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Committee to Review Social Service Non-Profit Agencies - Requests for Support
01/30/2012
6:00 P.M.

Committee will meet to review social service agencies' requests for funding and make recommendations to the China Select Board...meeting in public...

Committee members present were Paul MacDonald, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger, Steve Hughes, Sheryl Peavey, and Lin Gosselin.

The committee formed to review the various social service agency requests met immediately prior to the SB meeting. They had a thorough discussion on the recommendations for respective agency appropriations and agreed to meet again on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the town office to finish work on their recommendations to the Select Board.

Representatives of several of the organizations requesting town funds were present and they responded to questions by the committee.

Select Board Meeting
Monday – 01/30/2012 – 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 Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Neil Farrington.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/16/2012 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #39 for \$19,011.07, and Payables Warrant #40 for \$66,065.00 as presented.

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Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator, Paul MacDonald:**
Recycling Report -
Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) "Scrap Paper" Comments: Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald informed the Board about the amounts of recycling items that are ready to be sold on the commodities market. He went on to note the recent pricing structure for commodities.
Progress Report on Recycling Building and Compost Pad/Composting: Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided the Board with an update on the progress of the new addition. He estimated that the addition would be finished sometime in March. Paul said the Kennebec County jail inmates have been doing work on the addition. There was additional discussion about providing protective hearing gear to employees and to make certain the staff uses the protective equipment.
- **2012-2013 Municipal Budget – Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Article - #24, Social Service Non-Profit Agencies and Warrant Article #36, Amendment to the Town's Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance (Transfer Station Ordinance):** The SB did not act on the requests from social service agencies, saying they would wait until the committee formed to do an initial review of agencies' requests completed their task.

The SB did not take any action relative to the China Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance. They agreed by consensus that this item should be dealt with after a report is received on the most recent Transfer Station Survey. It was contemplated that a town committee might need to be formed to address reviewing the Ordinance in a more comprehensive manner.

The SB did, however, take action on other Articles considered for the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant scheduled for March 24, 2012.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 5-0 to reconsider Article #23. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-1(Austin) to eliminate the Part Time Librarian Position for \$13,478 from Article #23. China Library Services Chairperson Gary Nichols requested to the SB that they delete the librarian position funding because it might be too early in the process of moving toward a central library. The new Library Feasibility Committee could develop a job description for a town librarian and request funding in the future.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-1(Belanger) reduce the ACB Library appropriation in Article #23 to \$2250, with the associated recommendation of "yes" after the amended Article. The reason for the reduction was noted to be that the ACB Library has made substantial income from an endowment fund.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-1(MacDonald)-1(Hughes) to add \$1500 to Article 5, Administration Other for the proposed Library Feasibility Committee work to be done after the Library Feasibility Committee members are appointed.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-2(Foote and Hughes) to add \$1500 to Article 22, to the Historical Society's recommended appropriation, bringing the total to \$6,000 with the associated "yes" recommendation after the Article. Historical Society Chairperson Neil Farrington requested the additional funds to promote the Society functions and to solicit membership.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-1(Foote)-1(MacDonald) to appoint Gail Britton-Kojigian, Carrol White, and Dale Worster to the China Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.
- **Quit Claim Deed(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Iren L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Quit-Claim Deed as presented. A copy of the deed and other associated paper work will be on file at the town office.

Manager's Report – Non-Action Items:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Wednesday, February 1 Work Session and Wednesday, February 8, 2012 Regular Meeting, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, and the Thurston Park II, Bill Seekins proposed dates - 6,7,8,9,13,15,16:** The respective dates, times, and places of the committees were announced.
- **Election Information – Annual Town Business Meeting March 24, June Election, November Election and Other Important Dates:** Important information relative to upcoming annual meetings and elections was noted by the Town Manager.
- **Transfer Station Survey Report – Susan Cottle:** Susan Cottle provided the SB with the results of the Transfer Station survey conducted this past summer. Susan helped draft the survey and collated the results and provided the SB with her summary of the results. She went on to note:
 - China residents are very interested I solid waste issues and are ready for change;
 - Most households already recycle, and most survey respondents are in favor of increasing recycling;
 - There was not any mandate for pursuing any particular recycling incentive program, e.g. pay-per-bag;
 - That the SB initiated the survey to seek guidance in dealing with increasing solid waste disposal costs, which were substantial in the current quarter.

Susan asked a few times if the SB have in mind a set of goals, in terms of waste diversion or money saved, so they could begin incremental changes toward a goal. Select Board Chairperson Peter Foote suggested setting up a committee to continue discussion. Ms. Cottle emphasized the

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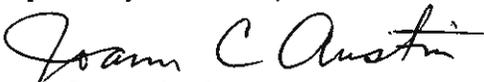
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need to set goals before setting up a committee and that she would only consider participating further when goals were set. The board agreed by consensus that they would attempt to set the goals in the near future and appoint a committee to make recommendations on incremental steps to reach the respective goals.

- **Visioning Session Meeting – Follow-Up List Provided:** The Town Manager provided the SB with an updated visioning session list of goals for the short term in China.
- **P.E.R.C. Tipping Fees 1st Quarter 2012 \$76.50 (Last Quarter \$73.20):** The Town Manager noted the respective pricing per ton for MSW delivered to PERC in Orrington, Maine. The increase was said to be substantial compared to past increases.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steve Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board