

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS**

A Special Town Council meeting of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in the Town Hall Chamber. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:01p.m.

Present:

**Chair Sharri MacDonald
Vice Chair Robin Dayton
Councilor Laura Bolduc
Councilor Mike Tousignant
Councilor Shawn O'Neill
Town Manager Steve Gunty
Assistant Town Manager V. Louise Reid**

MOTION: Councilor Tousignant motioned and Councilor Dayton second to open the Special Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 1. Discussion with Action: Approve the Special Event Permit for Tyrone Productions Ltd. to film Irish Crime Fiction Writer John Connolly walking on the beach on January 31st, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Tyrone Productions of Dublin, Ireland is producing "The Honeycomb World," a 1-hour documentary on Irish crime fiction writer John Connolly, author of "The Unquiet," "Black Angel," and many others. The documentary was commissioned for RTE, Ireland's national broadcasting network, and will be aired on its "Arts Lives" series in early 2010.

Producers are coming to Maine because the author lives here part-time and has set some of his novels here. Getting shots of John Connolly in Old Orchard Beach (both on the beach and at the Pier) is very important to the documentary, as Connolly cites it as being an inspiration to him. When he needs to take a break from writing, he says, he frequently takes long walks around the area to help reinvigorate the creative juices.

Hosting this documentary project will provide Maine and Maine communities with considerable returns. The documentary will air across Ireland on it national television network. Ireland is one of the countries that Maine specifically targets for potential visitors. The documentary can serve as free advertising for Old Orchard Beach and for Maine. The production crew will include only six people, meaning that there will be little, if any, impact during its visit to Maine.

The Maine Film Office, a division of the Maine Office of Tourism and the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, recommends that the Town of Old Orchard Beach help this project succeed in Maine.

COUNCILOR TOUSIGNANT: He suggested the waiving of the fee and also encouraged that the story line significantly mention and focus on Old Orchard Beach as well as the State of Maine.

MOTION: Councilor Tousignant motioned and Councilor Dayton seconded to Approve the Special Event Permit for Tyrone Productions Ltd. to film Irish Crime Fiction Writer John Connolly walking on the beach on January 31st, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Councilor O'Neill motioned and Councilor Bolduc seconded to open the meeting on Discussion with Action: Personnel Matters. (Note: this item discusses privacy issues defined under Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A), and the Council anticipates that the discussion portion will occur in executive session).

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Councilor O'Neill motioned and Councilor Bolduc seconded to enter into an Executive Session on Personnel Matters. (Note: this item discusses privacy issues defined under Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A), and the Council anticipates that the discussion portion will occur in executive session).

VOTE: Unanimous.

In attendance for the Executive Session:

**Chair Sharri MacDonald
Vice Chair Robin Dayton
Councilor Shawn O'Neill
Councilor Michael Tousignant
Councilor Laura Bolduc
Town Manager Stephen Guntz**

The Assistant Town Manager left the Executive Session at its commencement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Councilor O'Neill motioned and Councilor Dayton seconded to close the Executive Session on Personnel Matters. (Note: this item discusses privacy issues defined under Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A), and the Council anticipates that the discussion portion will occur in executive session).

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilor O'Neill motioned and Councilor Dayton seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 9:45 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

**V. Louise Reid
Town Council Secretary**

I, V. Louise Reid, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of three (3) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting of January 27, 2009.

V. Louise Reid