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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/16/2017 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

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, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were 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 Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/06/2017 Select Board meeting as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2017-2018 Municipal Budget – Additional Warrant Article:** On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the following additional and finalized Warrant Articles as presented with a recommendation of “YES”: Article 5, Article 8, and Articles 46-56. These were approved at the end of the meeting, just after the Chair had to be excused.
- **Proposed Tax Increment Financing District Consideration – Bill Van Tuinen Board Resolution, Warrant Article Approval, and TIF Work Plan Relating to a New TIF Program Amendment (CMP Sub-Station Route 3 Upgrade):** Bill Van Tuinen explained how an amendment to the current CMP/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program might be accomplished and he asked the SB for additional input, if needed after their review, for any additions to the proposed Resolution he presented. Mr. Van Tuinen explained that the additional revenues gained in the amended Plan would accrue to the separate account used to fund economic development projects. The proposed new amendment requests three changes. It asks to extend the term of the TIF from 20 to 30 years; it adds the new CMP substation off Route 3 as a source of income; and it expands the priority development areas by adding the formerly approved Pine Tree Development Zones (and adjacent properties) and two properties voters approved buying in November of 2016. Those areas are the subdivision off Lakeview Drive and a lot adjoining the town office lot. It additionally includes language regarding credit enhancement agreements that allow the town to participate in the process of incenting economic development in the town overall with developers. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 (Farrington Away) to accept and approve of the amended Resolution as discussed/presented. The Town manager is to provide the Board with the amended language at the next meeting.
- **Marijuana Initiative Conversation:** The Board had a brief conversation about whether or not to have a town vote on recreational marijuana. The Board was not in consensus over whether

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additional local action is needed. Selectperson Joann C. Austin contemplated new business opportunities if the town allowed marijuana establishments. Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere opined that large out-of-state businesses would dominate and take profits out of town. Chairperson Neil Farrington said there is not any need for immediate action and that the issue might be raised again before the June 2017 ballot is prepared.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Police Vehicle Delivery to China:** It was noted that the town police officers will present the keys to the new police vehicle to the SB at the March 6, 2017 SB meeting.
- **Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.???:** The Board decided to hold the next meeting at the regular scheduled day, on Monday, February 20, 2017 to begin at 6:00 p.m.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board