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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/11/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Webb Shaw, William Bickford, Bill Van Sickle, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Chair Robert MacFarland.

The minutes of the 12/28/2016 Select Board meeting were not available at this time.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #35 for \$24,316.26, and Town Payables Warrant #36 for \$425,121.71 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected:** The Board discussed the PPT program particulars at this time. They noted that they have scheduled three public informational sessions regarding the program to be implemented on July 1, 2016 for a trial period. The first session is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the China Middle School to begin at 10:00 a.m. The other two sessions are scheduled for February and March of 2016. After allowing residents try the system, which allows for disposal of MSW in special China bags to be purchased at local stores, over the summer and fall and to hold a referendum in November to have voters decide whether or not to continue the program. The expectation is to reduce transfer station costs by increasing recycling and decreasing the amount of waste that has to be sent to Orrington for processing. Tipping fees and transportation costs will be reduced as a result. Moreover, and depending on the commodities market, recycled items often bring income to China.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that the Waterville Solid Waste Committee will be meeting in the Council chambers on January 20, 2016 to discuss the post 2018 operations options for Waterville.

- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following:

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 Board will be meeting on Wednesday and discussing the upcoming budget.

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EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that this group has not been meeting recently and that they are looking for a new chairperson.

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that she will be meeting tomorrow with the KVCOG Board and has items to be printed off and passed out.

- **Organization Reports – Board Reference:**
- **Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Items:** The Board progressed through the draft Warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting as presented to them, making recommended amendments on a few Articles. The articles will be amended to reflect the Board's intentions and for their review at a future meeting. It was noted by the Town Manager that the Annual Town Business Meeting will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2016, or as soon as a quorum assembles.
- **Emergency Services – WMVFD and Vehicle Replacement:** Members of the WMVFD had a conversation with the Board about the condition of one of the FD vehicles. Chief Webb Shaw, Bill Bickford and Bill Van Sickle noted the FD thought a FD tanker truck was in dire need of replacement. They asked the Board to appropriate funds from the FD Reserve Account in the Fund Balance to purchase a replacement vehicle. They went on to note that if a suitable truck is found, they might need enough money for a deposit on short notice, before another department purchases it. The WMVFD representatives suggested that a replacement vehicle would better serve China if it were smaller and able to be used in multi-attach scenarios with possibly a hose reel.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of spending up to \$30,000 for the truck replacement initiative and to further authorize the Chair of the SB or the Town Manager to commit a deposit amount to hold a prospective vehicle pending a sales agreement. The WMVFD representatives noted that the department currently has three trucks, a tanker, an attack truck, and a multi-purpose truck.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointment to the Transfer Station Committee – Ralph Howe:** The Board decided to interview the candidates before making the appointments.
- **Proposal from Mr. Andy Samoiloff Regarding 13 Lot Subdivision:** The Town Manager referenced a communication from Mr. Samoiloff relating to an interest in donating a 13 lot subdivision to the town. Mr. Samoiloff indicated that he would be interested in donating the subdivision if the town is interested and if the town assessed value and a market appraisal was high enough for the donation to be attractive to he and his partners in ownership of the sub-division, More communications will take place in the near future and the Town Manager will report back to the Select Board. This donation might be included in an Article on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant. On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson

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Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to pursue the proposed gift to the town.

- **2016-2017 Municipal Budget – 2016 Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Approval:** It was noted that the SB will soon need to make recommendations on the final version of the Warrant so that the Budget Committee will have time to review the proposed Articles and make their recommendations.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office, Economic and Community Development Committee, As Announced, Time 6:30 P.M., at the Green Bean Restaurant, Transfer Station Committee, Tuesday, January 19 and or 26, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Town Office.**
The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification. The TIF Committee has been meeting and attempting to develop a Charter for their group.
- **Budget Committee Deliberations on the 2016-2017 Municipal Budget:** It was noted that the Budget Committee will be deliberating on the SB's final numbers for the 2016-2017 municipal budget later in the week. The BC will again have a final meeting to attend at which they will make their final recommendations on the SB approved final Warrant Articles, all hopefully to be completed by the second week in February.
- **MEMA and Dam Inspection Report – January 25, 2016 SB Meeting:** It was noted that the SB meeting of January 25, 2015 is scheduled to include discussion of the deteriorating Branch Mills Flour and Grain building and also the dam at the head of Branch Mills Pond. Bruce Fitzgerald from the Maine Emergency Management Agency will be in attendance to address MEMA's concerns.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board