

TOWN OF CHINA

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Regular Meeting - Minutes

12/31/2014

8:30 A.M – China Town Office Meeting Room - Select Board Members present: Joann Austin, Irene Belanger and Robert MacFarland plus Town Clerk Rebecca Hapgood and Carroll White III.

The Select Board chose not to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and moved directly to the agenda.

On motion by Irene Belanger and second by Robert MacFarland voted to accept the minutes of the 12/15/2014 Select Board Meeting.

On motion by Irene Belanger and second by Robert MacFarland voted to accept as presented Payroll Warrant 34 for \$21,879.64 and Payables Warrant 35 for \$45,233.49.

Unfinished Business:

- There was much discussion about a sign out in front of the town office and/or potentially at the transfer station. Select Board Chair Joann Austin noted red lettering was not bearable and Selectperson Robert MacFarland also noted he was not particularly in favor of the red color. It was additionally noted the purchase of the sign was already approved and members wondered where in the process the town was currently.
- Additionally the Board spent some time discussing the position at the transfer station.

New Business:

- Quitclaim deeds were signed for Stephen & Emily Cates and Michael Moynahan & Margaret Mary Alisch.
- Selectperson Irene Belanger reported on the Spirit of America Awards for 2014 and potential recipients.

Public Comment: none

Joann Austin reviewed the meeting reminders with the board.

- Grand Opening BHBT – January 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. – encouraged all Board members to attend.
- SB Visioning Session – January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next SB Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2015 – Warrant Articles Review
- TIF Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.
- Enhanced Library and Community Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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- **2015-2016 Municipal Budget Timeline – Annual Business Town Meeting Date, Saturday, March 21, 2015 and Presentation of the First Draft of the 2015-2016 Municipal Budget:** The Town Manager presented the Board with a first draft of the 2015-2016 China municipal budget. It was noted that there will be a need to proceed through the budget deliberately to meet deadlines to prepare for the Annual Town Business Meeting on March 21, 2015. The Town Manager noted how there would be several variables impacting the outcome of the budget deliberations, e.g. whether or not the TIF proposal is passed by the voters at the Annual Town Business Meeting. He went on to say that it might be possible to reduce taxes depending on circumstances.
- **CMP Tree Trimming Notice 2015:** The Town Manager referenced a recent communication from CMP announcing their periodic tree trimming schedule, this time for 2015. Information about the tree trimming will be available at the town office. This notice will be posted on the town's Web site and FaceBook page.
- **Transfer Station Stickers:** It was noted that China transfer station stickers are and have been available at the town office. It is obligatory to have a sticker to be able to enter and use the transfer station.

In other business, the Board heard from Representative Tim Theriault about an opportunity introduce language into legislative initiatives. He said that he would be glad to sponsor proposed changes on behalf of the town. Representative Theriault talked about potential issues coming up in the next Legislative session. He went on to note that he is gathering e-mail addresses so that he will be able to communicate with residents on a regular basis. The Board thanked Tim for his service.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board