Old Orchard Beach Garbage Issue – Chapter #43A

It was stated at the August 2001 meeting that garbage was a problem in Old Orchard Beach. BFI did not want any more seasonal subscribers and wouldn't go down private roads. Piles were uncollected or were taken days later after calls from residents and the town of Castile. The Board consensus was to support this issue by calling or writing letters and do research on this matter. Lorraine, Bill Soules, Linda Holz, Dan and Joan Fix, and Ron Woolever would serve on this committee to work on the garbage issue. It would be good to have the Old Orchard Beach Association officers involved (Dick Scharet was the President).

Joe Gozelski also needed more time to work on the garbage issue. He did get Richard Tindell, Wyoming County Director of Planning and Development, and BFI Manager Joe Scaffidi to tour the private roads. The county sent a letter with these points: BFI was interested in serving Silver Lake and collection would be on Mondays; cost was $134.88/year or $11.24 per month but would go up to $141/$11.75 for 2003 – 2006; Seasonal service could be provided from May 1 – October 31 for all lake residents in 2003 for a cost of $70.50. Residents who wanted service from November 1 – April would need to contact BFI to have their service continue on an individual basis for which they would receive a separate bill from BFI. A number of roads could not be accessed by trucks so residents would need to bring waste to where mail boxes were or where dumpsters could be placed. Finding dumpster sites and getting permission from property owners was difficult and SLA's help was needed.

It was mentioned at the September meeting of the SLA board that the garbage proposal was not going to happen. It was said it would need to be an all or nothing deal. Silver Lake Institute questioned: the route map, some collection points, and the presence of a fee on the property tax bill. BFI and Waste Management would contract with Lakers privately.

It was mentioned at the August 2003 meeting that there was a garbage dumping problem on Smith Road and Traber Road. Silver Grove Tract Director Steve Dziak had been picking up garbage weekly from the edge of his properties where people brought and dumped their garbage. He felt neighbors were unaware of the problems they were causing. The SLA would try and press haulers for a Monday pickup. Bill Soules would get in contact with BFI.

At a meeting held August 3, 2004 Supervisor Gozelski stayed after to discuss the garbage pickup issue with interested Lakers. This was an issue in more than one tract and it was not a dead issue for the SLA. Ruth Lavin said it was up to the town to act on a contract because officials upon swearing in were responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

It was explained at the July 2005 meeting about the garbage codes and costs of pickup. Coded parcels for seasonal residents (Code #260) paid $70.50 and coded #210 (year-around residents) paid $145. There might have been a glitch in the system because some of the seasonal property owners were getting the full bill. Residents had to see Assessor Sue Kibler with their bill and fill out a form. Some did not find Mrs. Kibler helpful. She would not change designations if the cottage contained any insulation even though owners were here for only 3-6 months.

Linda Holz commented on the burning of leaves being outlawed and a problem of garbage collectors not picking up the bags. Joe Gozelski spoke with the garbage company. He suggested putting out 3-5 bags per week, not 20-30. The garbage company suggested a special pick up for a reduced cost. Bill and Sally Soules recommend mowing them and mulching them into the grass.