

# TOWN OF CHINA

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**China Select Board, Tuesday – 10/15/18**  
**Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M. – Town Office Meeting Room**

Select persons present: Chairman Robert MacFarland; Secretary Irene Belanger; Neil Farrington; Jeff LaVerdiere. Not Present: Donna Mills-Stevens. Town Manager: Dennis Heath. Others present: Becky Hapgood, Tracey Frost, David Herard, Gary Cummings, Tim Grotton, Wayne Chadwick, Shawn Reed, Jean Conway, Tom Michaud, Mary Grow, and Meg Robbins.

## **MINUTES**

Robert MacFarland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion by Jeff LaVerdiere and second by Irene Belanger to approve the minutes of the 10/1/18 Select Board Meeting Minutes; approved 4-0

### **II. Warrants**

- a. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #24 YCC Payroll Warrant for \$92.85; approved 4-0
- b. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #25 China Payroll Warrant for \$24,938.79; approved 4-0
- c. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Neil Farrington to approve Warrant #26 Payables Warrant for \$511,371.05; approved 4-0 (*Note: The actual amount of the warrant was for \$511,371.06, but a problem that was unresolved with TRIO accounts for the \$0.01 difference.*)

### **III. Department Reports**

- a. Town Clerk – Becky Hapgood
- b. Police – Tracey Frost
- c. Fire/Rescue – David Herard
- d. Public Works – Gary Cummings
- e. Transfer Station – Tim Grotton
- f. Organization Reports/Committee Reports – Praise for Neil Farrington for heading the Bicentennial Celebration

**IV. Unfinished Business**

a. Bids for Red Barn Roof – Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve bid from P and P Roofing of Gardiner, ME for \$9,600, with \$8,000 to be funded through the town warrant article and the remaining \$1,600 to be funded from the Contingency account; approved 4-0

**V. New Business**

- a. Public Comment – Jean Conway gave updates on the Comprehensive Planning Committee and China For A Lifetime Committee
- b. Appointment of Signatories – On a motion by Neil Farrington and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to appoint Robert MacFarland, Irene Belanger, Julie Finley and Jennifer Chamberlain for signatories for payroll and payables checks; approved 2-0 (majority of quorum)
- c. Legal Reserve Funds – Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere; approved 4-0
- d. Purchase of Ventrac multifunction tractor (Public Works) – Tabled to 10/29/2018 meeting.

**VI. Manager's Communications – (Non-Action Items)**

- a. Fire Pond Update
- b. Causeway project update
- c. Use of portable building for senior activities
- d. Holiday schedule/events – T.O. and Transfer will be closed 11/22 & 11/23, open as usual on 11/24; Town Emp. Christmas celebration 12/18 at 4pm; Select Board meeting 12/21 at 5pm; T.O. and Transfer Station open as usual on 12/22, closed 12/24 and 12/25. T.O. and Transfer Station closing at noon on 12/31 and closed 1/1/19

**Adjourn**

Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to adjourn at 8:15 pm; approved 4-0

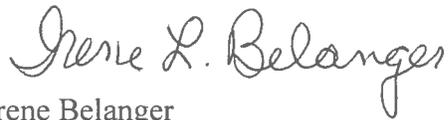
**Assessors Meeting** (Convened at 8:16 pm)

- I. Abatements and or Supplemental Tax Assessments: On a motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to approve 9 abatements in the amount of \$2,317.06; approved 4-0.
- II. Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to enter Executive Session in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S. Sec. 841,2,E (Hardship or Poverty Abatement); approved 4-0
- III. Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to adjourn from Executive Session; approved 4-0
- IV. Motion by Robert MacFarland and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to deny 1 abatement; approved 4-0

**Adjourn**

Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to adjourn at 8:38 pm; approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



Irene Belanger  
Secretary, China Select Board