

TOWN OF CHINA

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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 10/24/2011 – 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 as noted in the attached attendance sheet list, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Neil Farrington.

There were not any minutes available for consideration at this meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #25 for \$18,943.41, and Payables Warrant #26 for \$70,441.31 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

Recycling Report - Neil Farrington: Selectperson Neil Farrington updated the SB on current happenings at the transfer station.

Consensus - Coupon Sheet/Punch Card to Replace “Open – Fee Free

Transfer Station Day”: The Board indicated that they needed more time to deliberate on what options would be appropriate at this time. They will discuss this topic at a future SB meeting.

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items): it was noted that the market for recyclable commodities is soft and that prices for recyclables are expected to decrease over the next month or two. The Town Manager noted that the staff at the transfer station has been doing a good job of sending product to the commodities market for sale and thus keeping inventory down and maximizing revenues in the short term.

Drug Take-Back Day – Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the China Transfer

Station: It was noted that the town is participating in the drug take back day and that town staff and volunteers will be assisting law enforcement officials in the processing of expired or unexpired prescription medications at the China transfer station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Transfer Station Ordinance Review – SB Continued Discussions/Deliberation –

Mandatory Recycling Language: The town Manager will provide the SB with language involving the mandatory recycling of cardboard at a future meeting. The Board will discuss proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance after receiving the results of the recently conducted transfer station survey. The results of the survey should be available in late November or early December.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Maine Power Reliability Program:** CMP was represented by Susan Bell from Bernstein Shur Government Solutions of Augusta and Portland and John Titus from Burns and McDonnell, an engineering firm headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. They made a presentation on plans to expand the power transmission lines that run through China.

The plan calls for construction vehicles to access the power line in China from most of the public roads it crosses. They assured the SB that public roads would not be damaged, that they would be left as they are or improved after the project ends.

Sue Bell went on to say that in later stages when new poles are set and wires are strung; some of the work will be done by helicopter. Preliminary tree-cutting in the expanded right-of-way is likely to start in November.

John Titus said that the State Department of Environmental Protection, Burns and McDonnell, and the various contractors doing the work all have independent monitors. There should be three environmental consultants on the ground at all times.

- **Red Light Applications – WMVFD and CVVFD:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the red light applications as presented.
- **Kennebec County Emergency Management Agency – Adoption of the Revised Kennebec County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and adopt the revised Kennebec County Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented. A copy is kept on file in the town office. Sean Goodwin and director Richard Beausoleil of the Kennebec County EMA explained the revised Plan they asked to have approved. The plan includes an inventory and assessment of places in China that have been and are likely to continue to be damaged in major storms and other events to which emergency management agency's respond. Once the Plan is adopted county-wide and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, federal and state funds may cover most of the cost of correcting problems listed in the Plan. There are nine potential projects listed in the Plan for China.

Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Beausoleil explained that a municipality that does not adopt the plan will still be eligible for emergency assistance after a natural disaster, but is not eligible for funds for mitigation projects.

- **RSU #18 Representative Elwood Ellis and Emergency Services Driveway – Proposed Project:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to re-write a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of China and RSU #18 as discussed and to further present it to the Chair of the Select Board for final approval. It would thereafter be presented to the RSU #18 Superintendent and Board Chair for their approval and signatures.

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The MOU is an agreement between RSU#18 and the Town of China to build and maintain a second access road to the China Primary School. The new road, along the north boundary of school and town properties on Lakeview Drive would be used by vehicles only for snow plowing and in an emergency.

- **Contract for Dispatch Services – City of Waterville – Renewal:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign a proposed contract renewal for dispatch services from the City of Waterville. The Town Manager is to sign on behalf of the Town of China. A copy of the agreement will be on file at the Town Office.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Library Services Committee – Meeting, Friday, October 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Office (Back) Meeting Room, and Thurston Park II, Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the town office:** The Town manager noted the dates, times and places of respective committee meetings.
- **Transfer Station Survey – Preliminary Findings:** The transfer station survey will be a topic of discussion at the Select Board's annual visioning session to be scheduled in late November. Summary results should be available by that time.
- **Vision Session Priorities – See the List on the Next Page for Reference:** A list of visioning session priorities from last year are included as an addendum to the SB agendas for reference and consideration and to measure progress throughout the year.
- **Docks – Removal Date Announcement:** It was noted that the docks at the head of China Lake are scheduled to be removed at the end of October or early November.
- **Maine Power Options Meeting – At the MMA Building on November 10, 2011:** It was noted that MPO will hold a member meeting at the Maine Municipal Association offices on the morning of November 10, 2011. This is an opportunity to learn about newer program offerings in electricity supply specifically geared to small communities in Maine. The meeting will allow members to learn about competitive supply options and to see the services offered by the current supplier Constellation NewEnergy.
- **Lien Processes and Waiver of Foreclosure – Informational Hand-Out Only:** The Town Manager handed out information relating to the process of waiver of foreclosure. The Board may discuss this process at their next meeting with regard to the foreclosures scheduled for December 18, 2011.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to renew a contract with the Kennebec Valley Humane Society in Augusta to accept stray cats and dogs from China's animal control officers.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:

Public Officials Training

Public Access to China Lake – **Appraisal of The Cabins Property is Currently Being Pursued**

Recycling

Regional Initiatives

Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance Revisions – Mandatory Recycling of Cardboard – **See Draft Wording – Mandatory Recycling of Cardboard**

Administrative Organizational Structure – Personnel – **Recommendation to be Included in the 2012-2013 Municipal Budget, (Building Code, SSSC Program, API, etc.)**

Recreational Options

Field Search – Photo Sent to SB – **Forested Area Near Ball Fields, Topo Issues?**

Causeway and SC Boat Landing Focus

Thurston Park/Gravel/Recreation (Additional Field)/Other

Village(s) Development

Historical/Traditional

Economic Development

Elderly Housing – **Dennis Keller and Rick Hayden - Proposal**

Infrastructure/Capital Investment – Portable Classroom Usage – **Staging Area in Emergencies and Overnight Housing in Emergencies**