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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/20/2018 – 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, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington (excused absence and arrived at a later time in the meeting), and Robert McFarland. Others present were Ronald R. Breton, Jim Wilkens, Paul Mitnik, Wayne Chadwick, Linda O'Connor, Ed Brownell, Jean Conway, 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 Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/05/2018 and 02/12/2018 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #41 for \$28,470.61 and Warrant #42 China Payables Warrant for \$90,173.82 as presented.

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel: On a motion by Selectperson Irene AL. Belanger to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and resume the regular Board meeting. Selectperson Neil Farrington arrives at SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington to proceed with the Writ of Execution from the courts respective to the foreclosure by the town on the property at 619 Pleasant View Ridge Road with the condition that the occupant(s) have until May 31, 2018 to vacate the property and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Transfer Station Coordinators/Other Reports:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on activities relating to the KRDA, MRRA, CFAL, and MMCC.
- **Fire Pond Update – Fencing and Liability Insurance and Town/Property Owner Understandings or Agreements:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to have the Town Manager contact Mr. Tom Michaud to meet with representatives of the China Select Board to determine the “next steps” in the development of the fire pond on the Neck Road and further to authorize the Town Manager to take such additional steps as are necessary and prudent to protect the town’s interests in the development of the fire pond.
- **2018 Annual Town Business Meeting – Warrant Signing and Preparations for Meeting:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the official Warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the CPS.
- **Appointment(s) – China Planning Board:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger made a motion to appoint Mr. James Wilkens to the At-Large position on the China Planning Board. There was not any second to the motion.

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On a motion by Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere to appoint Mr. Ronald R. Breton to the At-Large position on the China Planning Board and a second by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland, the Board voted 4-1 (Belanger). The Town Manager was asked to obtain a legal opinion on any rule or precedent needed to be followed by the Select Board in this appointment and also regarding whether or not a SB member, entering a respective meeting when a motion and second has already been made, is obligated to abstain from that vote.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** Resident Lynne O'Connor responded to questions about the LakeSmart Program in relation to the March 24 Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **China C.E.O., Paul Mitnik, Administrative Consent Agreement - Other Enforcement Items:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the Administrative Consent Agreement as presented by the China C.E.O.. A copy of the Agreement will be kept on file at the town office.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **General – Announcements of Significance:**
Jim Dinkle, Executive Director of the KRDA to attend Mar 5 SB meeting and China
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification. On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement between the town and A. E. Hodsdon Engineering to have Hodsdon act as China's representative overseeing the planned construction of a replacement bridge on the Causeway Road at the head of China Lake.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** This appears on the agenda for potential discussion as other projects in the planning process mature.

In other business: The Board decided to hold their next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board