

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

01/14/2012

7:00 PM

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger and Paul MacDonald. Others present were Ron Breton, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Ron Breton.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/02/2013 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #37 for \$22,164.78, payroll Warrant #38 for \$1,906.16, and Payables Warrant #39 for \$345,440.99 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

#### P.E.R.C. Tipping Fees: Selectperson and Recycling

Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided the Board with updates on the commodity market pricing for recyclable materials, noting that prices have stabilized for most commodities.

Mr. MacDonald continued by saying that the tipping fee at P.E.R.C. for the first quarter of 2013 will be \$76.00 per ton, up from \$74.00 per ton in the fourth quarter of 2012. He pointed out, consequently, that each ton removed from the disposal stream going to P.E.R.C. also saves the town a substantial amount of taxpayer dollars.

Paul also provided the Board with yearend numbers for tons of demolition and debris sent for disposal at Waste Management in Norridgewock and for tons of metal recycled through Grimmels metal Recycling of Topsham.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger continued with her periodic updates on KVCOG and RSU#18 initiatives. Irene referenced the progress in KVCOG's efforts to relating to a

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in Kennebec County. She also noted the budgetary issues facing RSU#18 in the coming budget deliberations.

- **2013-2014 Municipal Budget Deliberations – Finalize SB Numbers and Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant:** The Select Board completed most all of the warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting except for articles relating to Administration and Social Service Agencies. The actions taken are reflected as follows and relate to the Warrant as presented for the Annual Town Business Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2013.

The Board will also decide which organizations will be allowed to have representatives speak briefly at the Annual Town Business Meeting. Traditionally the representatives speak at the beginning of the meeting. There was discussion about having the representatives speak at the end of the meeting. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger would like a representative of Summit natural Gas Inc. to speak at the meeting about a proposed gas pipeline that might go near or through China. Selectperson MacDonald said that he felt the other natural gas provider should also be allowed to have a representative speak at the meeting. Selectperson Joann C. Austin said she felt that if there are environmental or other opponents to a natural gas pipeline, they too should be heard.

**Article 5.** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to approve of the Administration Other part of Article 5 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 5.** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to approve of the Amendment to the Administration part of Article 5 with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0. (The amendment is to reduce the Select Board Fees back to \$700 each annually).

**Article 7.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 7 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 11.** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to approve of Article 11 as amended (see amended draft on 01/28/2013) with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 20.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 10 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 21.** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to approve of Article 21 as amended to \$15,500 with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson

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Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-2(Foote & MacDonald) – motion failed. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 21 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-1(Austin).

**Article 22.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 22 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 23.** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to approve of Article 23 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0. (South China Library)

**Article 25.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 25 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 26.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 26 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-1(Foote).

**Article 27.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 27 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 28.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 28 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 29.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 29 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 31.** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to approve of Article 31 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 32.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 32 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 33.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 33 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

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**Article 34.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 34 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

**Article 35.** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to approve of Article 35 as presented with the respective recommendation and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

**Manager's Communications: (Non-Action Items)**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, Transfer Station Committee Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday December 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The dates, times, and places of the respective committee meetings were announced.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting 2013 – March 23, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the China Middle School Multi-Purpose Room:** The Annual Town Business Meeting date, time and place particulars were announced.

In other business, the Town Manager shared a communication from the Maine Department of Transportation about planned resurfacing on route #32 and Route #3, starting in July and finishing in November. He went on to point out that after the resurfacing is completed, the MDOT will not grant any permits to open the respective segments of highway for a period of three (3) years except as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A. §3352. Consequently, anyone who might be planning a project that would involve opening segments of highway in the project area would need to complete the projects before the resurfacing begins.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board