

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**  
**Town Council Chambers**  
**WORKSHOP**

The Town Council held two Workshops following the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:20 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Chair Joseph Thornton  
Vice Chair Shawn O'Neill  
Councilor Kenneth Blow  
Councilor Jay Kelley  
Councilor Michael Tousignant  
Town Manager Larry Mead  
Assistant Town Manager V. Louise Reid  
Finance Director Diana Asanza  
Parking Enforcement Officer Joseph Levasseur

**WORKSHOP ONE:**

The suggestion has been raised by both Town Council and the Chief of Police about the possibility of charging for parking in the parking lot behind the Town Hall and possibly the front parking lot as well. It was felt that bringing this again to the public was an important part of determining instituting this charge program this summer.

It was indicated that it would probably cost approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the summer to hire parking attendants for both the front and back parking lots. It was noted that during the summer people use these parking lots all times of the day and do not pay anything to park. Most use is by tourists not residents.

It was discussed about the need to establish in some manner, either by a permit for the window, of those who serve on committees and boards and who would be attending meetings during the week that they would have a place to park and of course would not pay for that privilege. It was suggested that the time frame would be during the day till approximately 10:00 p.m. each night.

The general consensus was that we should at least try this starting on Memorial Day weekend and extend it through Labor Day with some form of identification be given to members of the Town Council and other Committees and Boards that have meetings during the week at the Town Hall. The Assistant Town Manager reminded the Council that condominiums often use the Town Hall for meetings during the weekends and that they should be notified that there will be a charge to park. It was also noted by Vice Chair O'Neill that St. Margaret's Church and the American Legion should be notified as well.

Residents and nonresident parking permits have just recently become available for the year in the Town Clerk's office. The \$50 resident parking permit, which covers parking in the Milliken and Memorial Park municipal lots is still available. Residents who live in Old

**Orchard Beach year-round now have a second option; for \$75 they can purchase a permit that covers both lots, plus the parking meters/pay stations.**

**As discussion continued the general consensus of the Council was that it would be more advantageous to the residents if the parking in the back lot was limited to residential parking, which means a resident would have to obtain the \$50 or \$75 parking permit and both would now include parking in the Milliken and Memorial Park municipal lots, and the \$75 permit would also include parking at meters/pay Stations.**

**It was noted that information should be provided to the public but also to the Catholic Church and the American Legion. The Council recommended that a Public Hearing be set at the next Town Council meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Public Hearing be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, with possible passage on June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Workshop ended at 8:15 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 two (2) pages is a copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop of April 18, 2017.**

**V. Louise Reid**