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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 11/08/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Election of Chairperson and Secretary: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger made a motion to nominate Peter Foote as Chairperson. Selectperson Paul MacDonald seconded the motion. Selectperson Paul MacDonald made a motion that nominations cease and Selectperson Neil Farrington seconded that motion. The vote on ceasing nominations was 5-0. The vote for Chairperson was 4-0-1(Peter Foote).

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger made a motion to nominate Joann C. Austin as Secretary to the Select Board. Selectperson Paul MacDonald seconded the motion. Selectperson Paul MacDonald made a motion that nominations cease and Selectperson Neil Farrington seconded that motion. The vote on ceasing nominations was 5-0. The vote for Secretary to the Select Board was 5-0.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Scott Pierz

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Neil Farrington – absent at that meeting) to accept the minutes of the 10/25/2010 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #20 for \$21,366.24 and Warrant #21 for \$55,726.29 as presented.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Implementation Committee – TBA/Library Services /Thurston Park Committee/Open Space Committee /Facilities & Capital Improvement Committee/Other Committees Meetings TBD:** The Town Manager noted the respective dates, times and places for the Committee meetings as applicable. He noted that the Library Services Committee and Thurston Park Committee have been continually active and that the other Committees will need to be contacted.
- **Sidewalks – South China Village Area:** The Town Manager noted that bids for the work will be sent out this winter. This is a good time to bid as the economic conditions locally have prompted contractors to extend favorable contract offers.
- **Weeks Mills Road Reconstruction – MDOT:** The Town Manager noted that the work on the final one mile of the Weeks Mills Road scheduled for reconstruction will probably be done in the spring of 2011.

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- **November Election – Results:** It was noted that the election results are on file at the town office and on the town's Web site.
- **CMP Contractors in the China Area – New Electric Smart Meters to be Installed:** A representative of CMP will be in attendance at the Select Board meeting scheduled for November 22, 2010 to answer questions about the Program.
- **2011-2012 Municipal Budget Time Line:** The Town Manager indicated that he would like to present the first draft of the 2011-2012 municipal budget at the December 20, 2010 Select Board meeting. The Board accepted his recommendation to hold the Business Town Meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the China Middle School.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:** Selectperson Neil Farrington noted that another load of cardboard will soon be sold in the recycling market.
- **User/Resident Survey:** The survey will probably be sent out in December.
- **Transfer Station Stickers:** It was noted that there are new initiatives in place to reinforce the need to present a transfer station sticker upon entering the transfer station. The town office staff is attempting to issue permits to all who enter the town office for business. Signs are being made with reminders of the need to renew stickers annually and ads are being placed in the Town Line newspaper with the same reminder notice.

Recycling Coordinator Neil Farrington also talked about an idea as an option to the traditional "open transfer station day". He suggested the town consider issuing coupons for free disposal in conjunction with the issuance of a transfer station sticker. He felt that the coupons would be an incentive for residents to obtain a sticker and be an option to replace the "open transfer station day".

No decision on replacing the "open transfer station day" was taken.
Selectperson Paul MacDonald reaffirmed his suggestion that the town look into the use of bar codes as a means of tracking whether or not residents have been approved to use the transfer station.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Irene L. Belanger – Business Development/KVCOG:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the rest of the Select Board about business development initiatives by the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments like the Community Development Block Grant seminars they host and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, (CEDS), they administer.
- **Abatement(s) and Supplemental Tax Assessments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign respective abatements and supplemental tax assessments. Copies of the abatements and supplemental tax assessments are on file at the town office.

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- **Code Enforcement - Enforcement Items:** C.E.O. Scott Pierz reviewed current enforcement issues with the Select Board. In his update, the CEO referenced three on-going enforcement issues that appear to have unlicensed junkyards or automobile graveyards.

One is a Dirigo road property. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to have the town's attorney to file a complaint with the courts to have the property cleaned up.

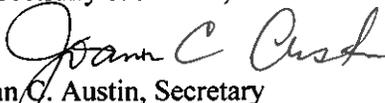
Another property is located at M7, Lot 21A along the Windsor Road. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Austin) to direct the Town Manager to have a letter sent off by the CEO to the owners of the property giving them a final notice and deadline for cleaning up the property.

The third property is located off Lakeview Drive. The Select Board directed the Town Manager to seek legal advice on the relevant issues before moving forward.

In other business, the Select Board scheduled a "visioning session" for Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in the town office and starting at 6:00 p.m. Also, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger was appointed to be the China representative on the Board of the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board