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China Select Board

Executive Session - Personnel

6:30 P.M.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel items and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-0. Selectperson Joann C. Austin entered the session subsequently.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton to come out of Executive Session and commence the regular Select Board meeting and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 12/12/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

Minutes

The Chair opened the regular meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Captain Mike Tracy, Officer Tracey Frost, Robert MacFarland, Tom Michaud, Ed Brownell, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 11/28/2016 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #33 for \$20,175.85, and on a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #34 for \$441,242.02 as presented. There were questions about the purchases with the Sam's Club Discover Card which were answered by the Town Manager.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:**
Palermo: Board Chairperson Neil Farrington reported that he and Selectperson Ronald R. Breton met with Palermo Select Board members to work out details of Palermo residents' use of the China transfer station, scheduled to begin on January 1, 2017. Selectperson Farrington went on to note that the new hours operation at the transfer station are now in effect; the facility will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and not any longer open on Wednesdays.

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Other items reported about were Shredding on Site, the progress on the FFT building project, and RSU#18 items.

- **Ballot Questions – Progress Report – Moving Forward:** The Town Manager reported that the acquisition of the former Wachusett property on Lakeview Drive, given to the town and accepted by voters on November 8, 2016, has been completed. There continues to be more work toward acquiring the two other properties voters agreed to purchase, one adjoining the town office and the other on the Causeway Road.
- **Marijuana Issues – Local Consideration:** The Select Board considered proposing local measures to prepare for the state-wide legalization of recreational use of marijuana. The Board decided the traditional Annual Town Business Meeting in March would be an appropriate time for any action they choose to recommend. It was suggested that the Town Manager invite the Planning Board members to the next SB meeting to discuss the topic.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention and report on the progress of the initiatives at SB meetings. .
- **Officer Tracey Frost – Facebook, Creating a Page for the China PD, Black Cat Radar Results, Residence Check Program, and Recent Local Calls:** Two of China's police officers, Chief Mike Tracy and Sergeant Tracey Frost, reported to the Select Board about community policing activities since August of 2016, with traffic control being a major focus. In the written report, Sergeant Frost reported that a radar unity was purchased with grant funding which has been deployed inconspicuously throughout China. The findings of the radar report pointed to issues on Main Street in China Village. The officers recommended that patrols continue on Main Street and that traffic calming measures should be considered later in the spring.

The report also listed other activities in which the town's five officers engaged this fall. Sergeant Tracey offered a personal e-mail that residents could use for communications.

- **AD-Hoc Committee – (Aging/Thriving in Place) China for a Lifetime Additional Appointments – Call Out for Committee Members:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Fred Montgomery from the Alternate-At-Large position on the China Planning Board. The Board decided to follow the usual procedure of advertising the vacancy. Mr. Tom Michaud expressed interest in filling the position. The Board also made a call out for additional members for the "China for a Lifetime" Committee, which will investigate ways to make the town more user-friendly for all, particularly seniors. The Committee currently consists of Tom Michaud, Selectpersons Irene L. Belanger and Joann C. Austin, Sandra Kostron, Helen Roy, and Toni Wall.

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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, January 3, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, January 19, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, TBA, 2017 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.
- **Visioning Session Tuesday, November 29, 2016 – Follow-up and Priority List:** The Chair, Neil Farrington, opted to consider this item for further deliberations at a future SB meeting after the first of the new year.
Requested/Expected Action: Input if Desired
Adjourn

In other business:

It was agreed to hold the next Select Board meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the town office meeting room.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Rebecca Hapgood to the position of Register of Voters in China.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to refer the CLA funding request for funds for the Alewives Restoration Initiative to the TIF Committee for consideration.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to have the town's concern expressed to the MDOT about a culvert replacement on Route #3 in China. The SB is concerned about the culvert placement as it may be too high an elevation.

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Irene L. Belanger'.

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board

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