

TOWN OF CHINA

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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/01/2011 – 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 Vic Montminy, Beth Preston, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/03/2011 and 07/18/2011 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #7 for \$13,692.15, Payroll Warrant #8 for \$7,006.00 and Payables Warrant #9 for \$68,896.40 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

- **Recycling Coordinator:**

Recycling Report - Neil Farrington: Selectperson Neil Farrington noted that the town recently received a new baler and that it was installed last Thursday. It has produced a bale of cardboard in approximately 45 minutes compared to the 2.5 hours it has taken traditionally. Mr. Farrington noted that there have been some concerns about the baling of mixed paper. He went on to suggest that cameras be installed at the transfer station because of the town's investment in expensive equipment at the transfer station.

Transfer Station Ordinance Review – SB Initial Discussion/Deliberation and Survey

Review: The Board began a brief review of the current Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance of the Town of China, Maine. The agreed to continue to review the Ordinance and to further make recommendations for change after the Transfer Station Survey data is received. The Board will possibly devote several minutes during the next few meetings for review and make proposed revisions to the respective document. The Board did discuss the possibility of changing the title of the ordinance to the Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance of the Town of China. They also asked the Town Manager to look for ordinances from other municipalities that China might be able to modify and adopt.

- **Teen Center – Elizabeth Preston:** The Select Board and resident Beth Preston continued discussion of Ms. Preston's proposal for a "teen center", with the SB sending Ms. Preston back to talk with the Recreation Committee.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Eagle Scout Recognition:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to recognize the accomplishments of Alexander W. Collins for the work he did at the Albert Church Brown Library and to sign a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Town of China. Mr. Collins' Court of Honor will be held on August 14, 2011 at the China Baptist Church.
- **Victor Montmeny – Traffic Study Request of the MDOT, Lakeview Drive:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to the MDOT requesting they perform a traffic study on the north end of Lakeview Drive, specifically from the intersection of Route #202/9 and Lakeview Drive to Tarybelu Lane. Mr. Montmeny lives across from Lakeview Lumber Company and he noted how fast the large trucks drive by his residence. He considers the speeding traffic an extreme safety issue. Chairperson Peter Foote noted that U.S. Senator Susan Collins has reintroduced a Bill in Congress regarding heavy truck traffic and use of the Interstate Highway.
- **Municipal Appointments – Health Officer – Alison Jorgensen and Capital Investment Committee – April Wood:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the appointments as recommended and to sign the recommended appointment papers.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Biomass Project/Referendum RSU #18, Superintendent Gary Smith to Address the Board at Their August 15, 2011 Meeting:** It was noted that Mr. Smith will be attending the next SB meeting to discuss the Biomass project proposed for the RSU#18 school buildings in Oakland.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** A list of goals set at the most recent SB visioning session will be discussed at the next few SB meetings.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Public Hearing and Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Library Services Committee – Meeting, Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Office (Back) Meeting Room, Thurston Park II, Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.:** The respective times, dates and locations of meetings were announced by the Town Manager.
- **Transfer Station Survey – Final Reminder:** The Town Manager noted that residents have a last chance to participate in the Transfer Station Survey over the next few days. The deadline for participation is August 8, 2011. He went on to note that the town office has had a return rate of better than 50% of the 318 transfer station surveys that were mailed to residents. The surveys seek opinions on solid waste disposal preferences.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract – Will Need to Negotiate Soon – Committee Considerations:** The Board is aware that they may soon need to appoint a committee to negotiate the next long term contract with Time-Warner.

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- **KVCAP Announcement on LiHeap Applications:** Notices have been in the Town Line newspaper over the past several weeks. Residents are encouraged to apply for heating assistance by calling KVCAP and scheduling an appointment in China on the listed days.
- **Roadside Mowing – Progress Report:** The Town Manager noted that all the roadsides south of Route#3 have been mowed. The roads in the Branch Mills section of China will be done soon.
- **CMP – Maine Power Reliability Program Notice of Work Commencement:** It was noted that the MPRP work has begun. Residents may see activity in the vicinity of the power line corridor over the next several weeks.
- **CMP Smart Meter Update:** It was noted that the town has received notice that over 93% of the upgrade has been completed in China.

In other business, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger handed out a brochure regarding the Sebeco Regional Land Trust and noted how the Trust operates and how it might be beneficial to China, and the Town Manager noted that applications for the State “Circuit Breaker” property tax and rent relief program are available at the China Town Office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Municipal Assessors Meeting
Monday 08/01/2011
8:41 P.M.

Municipal Abatements and Supplemental Certificates and Warrants: On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Municipal Abatements and Supplemental Certificates and Warrants as presented. Copies of the respective documents are on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann C. Austin, Secretary of the Municipal Assessors

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Board of Assessors Meeting
05/09/2010
8:31 P.M.

Minutes

The Chair of the Board of Assessors opened the meeting at 8:31 p.m. board members present were Paul MacDonald, Irene L. Belanger, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Peter Foote. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

On a motion by Board member Joann C. Austin and a second by Board member Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign a Supplemental Tax Assessment Warrant as presented. A copy of the Supplemental Tax Warrant will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Board member Joann C. Austin and a second by Board member Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Board of Assessors