

**THE OLD ORCHARD BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
INAUGURAL MEETING
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
Monday, November 17, 2008**

An Inaugural Meeting of the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach was held on Monday, November 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in the Chamber.

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 School Board and the Town Council and for which we are her tonight to honor. We also welcome Senator Barry Hobbins to our meeting this evening.

TOWN MANAGER: Our Town Clerk will administer the swearing in of the School Board members first.

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

School Board Members:

**Boisvert, James
Curtis, Gary
Dutton, Kathryn**

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 School Board Member according to the Constitution and laws of the State, so help me God.

TOWN MANAGER: We will now have the swearing in of reelected Councilor Robin Dayton, and Councilors Laura Bolduc and Michael Tousignant.

Town Council Members:

**Councilor Laura Bolduc
Councilor Robin Dayton
Councilor Michael Tousignant**

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.

NEW TOWN COUNCIL TAKES SEATS:

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

ELECTION MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Councilor Shawn O'Neill seconded to elect Sharri MacDonald as Chair of the Town Council.

VOTE: Yea: Unanimous.

ELECTION MOTION: Councilor Tousignant motioned and Councilor Bolduc seconded to elect Councilor Robin Dayton as Vice Chair.

VOTE: Yea: Councilors Tousignant, Bolduc, Dayton and Chair MacDonald
Nea: Councilor Shawn O'Neill

TOWN MANAGER: The motions passed electing Sharri MacDonald as Chairman and Robin Dayton 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. I want to acknowledge Councilor Frenette and I learned a lot from her. I also learned a ton from Councilor Long. I appreciate everyone who ran and we will work together as a united body.

COUNCILOR DAYTON: I would like to acknowledge the previous Chair Jim Long. I considered him my mentor and I want everyone to know that I still do. I realized that mentoring is not always easy. I have also learned a lot from Councilor Frenette and will always appreciate the help that she gave me.

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

COUNCILOR DAYTON: I would like us to consider the Rules and Procedures to be gender neutral.

COUNCILOR BOLDUC: I would second if this adheres to the rules of Ordinance. I would like to have a further explanation of the changes that have been change to the Rules and Procedures as a result of Ordinance since 1991 changes.

COUNCILOR DAYTON: I rescind my motion.

COUNCILOR BOLDUC: I second.

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Chair Macdonald Bolduc seconded to table the Rules and Procedures of the Town Council and make them gender neutral, and further define the changes that are noted both ordinance and procedural related in

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

CHAIR MACDONALD: I will call for a Motion to table the Code of Ethics at this time until the next meeting.

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, it's 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 has in any matter of public business to be transacted before him.
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 table the Code of Ethics until our next meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous.

**CHAIR MACDONALD: I will now establish the seating of the Council.
Councilor O'Neill, Vice Chair Dayton, Chair MacDonald, Councilor Bolduc and
Councilor Tousignant.**

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

MOTION: Councilor Bolduc motioned and Councilor Dayton 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

MOTION: Councilor Dayton motioned and Councilor Bolduc 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 five (5) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Special Town Council Inaugural Meeting on November 17, 2008.

V. Louise Reid