

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS**

A scheduled workshop of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Town Hall Chamber.

Attendance: Chairman James Long
Councilor Roxanne Frenette
Councilor Robin Dayton
Councilor Sharri MacDonald
Acting Town Manager V. Louise Reid
Planner – Gary Lamb

Others in Attendance: Eileen Payette, Pat Holland, Tina Englert, Helene Whittaker, Carter Whittaker, Mary Beth Robillard, Nancy Kelley, Recreation Director Jason Webber, Andrea Berlin, Mike Toussignant, Gloria Nelson.

Chairman Long opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and explained his rationale for calling this Conservation Commission (CC) workshop. He read the CC provisions from the town charter and then stated the overall desire is to properly care for Memorial Park by having a Memorial Park Committee (MPC) be a subcommittee of the CC. This MPC would be appointed by the CC and not the Town Council.

Andrea Berlin stated she is fine with having the MPC under the CC and a staff person....but who will be that staff person? DPW is lacking extra manpower and the MPC would like to be more autonomous. At present, a work order request first goes to DPW. If DPW does not have the manpower, the work then goes out to bid.

Extended discussion ensued re: budgets for MPC, DPW maintenance for Memorial Park, job responsibilities, outside contractor benefits and drawbacks. Most in attendance expressed more interest in working on just the MPC rather than the town wide CC. Councilor Dayton stated the Town Council wants the CC reestablished and the Memorial Park capital campaign will take a great deal of effort.

Chairman Long asked that the CC vacancies be filled as soon as possible with 5 regular voting members and 2 alternates. He said the Council will support funds necessary for proper upkeep of Memorial Park. He said the town has 5 cemeteries containing veterans and these cemeteries are in poor condition even though their care is mandated by state law. He said the DPW director should not do Memorial Park work without CC authorization.

Mike Toussignant stated he thought the CC should be dealing directly with the Town Manager and not a Department Head.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm as Councilors had to move into executive session in another room. Informal conversation continued for awhile amongst MPC members and others.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gary Lamb
Interim Town Council Secretary**

I, Gary Lamb, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of two (2) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop of February 12, 2008.

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