

OLD ORCHARD BEACH TRANSFER STATION TO CLOSE

The Old Orchard Beach Public Works Department is reminding citizens that the Old Orchard Beach Transfer Station will close effective October 31, 2010 and all solid waste will be contracted to BBI Industries (BBI) located on Vallee Lane, off the Smithwheel Road (934-3880). Presently held permits will be honored by BBI until December 31, 2010.

Citizens will note that several Workshops were held prior to the decision to close the Transfer Station including January 6, 2009; January 13, 2009; April 28, 2009; July 21, 2009; August 19, 2009; September 5, 2009; October 27, 2009; January 20, 2010; July 28, 2010; and August 31, 2010. These workshops and all Council Minutes are on the website www.oobmaine.com

During the many discussions it was noted that the cost of a permit at \$25.00 dollars each for 3 yards of debris. However, it costs the town \$75.00 dollars or more to dispose of the materials based on actual weight. Those holding permits to dispose of goods at the Transfer Station are actually subsidized by citizen's tax dollars who do not purchase permits. This is considered an unfair tax burden.

The Town also considered this change in part because there are multiple capital improvement needs at the transfer station to include drainage, sewer and a new trash compactor. The current trailer is broken and can not be repaired as parts are no longer available. Total capital improvement costs are at least \$244,000 dollars. It was also noted in these discussions that local changes have been made in Old Orchard Beach community to increase curbside pick up of more Mixed Solid Waste (MSW) and curbside pickup of single sort recycling. This has dramatically reduced the amounts of MSW disposed of at the Old Orchard Beach facility to approximately 400 tons per year.

Meetings between the Town and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and BBI Waste Industries (BBI) were also held to review solid waste management practices in Old Orchard Beach. The Town of Old Orchard Beach is closing the Old Orchard Beach Transfer Station currently operating under Department Order #S-08464-10-C-R. on October 31, 2010. However, DEP agreed that the Town shall retain its permit to run the Transfer Station should this arrangement be determined that it is not an effective cost savings and not in the best interests of the citizens of the Town. As part of these meeting, BBI applied for a license amendment and permit from DEP to modify their existing facility to accept Municipal Solid Waste (“MSW”) from residential customers. DEP granted the request to expand the “customers” using the facility to include residential customers dropping off MSW at the facility.

The BBI waste facility is located approximately ½ mile from the Old Orchard Beach facility and proposes changes in the BBI facility to facilitate the acceptance of the MSW from residential customers. The 1 Vallee Lane site contains the offices of BBI Waste Industries, a maintenance facility for vehicles and containers, and is the site of the transfer station. BBI will install a MSW compactor for the acceptance of MSW for residential customers. Traffic control at the facility will be regulated remotely by the operator to prevent residential customers from interacting with commercial customers and to allow for safe entrance and egress by all users of the transfer station. Traffic flow into and out of the BBI facility is approximately 250 passenger car equivalents per day according to facility records since the BBI facility was constructed in 2001. This amendment is expected to add an addition 32 per day to the total facility traffic flow and this expanded volume does not trigger a traffic study. Peak afternoon traffic flow is estimated to be 50 at the facility entrance. Intersection sight distances where the access drive intersects with Vallee Lane and Smithwheel Road are adequate.

The Department of Environmental Protection finds that the facility has been designed to allow for adequate traffic movement into, out of, and within the facility. The facility is gated and monitored during and after business hours. Wastes delivered to the site will be inspected by the attendant and directed to the appropriate unloading area. Mixed loads will be sorted by facility personnel to separate reusable, recyclable and process able materials. Hazardous and special wastes as defined in statute and rule; waste oil and antifreeze; car/truck tires and batteries; and ash and composted materials will not be accepted. The facility will continue to accept only construction/demolition materials (wood, gypsum board, shingles, concrete, brick, glass, etc.) land clearing debris. There will be no open burning or disposal of waste materials at the facility. BBI will dispose of our MSW disposal at one or more of the following approved facilities and in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Regulations: Maine Energy in Biddeford (contract dated February 23, 2004); Mt. Carberry Landfill in Success, NH (contract dated July 28, 2006); and Coventry Energy in Haverhill, MA (contract dated July 21, 2006.

Leaf and yard waste will still be accepted at the Town of Old Orchard Beach facility on a reduced schedule. The Council approved a policy on October 5, 2010 for the acceptance of brush, grass and leaves including brush, grass and leaves will be accepted at the closed Old Orchard Beach Transfer Station free to residents; brush, grass and leaves will be accepted at the closed Old Orchard Beach Transfer Station from commercial entities at \$6.00 per yard; the Transfer Station will be open from 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Wednesdays and 7:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays; the Transfer Station will be closed for the months of December through February; and will be occasionally closed for snow removal operations; all persons transporting material to the transfer station are subject to proof of residency or proof of real estate ownership requirements if not required to pay a fee; and the Brush Disposal area at the closed Transfer Station may be opened on other dates and times as determined by the Town Manager or his designee. The Brush Disposal area may

also be closed on various dates as deemed necessary by the Town Manager or his designee.

On the web site you will also find the Transfer Station Charges. Further information about the BBI charges can be secured from the Office of the Town Clerk (934-4042) or at the Public Works Department (934-2250).