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Public Hearings

11/05/2012

6:30 P.M.

No Parking Ordinance Amendment – Consideration of Area to be Established Along Route #3 and Route #32 North in a Development Area (The MDOT Has Required That a No-Parking Ordinance be Established Along Route 3 And Route 32 (North) in the Area of Development Relating to Fieldstone) Amended Traffic Movement Permit

The Chair opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. There were not any questions from the audience as only Mary Grow, representing the Town Line newspaper, was in the audience. The Board reviewed the language of the Ordinance and also a map of the area where no-parking signs will be installed. The Town Manager reported on the sections of Route #3 and Route #32 North included in the Ordinance. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger asked if China's police officer would be enforcing the no-parking and the Town manager responded in the affirmative.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

6:45 P.M.

GA Ordinance Amendments to Appendixes

The Chair opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. There were not any questions from the audience as only Mary Grow, representing the Town Line newspaper, was in the audience. The Board asked the Town Manager to explain the proposed changes to Appendix C and he did so explain the differences between the existing and proposed Appendix C. There were questions from the Board about eligibility guidelines to which the Town Manager responded. The public hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

While waiting to begin for Select Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. the Board discussed a few other topics, namely emergency services resources and preparedness during severe weather conditions, consideration of a sexual offender ordinance, and consideration of an equity position in the town financed addition to the WMVFD building. On a motion by Selectperson and a second by Selectperson, the Board voted 5-0 to explore the feasibility of adding a FTE position to be divided between the transfer station and public works areas. The Town Manager was asked to provide the Board with the cost of adding a full time employee.

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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 11/05/2012 – 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, Steven Hughes, 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 Steven Hughes.

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 10/22/2012 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 #24 for \$18,348.11 and Payables Warrant #25 for \$331,762.38 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

- **Recycling Coordinator:**

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items:

Selectperson and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald noted that, as a result of the processing of large amounts of recyclables, the transfer station can look very messy. He went on to note that the personnel at the transfer station did a good job of cleaning the recycling area after a recent delivery of recyclables to the transfer station.

Paul went on to report that the market pricing for recyclables has stabilized and that the town is attempting to market full loads of single products to maximize revenues in a “down market”.

Select Board Chairperson Pete Foote expressed that the town should move toward a bar-code system to identify residents and non-residents who use the transfer station. He said that he would like the Transfer Station Committee to discuss the feasibility of moving in that direction.

- **Lake Access Feasibility Committee Update:** The Town manager informed the Board of the Committee’s recent deliberations noting that additional information has been gathered on the property assessment of The Cabins property specifically relating to building and electrical code deficiencies. He went on to note that an electrician, building contractor, insurance agent, and a property inspector have visited the site and reports are being prepared for the Committee. After receiving the information from these individuals, a letter will be drafted and sent to the owners

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of The Cabins noting the concerns the Committee has with any deficiencies and stating that the deficiencies will have to be considered in any final proposal to purchase the property.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Municipal Review Committee, Inc. Board of Directors Election Ballot:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to place a vote for China resident Neil Farrington for a position on the MRC Board of Directors.
- **No Parking Ordinance – Adoption of Ordinance:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene I. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and approve of the No-Parking ordinance as presented. A copy of the Ordinance will be kept on file at the town office. It was noted that the town will be responsible for installing “no-parking” signs in the designated area and also responsible for enforcement of the No-Parking Ordinance.
- **GA Appendixes Amendments – Adoption of Amendments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene I. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and approve of the amendment to Appendix C of the GA ordinance as presented, a copy to be on file at the town office.
- **Appointments:** The Board decided to place this item on their next meeting agenda and to take action at that time. The Board felt they needed additional information about whether or not prospective candidates for positions on the China Library Feasibility have accepted the offer to serve.

Manager’s Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday November 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The dates, times, and places of the respective committee meetings were announced.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining - Schedule a Date/Time:** The Board decided to wait until after the November election on when to hold a visioning session. The Town Manager asked the Board to consider what they feel are priorities for the town and to submit those priorities for consideration at the upcoming visioning session.
- **Hurricane Sandy Review of Damages:** There was a good deal of discussion about preparedness during emergencies such as the one presented by Hurricane Sandy recently. The need for additional resources such as generators and a viable and fully functioning shelter for residents were among the topics of discussion. It was agreed that more work on the portable classroom building as a shelter is needed. Electrical work, the installation of a septic system and associated facilities, and the installation of a generator were among the items thought to be needed in the near future, also for the portable classroom.

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In other business, the Board discussed the fee policy adopted by the Board earlier in the year to potentially be charged for CEO time expended on CEO applications over one hour. Chairperson Peter Foote asked for a motion to eliminate the policy and board members responded. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to eliminate the policy in its entirety. Selectperson Paul MacDonald expressed concern about commercial applications and the potential amount of time the CEO might devote to the assistance of an applicant. He felt this could result in an inordinate cost to the town for services that should be provided by private firms.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board of a recent KVCOG meeting. She noted that there is a regional effort facilitated by KVCOG to promote economic development in central Maine concentrating on pointing out asset based attributes in advertisements. Irene will continue to update the Board as the program unfolds. She said she felt this to be one of the best programs she has been involved with on economic development.

The Town Manager read a note from the town's Health Nurse Allison Jorgensen resigning her position as China's health Nurse because of scheduling conflicts with her professional career. Chairperson Pete Foote recommended that the town contact Carol Thibodeau to see if she would be interested in the position.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board