

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
Following the Town Council Meeting**

A Town Council Workshop of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 following the Town Council Meeting. Vice Chair Thornton opened the meeting at 8:22p.m.

The following were in attendance:

**Vice Chair Joseph Thornton
Councilor Kenneth Blow
Councilor Jay Kelley
Councilor Michael Tousignant
Town Manager Larry Mead
Assistant Town Manager V. Louise Reid
Marc Guimont – Public Works Director**

Absent: Chair Shawn O’Neill

The purpose of the Workshop this evening is to address the location of the downtown trash processing in the coming summer season at Milliken Street Parking Lot.

The Town Manager gave an update on the historical nature of this issue. Historically, the base of operations was located on Town property behind the West Grand Comfort Station. Access to the rear of the Comfort Station is by way of a discontinued portion of Staples Street. The Town retained the easement on this property that allows for specified municipal activities, including use by “municipal maintenance vehicles.” Owners of businesses adjoining the property objected to the use of the area behind the Comfort Station for Downtown maintenance services and therefore the need for consideration of a different location for the coming season.

The Town Manager in the past met with business owners (tw0) to discuss thoroughly the cleaning and maintenance operations, potential alternative locations to operate from, and the pros and cons of different alternatives. Also there has been discussion whether the provisions of the easement the Town has on the former Staples Street and whether the current use by the Town is permissible under the terms of the easement. In the past alternative locations were suggested:

**Milliken Street Parking Lot
Staples Street Extension (next to Palace Playland)
The end of the Square near the Pier
Town Hall back parking lot
Memorial Park Parking Lot
The middle section of Old Orchard Street past the railroad crossing
Land adjacent to the Ballpark or near the High School.**

It has become obvious to the town that the only area for consideration is the Milliken Street Parking Lot. Maps were displayed showing the location of the suggested area.

Several suggested types of structures were given including a Fabric Structure, the Quonset Hut, a wooden stick built building (built piece by piece at the construction site as opposed to factory-built), and a pre-engineered structure.

Discussion of locations of residences, condos and businesses were also raised. The Tidewater Loft Condo Association is 518 feet from the proposed Transfer Station location; the Costa residence (MBL 205-18-16) is 480 feet from the site; and a business motel – Windward Sail Motel, located on Milliken Street is 354 feet from the proposed site. Other considerations including hydrants, power poles, catch basins, drain manhole, culvert outlet, air release manhole, wastewater manhole, and Pump Station (stormwater, force main and wastewater.)

The design of the parking lot was such that no truck would have to back out which would avoid the noise which sounds to give warning that a truck is backing up. They could enter into the facility by driving in and by driving out the other entrance. Most loads would be completed by early afternoon.

The type of structure to be built, the cost of the structure, and other considerations of this issue needed to be discussed.

Consideration was requested by Councilor Tousignant that the neighbors be contacted early in the process and that perhaps the location be moved closer to the green grass section closer to the Condos as for the most part would be hidden in that area.

The consensus of the Council was that they agree this was the acceptable place for consideration and that the Town Manager would consider further negotiations with the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Vice Chair thanked all those who took the time and the opportunity to be part of the discussion this evening and assured those attending that the Town will actively participate in a solution to this problem.

The Workshop ended at 9:15 p.m.

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 copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop of October 20, 2015.

V. Louise Reid