid maintenance plan.
 - iii. 2025 John Deere Compact Tractor

1. The department has a 1986 John Deere tractor on site. It has been used for a long time, the snowblower is gone, the mower deck is no good, and the brush hog (tow-behind) will cut brush.
 2. It is missing its rear window, it is challenging to start. This request is to replace it
 3. The replacement includes a snowblower, mower deck, and a heated cab for winter use.
 - i. One of the issues they run into is injuries with snow removal; this tractor would enable them to drive the paths with a snowblower.
 - ii. It is suitable for small projects around the facility (to the pump stations)
 - iii. Lost time is often due to slips and falls
 4. 18 PTO horsepower, 54-inch deck, 54-inch snowblower
 - iv. UTV - staff has always had a couple of golf carts (got them in 2018)
 1. Use them for utility/maintenance
 - a. As a sample they've used a 4WD John Deere
 - b. More effective for getting around the facility, utility/maintenance use.
 - c. It is challenging to get to the beach for five gallons of water.
 2. Hopefully this would outlast the golf carts
 - a. This would be a better option than the one at the park (multi-season functionality).
 3. They use a Sourcewell price.
 - a. Perhaps we could get a bulk discount (already getting a Sourcewell discount from \$36,000 to \$29,000)
 4. Would you lease these?
 - a. All of the nearby banks have municipal finance teams, and the rates tend to be better than leasing something on an equipment front.
3. Recreation department
- a. Recap of completed CIP:
 - i. Recreation Office Entrance Doors:
 1. Fully upgraded to improve accessibility and aesthetics
 2. Handicap accessible
 - ii. Skatepark expansion:
 1. PW helped a lot in building the gazebo area and the half-wall
 - iii. Stadium LED lighting
 1. Replaced and installed new LED lights

- iv. Security camera installation
 - 1. Comprehensive coverage for the entire complex, including the skatepark
- v. Equipment purchases
 - 1. Lawn Mower for baseball field maintenance
 - 2. John Deere Gator for multi-purpose grounds work
 - 3. Toro SandPro for field prep
- b. FY26 Requests:
- c. Stadium lights
 - i. Replace Stadium “Pole B”
 - 1. We will have the most championships in Southern Maine
 - a. (More than Hadlock or Wainwright) Wainwright is cheaper but far cheaper than Hadlock
 - 2. Estimated cost: \$161,000
 - 3. Cost-saving approach: Replace all infield lights for \$450,000
 - ii. They would like to replace both A poles next year and then the outfield C poles the year after.
 - iii. They work with Musco lighting
 - 1. They warrantee and service the lights for 25 years (no cost to us thereafter).
 - 2. 40-78% light replacement
 - a. We don’t have the time-frame comparison on the lights
 - iv. How many games require lights?
 - 1. About ~75%
 - a. 25+ & 35+ are underneath the lights
 - b. Night games daily for May/June/July
 - v. They are currently covering costs to run the games.
 - 1. The extra money is used to repaint dugouts, fix some seats, etc.
 - vi. The cost is 85k for the pole and 42k for the installation
 - vii. All of the poles will be replaced. The A-poles will be the same size, but the new B & C poles will not be as large, and will have the same light fixture.
 - viii. Hadlock has high school/collegiate lights they are barely minor league eligible.
 - 1. We’re targeting middle-level (not professional and not high school)
- d. 15 passenger van
 - i. They have 157 students for summer camp
 - ii. They have 30-50 50+ folks for adult programming
 - iii. Wheelchair programming
 - 1. No accessibility to the beach

2. Town has started building beach wheelchairs
3. Hotels are housing the town's beach wheelchairs.
4. Five beach wheelchairs are available at the house (available for delivery).
5. This van would assist with this because the back seats fold down.
- iv. Last year, the school department allowed the recreation department to borrow a school bus.
- v. This van will likely be a lease
- e. Stadium Repairs
 - i. The recommendation from the department is to remove the top half of the bowl.
 - ii. This would allow between 1000 and 2000 people into the stadium.
 - iii. They have announced some events this summer:
 1. Northern woods vs West Virginia police (June 28)
 2. Last year this drew approximately 1800 people.
 3. Once an event passes 2000 people it is more challenging, it requires security, more food access etc.
 - iv. Why \$150,000?
 1. There are cosmetic issues and longstanding items which we will need to repair.
 2. Total costs are \$800,000 for all of the stadium repairs.
 3. We will want to balance fixing the stadium or getting rid of pieces of the stadium.
 4. Hopefully, the council will give us some direction on this.
 - a. The 150k can also be used to tear down the upper bowl (which seems likely to happen).
 - v. The group briefly discussed total costs for the ballpark including all of the lighting plans:
 1. \$750,000 for lighting
 2. \$600,000 for Stadium repairs
 3. \$150,000 for lower bowl seating
- f. Utility Golf Cart
 - i. 16-year-old with a license can drive it (18 or older to move the gator)
 - ii. Move items around for summer camp
 - iii. Route 1 on Saco is the vendor for this
 - iv. Ballpark Ops, Trails & Parks Maintenance, Special events/Concerts, Summer Camp Programs
4. No meeting next week.
5. Adjourned at 5:47