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Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes

May 6, 2026

I, Tim Fleury, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of 7 pages is a copy of the original minutes from the regular meeting of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council held on 5/6/2026.

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Respectfully
Submitted,

Tim Fleury
Town Council
Secretary



Town Council Budget Workshop Agenda

**May 6th, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue**

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The Town Council is hosting a Workshop on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at 6:00 pm to discuss Fiscal Year 2027 proposed operating and CIP budgets for:

- Conservation Committee
- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Public Works

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Chairman O'Neill, Vice Chairman Blow, and Councilor Kelley are present.

Town Manager Asanza, Finance Director Brynn Patenaude, Public Works Director David Pinkham, Public Works Operations Manager Ed Dalton, Public Works Office Manager Jaime Conte, Conservation Commission Mary Pat

Donnellon, and Veteran's Memorial Park Committee Larry Mead are all present to represent their respective department/committee.

Town Manager Asanza presented the Conservation Committee budget first.

Town Manager Asanza presented the Veteran's Memorial Park budget and introduced Larry Mead to represent the committee and present Park Projects.

Chairman O'Neill would like to keep the Park Property damage line to keep track of items attached to the park.

Larry Mead presented the future work at the park that needs to be done:

- Gazebo replacement
- Playground replacement
- Bathroom replacement
- Pathway edging
- Railings on stairs
- Landscaping
- Hardscaping
- Monument entrance area

Vice Chair Blow – agrees on railings at the monument stairs and landscaping upgrades as well.

Councilor Kelley – are grants available for playground equipment and can we use Park and Recs to assist with that? Larry Mead – have looked into it and will continue to apply for grants.

Vice Chair Blow – missing stairs to First Street – Town Manager Asanza –

agree it could be added – Vice Chairman Blow – would like to get a price on granite steps and a railing there.

Chairman O'Neill – would like to finish off the park. Landscaping price for entire upgrades in one shot, new plaque, and stairs.

Town manager Asanza presented the Public Works Operating budget.

Vice Chair Blow – professional engineering services – are we going to be using the entire budget by end of year? Can we carry over any into FY 27? – revisit professional engineering

Revisit – Water use

Vice Chairman Blow – Building repair – \$5,000 spent of \$15,000 – David Pinkham – no heat in back room, would like to add heating system – Vice Chairman Blow, ok with funding it again as long as it's spent.

Vice Chairman Blow – Operating Equipment Repair – line reducing because of routine maintenance is being done at this point and reducing major repairs – could potentially lower line more – would like to know savings from not using Scarborough for diagnostics and keeping it in house with new hire REVISIT

Chairman O'Neill – thanked PW for all the good work they have been done – happy to invest in new equipment because it's being maintained better than in the past –

Councilor Kelley – make a separate line for Shop Tools to follow expenses

Chairman O'Neill – would like to see it reduced to \$100,000. DP – would be ok

with that as long as Council would fund emergency repairs if needed.

Road Salt – Vice Chairman Blow – no problem going up to meet rising costs – roads are great all winter long.

Capital Budget

Equipment – 2 items – forklift and a truck –

Replacing Truck 14 – 2026 F600 for 2016 International – all Fords form smaller plow routes and utility truck year round – lease purchase agreement – \$140k total – price includes all items – Vice Chairman Blow – want to make sure a smaller truck is ok for use for DPW – Ed – more feasible to use year round – swap and go bodies for \$167k – Vice Chairman Blow – would like to spend more for a more versatile piece of equipment – **REVISIT on Switch and Go truck** – Councilor Kelley – would like to see director's truck body fixed before replacement FY 28

Infrastructure –

- Old Orchard Street lighting and sidewalk needed – existing lights are hard to source – not manufactured anymore – piecemeal replacements –
- Carlton/Lawn/Avon – sewer and sidewalk replacement – \$114k set aside previously – need to revisit numbers – can bring numbers down from estimation – lines need to be CCTV

Vice Chairman Blow – could paving only streets be combined into large project to reduce costs for deployment – Chairman O'Neill – Spring Street – approved two years ago but not completed – would like to be stronger on commitment for road paving – Town Manager Asanza – paving at \$2.6m to get capital projects completed and not emergency items – \$1m set aside for emergency repairs – Vice Chairman Blow – understands emergency items –

old public works management did not follow through with project, wants to make sure they're followed through with now – Chairman O'Neill – **can we revisit?** DP – need to CCTV all streets on list to make sure they're just paving and not underground infrastructure as well – Chairman O'Neill – do we need to set aside another \$1m for paving? – **REVISIT with David Pinkham's research**

Chairman O'Neill – dust mitigation at transfer station? – Ed Dalton – we will regrade and spread calcium chloride and maintain a supply there –

Chairman O'Neill closed the workshop at 7:50 pm.

20152 Memorial Park: \$74,650

Decrease of \$28,868 (-27.88%) (Pages 23 – 24 of Crystal Report)

50310 Service Contract Expense: \$9,000 Decrease of \$34,868 (-74.85%). This decrease is due to Public Works taking over mowing for Veteran's Memorial Park instead of contracting this service (\$26,868). The costs for weed control also reduced by \$4,000 and we moved the \$4,000 allocated in this line for playground repairs to Equipment Repairs.

50346 Property Damage Expense: \$0 Decrease of \$1,000 (100%). No activity in the account and future expenses will come out of Public Works Property Damage line.

50452 Equipment Repairs: \$4,000 Increase of \$4,000 (100%). This is a new account for FY 27 for playground repairs, where previously this was under Service Contract Expense.

50511 Ground Maintenance/Improvement Expense: \$18,000 Increase of \$3,000 (46.89%). This increase is due to the additional landscaping needed in the park after completion of the renovations.

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20173 Conservation: \$23,600

Increase of \$9,000 (61.64%) (Pages 28 of Crystal Report)

50300 Professional Engineering Services: \$18,000 Increase of \$9,000 (100%). This increase reflects the new partnership with UNE to support costs for continued data logger monitoring in the Marsh as a result of the Marsh Health and Resiliency Study.