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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/19/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

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

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/10/2010 Select Board and the notice of Public Hearing associated with the June 8, 2010 Ballot Questions meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #3 for \$22,061.37 and Warrant #4 for \$412,582.74 as presented.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **I-95 Weight Limit Meeting:** Selectperson Neil Farrington summarized the meeting of the “study group” held on July 15, 2010 at the MMA office building. He also pointed out that a brochure outlining the pilot project’s assertions about safety, infrastructure, environmental, and economic benefits is available at the town office. Neil also developed a petition that should be circulated and turned in to the MMA to be handed over the Maine’s Congressional delegation.
- **Tax Commitment – July 2010 Tax Billings Sent Out:** The Town Manager noted that tax bills will be sent out on July 20, 2010. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board accepted and signed an information letter to be inserted into the Town Line. The letter explained the reason for the mil rate increase.
- **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 committee meeting times, dates and locations.
- **One Room School House Update – Phase II Completion:** It was noted that completion of the project would include a public hearing. That Public Hearing will be scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., immediately preceding the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting. Mark McCluskey, the engineer overseeing the project, will be available for the public hearing and walking tour. An expression of gratitude was expressed to Milford Thomas for his daily oversight and contributions to the project. Milford was a student at the school up to through the 7th grade.
- **Sidewalks – South China Village Area:** The Town Manager noted the cost of the project was higher than anticipated and that the engineer associated with the project recommends asking for additional funds from the MDOT or modifying the scope of the project.

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- **Weeks Mills Road Reconstruction – MDOT:** The Town Manager noted that the MDOT has sent out letters to residents on the Weeks Mills Road to obtain landowner information about property boundaries to perfect their right-of-way maps. Some grade stakes and right-of-way stakes have been placed on the road. We will have further updates as the MDOT informs the town. There were expressions that a good shoulder should be developed on the sides of the Weeks Mills Road for safety reasons.
- **China Village Neighborhood Meeting – China Baptist Church:** Select Board Chairperson Irene L. Belanger and the Town Manager recently met with the CEO of Border Trust Company as a follow-up to the previous meetings. In the meeting there was discussion about time-lines for the disposition of the property by the bank should they gain possession of the property. The CEO of the bank assured the town that he would keep everyone informed about the actions that might be taken in the disposition of the property.
- **Tax Commitment – July 2010:** This item was discussed earlier on the agenda.
- **PERC Tipping Fee 3rd Quarter 2010:** The Town Manager noted that the tipping fee for the 3rd quarter is \$73.00/ton, and that compares to \$71.50 in the 2nd Quarter of 2010.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:** Selectperson Neil Farrington noted that another load of cardboard is ready to go the open market.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Police Policies Adoption – Maine Criminal Justice Academy (Department of Public Safety):** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the policies as presented.
- **Municipal Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the recommendations for appointment as presented.

In other business the Board discussed the hiring of two people for special projects, the appointment of an Assistant Health Nurse, the proposed addition to the recycling building, and the Jones Road by-pass.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board