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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 10/03/2016 – 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, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Wayne Chadwick, Ed Haskell, Cindi Colby, Daryl Hoague, Deputy Michel Dutil, Lt. Aaron Hayden, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motions by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a seconds by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 09/19/2016 meeting and 4-0-1(Farrington) to accept the minutes of the 09/22/2016 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 China Payroll Warrant #21 for \$22,208.11, Warrant #22 CBI and YCC Payroll Warrant for \$80.50 and Town Payables Warrant #23 for \$426,924.10 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted market changes for 3-7 plastics and also noted that there might be an outlet for used textiles and that she would inform the Board if that option becomes reality.
- **Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the on the current events relating to respective organizations.
- **TIF Committee Expenses and Approval of Project Associated Costs:** The Town Manager noted that the TIF Committee has been using the services of A. E. Hodsdon Engineering and has processed through the payables warrant a limited amount of expenses out of the town appropriated \$50,000 on planning and engineering costs associated with TIF projects. The Town Manager asked the Board to consider continuing the spending on the current projects the TIF Committee is considering, particularly on the Causeway Road. On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the continued expenses associated with the Causeway Road TIF initiative. An estimate of the costs associated with potential engineering assistance in the Causeway Road project was requested by the Board for reference and budgeting.

New Business:

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

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- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **Enforcement Items – SP Lt. Aaron Hayden:** Representatives of the KSO and SP attended the SB meeting to provide the Board on some of their efforts in China to control speeding and other problematic behaviors. The Board has been dealing recently with a good deal of complaints about speeding and other mischievous behaviors on back roads in China and asked the Town Manager to invite law enforcement representatives to the meeting for a conversation. Local residents in the audience participated in the conversations.
- **Maine Council on Ageing Conference – Joann Austin and Neil Farrington:** The Board continued a conversation about service options for senior citizens, and agreed that they would not take any action until after the November 8, 016 referendum election. There is a question on the ballot asking voters for support in an appropriation to fund a survey of senior residents' needs. Select Board members Joann C. Austin and Neil Farrington reported on a Maine Council on Aging conference they recently attended, which sparked a discussion about senior housing and medical amenities the town might help develop.

There were concerns on whether or not a commercial developer would get involved with a municipality as small as China without substantial subsidies or financial incentives. Select Board members Austin and Farrington noted that a representative from Volunteers of America, an entity associated with assisted living facilities in other states in New England, expressed interest in talking with the China Select Board. Select Board member Neil Farrington suggested that the former FairPoint call center building could house a medical center, a day care for children and the elderly, or both.

In a related topic, the Board briefly discussed and noted the conversations taking place in conjunction with Vassalboro about provisions of bus transportation services for residents of both municipalities in partnership with the KVCAP. The KVCAP provides limited transportation services to towns outside of Waterville and Augusta.

- **Appointments – TSC:** On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Cheryl York and Dwain McKenney to the China Transfer Station Committee, two Palermo residents. The residents of Palermo will begin using the China transfer station on January 1, 2016.

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, October 11, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, October**

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11, 2016 at 10:15 A.M. in the Town Office. The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.

- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification on current projects the Committee is pursuing.
- **Public Hearings:** The Board again noted the public hearings particulars on the November 8, 2016 local ballot items.
- **Committee Recommendations and Process and Appropriations:** The Chair, Robert MacFarland explained why he asked for this item to be on the agenda; noting that the Select Board is ultimately responsible and therefore the final authority on expenditures and that it would be good to have Committees process their proposed projects and associated expenditures through the Board. Board members commented that they felt the current processes between the Committees and the Select Board are working appropriately.
- **HHW Collection Day – Particulars of the Offering:** The particulars were noted again for public consumption.
- **Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, October 22, 2016:** The particulars were noted for public consumption. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger suggested inviting the residents of Palermo.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Selectperson Irene L. Belanger as the voting member at the MMA Convention representing China.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene L. Belanger". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board