

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 03/01/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

## Minutes

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

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Minutes of the 01/04/2010, 01/18/2010, and 02/17/2010 Select Board Meetings minutes as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #31 (37) for \$19,843.50 and Payables Warrant #32 (38) for \$36,923.65 as presented.

## Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Implementation Committee/Library Services/Thurston Park/Open Space/Facilities & Capital Improvement Committee/Other Committees Meetings:** It was noted that the Implementation Committee will meet on March 24, the Thurston Park Committee will meet on , the Open Space Committee will meet on , the Library Services Committee will meet on march 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. and the Facilities and Capital Improvement Committee will meet at a later time and date to be determined.
- **One Room School House Update – Phase II:** The Town Manager noted that Phase II of the project is under way and that the ceiling of the school house has been torn down and that the walls have been assessed to see how much of the old plaster could be recovered. More work will be done on the interior and exterior in the next two weeks and a report will be given at the next Select Board meeting.
- **Sidewalks – South China Village Area:** We are looking at a proposal from A. E. Hodsdon Consulting Engineers regarding the proposed work in South China Village. Another report will be given at the next Select Board meeting.
- **Weeks Mills Road Reconstruction:** Preliminary work is being done on the road right of way and financial capacity of the project scope. Reports will be forthcoming at the next few Select Board meetings.

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- **Recycling Bins/Recycling Containers (Cans):** It was noted that the town will be selling compost bins and rain barrels in addition to the recycling bins recently advertised.
- **Town Business Meeting – Date, Time, and Place:** The Town Manager noted the Annual Town Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 in the China Middle School multi-purpose room beginning at 9:00 a.m. there will be a social gathering at 8:30 a.m.

The Town Manager also noted: that chipping of the brush and demo and debris pile is in process and should be finished by the end of the week; Census taking people will be out in neighborhoods in China and surrounding towns; the cost to China for the household hazardous waste collection day was approximately \$1,100.00; and that the town has received inquiries about advertising on the town's Web site.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **Public Comment:** State Representative H. David Cotta commented about the recent studies of and proposed changes to E-911 dispatching at the State level.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment: - Mr. Carrol White – Building Fees:** The Select Board told resident Carrol white they will not waive building permit fees to rebuild on the same foundation as his most recently destroyed chicken barn. Mr. White applied to rebuild a three-story storage building on his China Village property. Code Enforcement Officer Scott Pierz noted that the fee could be reduced by also reducing the scope of the building project; possibly a one or two story building which would reduce the square footage of the floor space. He went on to say that Mr. White could apply at a later date to add another story to the structure. Any change to a commercial use would necessitate a permit review by the Planning Board. There are not any refundable building permit fees under the town's ordinances.
- **Appointment(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Tess Carter to the Thurston Park Committee.
- **Quit Claim Deed(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign a Quit-Claim Deed for Tina LaBelle. A copy of the transfer is on file at the town office.

In other business the Select Board heard an update on the Thurston Park Committee deliberations. Committee member and Selectperson Joann C. Austin reported that the group agreed on some preliminary items:

1. They recommend improving the entrance to the Park from the Mann Road and creating a parking area near the southern boundary. The road would be made passable for four

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- wheel drive vehicles for fire safety. The northern access would be addressed at a later time. Some on the Committee felt the northern access would be integral in the plans.
2. The materials and funding for the road would be generated from within the park, though most of the accessible gravel is in the northern boundary.
  3. Income generated from the park resources should be put back into the development of the park.
  4. The park should be multi-use and that will be defined at a later time.

At the next Select Board meeting David Landry will provide the Board with a CRLA presentation.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board