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## China Select Board

Monday - 12/27/2017 Regular Meeting  
8:00 A.M. – Town Office Meeting Room

## Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Donna Mills-Stevens, and Robert McFarland. Selectperson Neil Farrington has an excused absence. Others present were Ed Brownell, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 12/11/2017 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #33 for \$33,093.44 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #34 for \$214,375.95 as presented.

In other business the Board digressed from the agenda to have conversations about the following items:

Winter Road Maintenance during the Christmas Holiday: The Town Manager expressed that the town's crew accomplished a heroic job during the holidays, not being to spend much time with their respective families because of the winter conditions. He noted that the recently purchased plow truck was in service during the storm.

Fire Pond: Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere asked about progress on the fire pond off the Neck Road. The Town Manager noted that the MDEP approved the project and that digging to enlarge the pond had begun. He went on to say that it would not be possible to build a parking area for fire trucks to load water until springtime. The Manager said that possible land and water easements would be needed by the town at some point.

Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens asked for further clarification from the Maine DEP on what she felt to be an unresolved issue of alleged hazardous waste dumping on nearby land. She said that the letter the Town Manager produced that was from the MDEP did not appear to address the question.

The Board discussed whether or not to change the meeting time permanently to a time earlier than the traditional 7:00 p.m. start. There was not any absolute conclusion on making a change.

Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere said that he knows an area resident with experience running off-shore drilling equipment who might be interested in the Town Manager position. After further discussion about

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how to advertise for interest in the position, the Town Manager said that the MMA Personnel Services department could assist the town in the search.

Chairperson Robert MacFarland noted that he and the Town Manager have an appointment scheduled with the Oakland Police Chief Mike Tracy and Oakland Police Sergeant Tracey Frost to talk about the possibility of increasing hours of patrolling in China.

The Board then had a conversation about the upcoming Appeals Board hearing scheduled for January 4, 2018.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
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