

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/20/2017 – 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 Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #44 for \$34,510.90. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #43 for \$59,716.97 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **2017-2018 Municipal Budget – Warrant Signing, Proposed Tax Increment Financing District Consideration, Board Resolution, Warrant Article Approval and TIF Work Plan:** The Board had conversations on the various items mentioned above. The Board signed the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant approved at their last meeting. On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to amend the new TIF Resolution as discussed and recommended. A copy will be available at the town office for viewing.
- **Marijuana Initiative Conversation:** The Board decided to review at a later date whether or not to put a question on the June ballot to either ban the sale of marijuana in China for recreational purposes or to ask voters to enact a moratorium on the sale until the town is able to decide on appropriation regulations on the recreational sale of marijuana. It was noted that there would be a public forum on the current status of the State's initiative to regulate the sale of marijuana, held on February 28, 2017 in the Cross building adjacent to the Capital.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Foreclosed Upon Properties – Deadline and Next Steps:** The Town Manager provided the Board with an update on the proposed redemption initiative offered by the Board to former owners of foreclosed upon properties. He went on to note that February 24, 2017 is the end of the 60 day redemption period, the timeframe within which properties could be redeemed. The Board signed quit-claim deeds for Janet Quimby and Kathy Small, two individuals who elected to redeem respective properties.

## Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Official Delivery of Police Vehicle to SB:** The keys to the new police vehicle will officially be delivered to the SB at the March 6, 2017 SB meeting:

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On a motion by Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board

Assessors Meeting  
Monday  
02/20/2017

The Chair opened the Assessors' meeting at 8:10 p.m. Assessors present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, Joann C. Austin, Ronald R. Breton and Neil Farrington. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

## Agenda

### I. Abatements and/or Supplemental Tax Assessments:

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation of the Assessors' Agent relating to the Larrabee abatement application. A copy of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation of the Assessors' Agent relating to the Heirs of Greg Martin abatement application. A copy of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation of the Assessors' Agent relating to the Albert W. Althenn abatement application. A copy of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation of the Assessors' Agent relating to the Kathleen

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Harding abatement application. A copy of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Farrington) to deny the abatement application of Joseph Sears. A copy of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the recommendations of the Assessors' Agent relating to the two abatement applications filed by Helga Cotta. Copies of the signed documents will be on file at the town office.

- II. **Adjourn:** On a motion by Selectperson/Assessor Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson/Assessor Joann C. Austin, the Select Board/Assessors adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board/Assessors