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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/10/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Bob Batteese, Tim Theriault, Fred Glidden, David Herard, Erasmo Gonzalez, Dale Worster, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald.

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 01/27/2014 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #43 for \$21,291.63 and Payables Warrant #44 for \$359,850.67 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: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have been steady and that there was some slight upward movement in the prices for tin and some preferred plastics. He went on to note that Single Stream recycling communicate are paying \$10 per ton for recyclables in addition to transportation costs. Paul noted the Annual Conference on recycling is scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2014 at the Samoset Resort.

Also of importance Selectperson MacDonald noted recent legislation relating to the future arrangements for municipal solid waste that might affect the post 2018 operation of the P.E.R.C. plant in Orrington. He went on to note that CMP received approval for an 11% rate increase for transmission costs.

- **RSU#18 Update, KVCOG, Pond Hockey, and Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger updated the Board on these different groups. She noted that the pond hockey tournament was a very successful event though the group sponsoring the event could have used additional volunteers. Irene was not able to make the recent RSU#18 meeting and therefore did not have anything to report about the RSU#18. She went on to note that the Economic and Community Development Committee will be sponsoring and holding a Valentine's Day dance at the CMS on Friday, 02/14/2014 starting at 6:30 p.m. The Committee will also be meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the town office.

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- **2014-2015 Municipal Budget and Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant – Final Deliberations by the Select Board:** At this time the Board deliberated and voted on the articles to be included on the official March 22, 2014 Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant. The actions taken on the respective articles are as follows: (The Board, by consensus, decided not to include the results of any vote on the respective articles on the official Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant. The Board received a request to have the voting results included and reported on the official warrant.) It was reasoned that the results would be included in the meeting minutes and that voters can attend the respective meetings during the budget discussions and voting.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Articles 1-4 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Article 5 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0. There was a short discussion about the mileage rate for travel reimbursement.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to accept Articles 6-9 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to accept Article 10 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to accept Articles 11 as amended and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-1(Foote). There was a good deal of discussion prior to the final vote. Ultimately the article was changed/amended to appropriate \$19,000 for China Rescue (\$13,000 from taxes and \$6,000 from China Rescue Surplus). Erasmo Gonzalez, Chief of China Rescue, spoke for China Rescue and wanted to change the initial request to a higher level. He wanted to request \$25,000 after being provided the balance in the reserve account. Erasmo explained that China Rescue has debated whether or not to keep the certification as a paramedic unit or ask for a lower level intermediate certification. He went on to note that if kept at a paramedic level certification, there would be additional items needed to equip the China Rescue truck. The current volunteers in China Rescue do not include a paramedic

Select Board members questioned the need for additional tax money when China Rescue has over \$20,000 in its reserve account in the fund balance of the town. They also suggested a temporary reduction from paramedic to intermediate until a paramedic is available.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to accept Articles 12-21 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Article 22 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-1(Foote).

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On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Article 23 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-3 (Foote, McAllister, and MacDonald). On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister to accept Article 23 as amended and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-1 (Austin). This was another article extensively discussed by the Board. There was objection to Healthy Hearts and the KVCAP Demand Response being on the list. The Board has noted that the agencies requesting funds meet a certain set of criteria and these two were found not to be consistent with the criteria.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to accept Articles 24-27 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Article 28 as amended and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-1 (Foote). The article was amended with the addition of the condition that money could not be used to acquire an interest in real property without prior SB approval.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to accept Articles 29-33 as presented and with a recommendation of yes, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract Review:** The Town Manager noted that he met with the representatives of Time Warner Cable and now the town has in its possession a map of the areas in China already having access to T-W cable service with the respective housing density per mile for the areas with cable and without cable service. The Town Manager went on to suggest that residents interested in commenting on what a new contract should include are invited to contact him at the town office.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings and Updates: Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; Economic and Community Development Committee, Third Thursday of the Month, Time, 6:30 P.M., Location, China Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.

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In other business:

It was noted that the China Budget Committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the town office on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 to deliberate and possibly vote on the articles for the Annual Town Business warrant.

Tim Theriault, CVVFD Chief, noted that the CVVFD has taken possession of an additional pumper tanker. He went on to say that this should improve the CVVFD's capacity to fight fires.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board