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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 12/28/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room
6:30 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Ross Nason, Christine Delorimier (LifeFlight FDN), Gregory Althenn, David Herard, Michele Prince, Tina Chapman, Elizabeth Keane, Jeff Johnson, Diane Doyle, Sarah Bernier, Robert Batteese, Sheryl Peavey, Tom Rumpf, Kevin Maroon, Tim Basham, Jonathan Vogel, Tim Theriault, Dick Morse, Webb Shaw, Andrew Van Sickle, William Beckford, Tom Parent, Cheryl Baker, Jean Dempster, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Chair, Robert MacFarland.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 12/14/2015 Select Board meeting as amended, one typo change and the notation that Selectperson Ron Breton recused himself in the vote at a previous meeting on an item regarding a potential foreclosure sale.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #33 for \$20,665.15, and Town Payables Warrant #34 for \$58,184.69 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation – Transfer Station Committee Items**
PPT–Implementation/Vote Decisions Commence Public Information and Communications:
At this time Diane Doyle and Sarah Bernier, both representing WasteZero, were introduced. They attended the meeting to respond to questions about implementation of a Pay-Per-Throw municipal solid waste disposal program. WasteZero is the company contracted with the help the implementation process in China. Sarah and Diane asserted that pay-per-throw works every time, saving an average of 45% on MSW disposal. They went on to assert that once taxpayers experience the savings and effect on budgets, they will appreciate the program and support it at the polls. They provided an example of the program success by noting the program in Elliot, Maine. There was not any need to increase the staffing in Elliot to accommodate the increased recycling. The large bags will cost \$.30 each, the small bags will cost \$.21 each. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 3-0-2 (Breton, MacFarland) to implement the PPT program on July 1, 2016, and to hold a referendum asking if voters want to continue it in November 2016. Selectpersons Breton and MacFarland had more questions they wanted to have answered. Informational literature is to be sent to residents

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explaining the program as soon as possible with WasteZero, KVCOG, and the Transfer Station Committee assisting in the development of the information in the education outreach. A three to four month education process is expected to be enough time to get information out and after implementation, a four month data gathering time was expected to be enough time to obtain revenue and recycling data to present to voters.

A decision was not made at this time on whether the trial period would include a rebate for transfer station users, to be paid from the sale of special China trash bags. Selectperson Neil Farrington pointed out that taxpayers would gain either way: projected savings from waste reduction and gains from increased recycling will lower the transfer station budget and proceeds from bag sales could be either rebated or used to decrease the amount of tax money going to waste disposal. The Board members will inform the administration about the bag sizes to be offered and the cost to be charged for each bag size.

- **Organization Reports – Board Reference:** Because of the length of the meeting, the Board decided to receive an update on the organizations at the next SB meeting.

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.
- **Emergency Services Groups – Presentation of Budget Requests:** Representatives from the WMVFD, CVVFD, SCVFD and China Rescue were in attendance. They all presented reasons for their respective budget requests. The representatives from the WMVRD brought along a 1992 Fire Engine they hope the Select Board would let them replace, though it was too dark for the Select Board to go outside to inspect. Chief Webb Shaw noted that the WMVFD budget remains at a higher level after paying off a loan because there is additional work that needs to be done on the back wall of the main building. The budget after this year should decrease, he noted. Rescue Chief David Herard commented about his effort to recruit additional members. Selectperson Neil Farrington commented about the number of missed calls by China Rescue and the demographics of Maine and China.
- **Social Service Agencies and Non-Profits– Budget Requests:** Most of the meeting was spent listening to representatives of organizations seeking town funds at the March Annual town Business Meeting. Six Budget Committee members were in attendance to hear presentations and ask questions. Those speaking included representatives of two libraries and eight out-of-town agencies. All were invited as a first step in the 2016-2017 municipal budget process; the next step having the Select Board consider the entire budget and make their respective recommendations on spending for 2016-2017.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office, Economic and Community Development Committee, As Announced, Time 6:30 P.M., at the Green Bean Restaurant, Transfer Station**

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Committee, Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:00 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 and to discuss the possible “Committee Charter” or goals. The TIF Committee has scheduled meetings and will provide periodic updates on the progress of their meetings to the SB.
- **2016-2017 Municipal Budget – Deliberations and 2016 Annual Town Business Meeting – Warrant Items for Consideration:** Because Selectperson Ron Breton is not able to attend the next regular SB meeting, a special meeting will be held on January 6 to discuss and make recommendations on the 2016-2017 municipal budget. This is the next step after the above referenced Social Service Agencies and Non-Profits presentations. After final deliberations on spending recommendations, a Warrant will be prepared for the SB to process. The Town Manager noted that there might be a need to have a question about the post 2018 MSW disposal process and another question about the acceptance of a 13 lot sub-division, a gift of which is being contemplated by the Wachusett Properties partners.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign a Quit-Claim Deed as presented, a copy of the processed deed will be kept in the town office.

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board