

**THE OLD ORCHARD BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
INAUGURAL MEETING
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
Monday, November 16, 2008**

An Inaugural Meeting of the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in the Chamber.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: We welcome each of you to this important Inauguration meeting and offer our congratulations to all those elected to their positions on the Charter Commission and to the Town Council and for which we are here tonight to honor. I will now ask the Town Clerk provide the Oath of Office to each of the Charter Commission members.

TOWN CLERK: The Town Clerk requested that each of the elected Charter Commission members take their Oath of Office. The following took the oath:

For Members of the Charter Review Commission:

**John R. Bird
William J. Gombar
Paul . Ladakakos
Ronald R. Regis
Michael A. Vallante
Tianna Higgins**

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Town Charter and ordinances of the Town of Old Orchard Beach and that I will support the Constitution and will obey the laws of the United States and of this State so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof, so help me God.

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Old Orchard Beach Charter Commission according to the Constitution and laws of the State, so help me God.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our meeting this evening Senator Barry Hobbins. We appreciate his support of our community and appreciate him being here. We will now have the swearing in of reelected Councilors Sharri MacDonald and Shawn O'Neill.

Town Council Members:

**Councilor Sharri MacDonald
Councilor Shawn O'Neill**

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Town Charter and ordinances of the Town of Old Orchard Beach and that I will support the Constitution and will obey the laws of the United States and of this State so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof, so help me God. I, _____, do

solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as a Town Councilor according to the Constitution and laws of the State, so help me God.

TOWN COUNCIL TAKES SEATS:

**Councilor Sharri MacDonald
Councilor Robin Dayton
Councilor Laura Bolduc
Councilor Mike Tousignant
Councilor Shawn O'Neill**

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: I will now ask for a Motion to elect a Chair.

ELECTION MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Councilor Tousignant seconded to elect Sharri MacDonald as Chair of the Town Council.

VOTE: Unanimous.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: I will now ask for a Motion to elect the Vice Chair.

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Chair MacDonald seconded to elect Councilor Tousignant as Vice Chair.

**Yea: Councilors Bolduc, Tousignant and Chair MacDonald
Nay: Councilors Dayton and O'Neill**

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: The motions passed electing Sharri MacDonald as Chair and Michael Tousignant as Vice Chair and Chair MacDonald will now preside over the rest of the meeting.

CHAIR MACDONALD: It is with great appreciation that I accept the responsibility of Chair of the Town Council and I look forward to working with our fellow Councilors in a year in which we will move forward for the progress of the community. It is my goal to have open communication, working together for the benefit of the community.

CHAIR MACDONALD: We are now asked to Reaffirm the Rules and Procedures of the Town Council.

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Vice Chair Tousignant seconded to make the Rules and Procedures of the Town Council gender neutral.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Vice Chair Tousignant seconded to reaffirm the Amended Rules and Procedures of the Town Council.

CHAIR MACDONALD: Will the Secretary please call for the vote.

VOTE: Unanimous.

CHAIR MACDONALD: I will ask for a Motion to Accept the Code of Ethics – Standard of Conduct for Town of Old Orchard Beach Officials and Employees, also to be gender neutral.

CODE OF ETHICS
Standard of Conduct for Town of Old Orchard Beach
Officials and Employees

1. It is the obligation of every public official and employee to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maine.
2. Every citizen, where entitled to a hearing, shall receive a fair and impartial hearing on any matter coming before the Town Council, its appointed agencies or any employee of the Town. No public official or employee shall make any promise or pledge to any person concerning any matter to be heard before a public official or employee except upon fair, impartial and final hearing thereof.
3. The conduct of public business shall be free of any hidden personal or financial interest of any public official or employee. No public official or employee shall advocate in any public meeting or private discussion any matter in which he has a personal or financial interest except upon full and timely disclosure of the interest.
4. It is the obligation of every public official to faithfully discharge the duties of his/her office. In the conduct of public business, no public official shall be excused from voting except on matters involving consideration of his/her own official conduct, or where his/her financial interests are involved. Every public official shall make full and timely disclosure of any personal or financial interest, or where other interests of the official impair the official's ability to act fairly and impartially which he/she has in any matter of public business to be transacted before them.
5. The conduct of public business shall be free of any influence arising from gifts, favors or special privileges. It is the obligation of every public official and employee to refuse personal gifts, favors or special privileges in every instance where such public official or employee reasonably believes such gift, favor or special privilege would not have been extended but for the position of such public official or employee, or where there exists a reasonable belief that the giver's interests are likely to be affected by the actions of the public official or employee, or where the gift is or may reasonably be considered to be designed to influence the actions of the public official or employee. No public official or employee shall seek personal or financial advantage by means of his/her public office, appointment or employment.
6. The use of public trust for private gain is in conflict with good government. No public official or employee shall violate the provisions of Maine State Statutes. No public official or employee shall use confidential or advance information obtained by virtue of public office, appointment or employment for personal or financial advantage.
7. It is the obligation of every public official and employee to carry out the lawful orders and policies of the Town Council. No public official or employee shall knowingly take any action inconsistent with the lawful orders or policies established by the Town Council. No public official or employee shall knowingly take any action which would be detrimental to the best interests of the Town.

MOTION: Councilor Dayton motioned and Councilor O'Neill seconded to Accept the Code of Ethics.

VOTE: Unanimous.

CHAIR MACDONALD: I will now establish the seating of the Council from my right to my left.

**Councilor O'Neill, Councilor Dayton, Chair MacDonald,
Vice Chair Tousignant, Councilor Bolduc**

CHAIR MACDONALD: The Chair called for the Establishment of Place and Time for the holding of regular meetings of the Council.

MOTION: Councilor Dayton motioned and Councilor Bolduc seconded to establish the Town Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday's of the Month as the regular meeting of the Council.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0

COUNCILOR O'NEILL: First I would like to congratulate those who were elected to the Charter Commission and also express my thanks for those who voted for the Town Council positions as well. I represent my position at the Post Office on a Board which meets four times a year and there is a meeting with an important vote tomorrow evening so I asked for an excused absence from the Chair for my attendance at the November 17th meeting.

CHAIR MACDONALD: I acknowledge that request.

PAUL LADAKAKOS: I would like to address the Council this evening and encourage the Council to work together as a group. There was a question on the split vote for the election of the Vice Chair and I would suggest that it would have been better to have reasoning expressed in the vote so that a sense of desire to work together would be addressed by all members of this Council. The success of this Council will be their ability to work together.

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Councilor O'Neill seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Louise Reid
Town Council Secretary

I, V. Louise Reid, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, do hereby certify the foregoing document consisting of four (4) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Special Town Council Inaugural Meeting on November 16, 2009.

V. Louise Reid