

TOWN OF CHINA

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Public Hearing

Monday – 01/23/2017

6:30 P.M.

Annual renewal of the junkyard permit for Timothy Coston, located at 281 Dirigo Road in China, Maine, also described as Tax Map 24, Lot 36.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Tim Coston, Ralph Howe, Paul Mitnik, Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

The Select Board asked Mr. Coston to address some issues regarding his intentions to clean-up the property on the Dirigo Road, Map 24 Lot 26, to be in compliance with the previously approved permit for use of that property issued to his father, Mar. Russell Coston. Mr. Tim Coston indicated he would remove all items from the front of the fence on the property and also complete repairs to the fence and trim the vegetation surrounding the fence.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

China Select Board

Monday - 01/23/2017

Regular Meeting – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Ralph Howe, Tim Coston, Paul Mitnik, Edward Brownell, Thomas Alfieri, David Herard, Justine Knizeski, Louisa Barnhart, Dale Worster, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the minutes of the 01/09/2017 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #39 for \$26,000.84 and on a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #40 for \$77,632.76 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

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- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:**
Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the on the current events relating to respective organizations, e.g. the MRC and Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce.
- **2017-2018 Municipal Budget – Deliberations and Warrant Articles Consideration**
David Herard: The Board began review of the 2017-2018 proposed municipal budget and agreed to complete the review at a workshop at the town office on Saturday, January 28, 2017 after the special town meeting. The Board agreed to have a workshop session at the town office after the special open town meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2017.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** – China resident Dale Worster asked the SB to approve of an active Economic Development Committee to pull people together to promote additional events in China. He would like to encourage monthly events to be held and also to promote small business start-ups. Dale mentioned Reny's as a possible business to attract to China, mentioning there is not any committee currently active to approach the owners of the business.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **Junkyard Permit Application – Tim Coston:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to conditionally approve of and sign a junkyard license application by Mr. Timothy Coston. The conditions to be met by June 30, 2017 include clearing all items from the area in front of a fence on the property, to trim vegetation around the fence, and to make repairs to the fence. A copy of the permit will on file at the town office.
- **Administrative Consent Agreement – C.E.O. Paul Mitnik:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign an administrative consent agreement as presented for Mr. Caleb Wrigley. A copy of the agreement will be on file at the town office. There were discussions about how the assessment in the Agreement was determined and about the use of the penalty assessment guideline used in the past. The Board wanted to approve of any proposed agreement before accepting funds from the party in violation of a town ordinance.
- **Appointment(s) – Planning Board Position(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to appoint Tom Michaud to the Alternate-at-Large position on the China Planning Board and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-2(LaVerdiere, Breton)-1(Farrington), the motion failed to attain a majority. On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ralph Howe to the Alternate-at-Large position on the China Planning Board.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to have a special election held to fill the At-Large position recently vacated on the China Planning Board, that election to be held at the Annual Town Business Meeting on March 25, 2017 at the CPS.

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Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II, Economic and Community Development Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:15 A.M. in the Town Office.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Visioning Session From November 29, 2016 – Follow-up and Priority List:** The Chair, Neil Farrington noted that the Board will continue with the strategic planning sessions soon after the budget deliberations.
- **Announcement of Special Open Town Meeting:** It was noted that there would be a special town meeting regarding a moratorium vote on marijuana initiatives on retail sales, stores, and social clubs. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the town needs 126 registered China voters to conduct official business.
- **Police Vehicle Delivery to China:** It was noted that our police officers have taken possession of the new cruiser and are having it equipped for service.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to sell to Todd Nelson a Compu-Spread Model CS-230, Serial # 2H4/2006-3425, for \$500.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene L. Belanger".

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board