Old Orchard Beach Road Signs – Chapter #43B

An updated report was given on the road sign project for Old Orchard Beach. Linda Holz submitted a 90 signature petition to Castile Town Board in September. Jim Reger the County Emergency Services Coordinator stated the county needed 2-3 years more and would erect new signs. The Perry Center Fire Department had green aluminum with silver numbers for an inexpensive cost. SLA continued to lobby and work with the town and county to come up with some new road names. At the November 2001 meeting it was agreed that given the safety issues, poor signage, and the current financial status, the board consensus was to purchase temporary signs. Linda Holz and Joan Fix would co-chair a committee to research costs.

A discussion of the signage for Old Orchard Beach continued at the January 2002 meeting. The Committee agreed that safety was paramount and the SLA should pursue the sign project. Lorraine would draft a letter that included a permission slip to Old Orchard Beach landowners. This needed to be done because placement of the sign poles could be placed on their property. Bill Soules and Linda Holz reported on their research of costs for the project; it was estimated at approximately $750. Bill, Linda and Joan would compile a list of actual signs that were needed.

Bill Soules brought in a sample road sign for the Old Orchard Beach sign project. Rich Eliasz would ask the town and Lorraine would draft a letter, for the town of Castile to support this project. Linda Holz submitted an inventory of signs needed (50 signs, 28 posts) and which ones would be two-sided and one-sided. At the March meeting Bill Soules reported that the Signs Committee agreed on a model sign, costs, and inventory of Old Orchard Beach intersections as the SLA's pilot site. 27 signs were needed there for an estimated cost of $810.20. Joan Fix looked for assistance from the County ER Coordinator Jim Reger. Reger proposed the county to get the signs and the association would install them. How long would it take the county to act was an issue. Street names were discussed which was also an issue. The SLA needed to get advice of what would be the post office's reaction.

The Old Orchard Beach sign project was tabled until June 2002. The county did not have the money but was interested. Funding could be available through the Emergency Services department. County Deputy Highway Superintendent John Beachel preferred the SLA to install breakaway poles rather than pipe. Roy would research the costs on the breakaway poles. Emergency Services Director Jim Reger wanted to replace private drive numbered and lettered roads with proper names for easier identification and wanted the tracts to have input. The SLA received permission from 13 of the 21 Old Orchard Beach residents that responded, to the installation of the road signs on their property.

At the June 2002 meeting Roy Schneggerburger presented a report on the costs of the breakaway poles which the town and county preferred the SLA to use and met the NYS standards; 14 gauge, 10 foot long lengths with 1 ¾ inch diameter for $13.90 with a 2 inch base square at $8.47 for a total cost of $22.30 versus $12 cost of iron pipe that was not square. The SLA was ready to go forward with the sign project and approved with a motion and vote. Bill Soules was authorized to purchase letters and sign tops. The tract directors in the areas with private drives that had number or letter names were asked to submit two names for the roads for future signage that the county and the town of Castile would recognize. The town of Castile at a special meeting June 4th passed a resolution to give the SLA $800 towards the sign project but Supervisor Gozelski asked for more time to work with the county and possibly ask the board to rescind in its resolution. He indicated that town residents questioned the resolution and he wanted to revisit it as a county issue.

Old Orchard Beach South Tract Director Linda Holz held up a model of the road sign the SLA was going to install that summer of 2002. The Town of Castile voted to give the SLA $800 towards the project. The up-front costs were $500 up to that point.

The report at the August 2002 meeting confirmed that the sign project in Old Orchard Beach was finally completed. It was said there was a major difference and it was well received in the Old Orchard Beach Area. The estimated cost was $1,107 with two more bills to submit. Bill needed one more receipt to complete and sign the voucher

with the Castile Town Board to get its $800 approved subsidy. Joan and Linda received the okay to send thank you letters to all the volunteers for this project. Other tracts that were interested in this project could contact Linda Holz for information on where to go and who to contact. The SLA efforts with this project showed solidarity and accomplishment.

The road sign names were due at the September 2002 meeting. Munger Tract submitted its list to rename Private Drive R and needed 2 signs for that drive and for upper East Lake Road. Waltz would be renamed to DeKonski. Broadbooks and Traber wanted to keep Private Drives 1, 2, and 3. Some other concerns of road names were: Silver Grove's A, B, C, D, etc. avenues not marked at all, Luther Road did not have a sign near West Lake Road intersection above it. On June 1, 2003 the SLA would go forward with the lists provided. There was no mention of the $800 from the Town of Castile for this project which received the cost list-invoice. Bill announced at the July annual meeting that SLA had all the instructions and materials to make road signs except the letters, which SLA would get once the tract called in the order of the letters needed for their road name.

As per request to have road sign names submitted at the September 2002 meeting, Annette Payne of Silver Grove Extension turned in the names of Virginia and Joe Hurley as tract directors who along with neighbors wanted their area renamed Heron Cove. The Hurley's were approved to be tract directors and the motion for the new tract name passed.

A continuation of road signs installment was discussed at the September 2003 meeting. Delivery personnel had let the residents of Old Orchard Beach know they were happy with the new road signs. Helen Brown of Munger Tract picked up procedure information for the intersection of Lakeshore and Private Drive R. She had given up waiting for the County to act. Bill had the materials to erect the signs except for the lettering, which the tracts had to purchase in order to determine the size of the sign. The SLA would reimburse the tract for the cost of the lettering. It was said that Traber North's road had a T where it branched onto Private Drive #2 and needed two road signs, one that said Traber North another that said Private Drive #2. Betty Nasca of Country Club South Tract reported that the Luther Road sign was missing (the post was still there).