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Public Hearing
06/18/2012
6:30 P.M.

General Assistance Model Ordinance – Appendixes: The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. The Board discussed the proposed amendments to the town’s General Assistance and responded to questions about the same. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday - 06/18/2012 – Town Office Meeting Room
6:40 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, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Kevin Maroon, Bob Batteese, Dick Morse, David Herard, Margaret Herard, Erasmo Gonzalez, Justin Cerbarano, George Oliver, Dale Worster, Neil Farrington, Scott A. Pierz, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Steven Hughes.

Discussion with Emergency Services Personnel about Public Service Answering Point and Emergency Services Dispatch Services was the first topic of business after the opening of the regular meeting. The town currently contracts with Somerset County Communications for PSAP call answering for emergency services and rescue and the City of Waterville Communications for the dispatch of emergency services and rescue. The CMRCC provides PSAP and Dispatch for rural patrol, which is for the KSO and State Police. The Town Manager noted that the town could save approximately \$17,000 by having all the services provided by one organization.

However, some of the emergency service and rescue officials expressed they had fears problems with the CMRCC that led China to choose Somerset and Waterville three or four years ago are still not resolved. After listening to the emergency services and rescue officials, the Select Board asked the Town Manager to find out whether current contracts can be extended to provide time to research more items about a change-over. A main concern expressed with the CMRCC is a shortage of personnel. Another concern expressed by South China Volunteer Fire Department Chief Richard Morse concerned communications after a dispatch has been made. Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Oliver said he thought most of the problems that initially plagued CMRCC have been resolved. He went on to say that he called the Windsor and Vassalboro Fire Chiefs and they responded that they are very satisfied with the full service from the CMRCC.

The Board postponed their final decision to a later meeting, one whereby they could have enough information to make the most informed decision.

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On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/04/2012 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #60 for \$23,394.31 and Warrant #61 for \$83,498.31 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator**
Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items...:

Recycling coordinator Paul MacDonald informed the Board that a full load of OCC (Cardboard) has been sold on the recycling commodities market. He also noted that about 23 gaylords full of recycled items will be sold on the market soon. Paul said that the price for recyclables has been dropping.

The cost of hosting the “open day” this year approximated the same cost to tax payers last year.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Healthy Northern Kennebec – (A Local Healthy Maine Partnership) – Meredith Backus:** The Board heard a presentation from representatives of Healthy Northern Kennebec and Youth Matters on health and related issues available to people in the greater China area. The town will provide a link on the town’s Web site for those who seeking more information.
- **General Assistance Model Ordinance – Appendixes Amendments Adoption:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and approve of the amendments to the town’s General Assistance Ordinance as presented.
- **Municipal Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 3-2 to accept all recommended municipal appointments as presented except for the C.E.O. and LPI and to sign the respective papers associated with the appointments.
- **Red Light Application(s) – China Village Volunteer Fire Department:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and
- **Pole Location Permit – CMP –Parmenter Hill:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and

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Manager's Report: (Non-Action Items)

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II, TBD, and China Historical Society Committee, TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective Committee meetings were announces.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining:** The Town Manager handed out a list of the goals set by the Select Board at their most recent visioning session and noted that many of the goals have been reached and that others are being pursued. An update will be periodically discussed at Board meetings.
- **Land for Maine's Future Grant Application – Feasibility Committee Interest Solicitation:** the Town Manager noted that a solicitation ad has been placed in the Town Line newspaper inquiring about interested people to be on the committee.
- **Transfer Station Planning Committee Report – Update:** The Town Manager provided the Board with an update and noted suggestions for consideration should be forthcoming in the near future.
- **Somerset County Communications Center – PSAP Call Answering:** The Board discussed this item earlier in the meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-2(Belanger/MacDonald) to go into Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405 (6) (A) (Personnel) at 8:13 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 (Belanger had to leave at 8:48 p.m.) to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Peter Foote and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to reappoint the C.E.O. and L.P.I as recommended and to sign the appropriate papers relating to the appointments.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to go into Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405 (6) (H) (Enforcement Action) at 8:54 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of Executive Session and adjourn at 9:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board