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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/22/2016 – 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, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington (7:30 p.m.), Ronald Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Richard Morse, Ed Fredrikson, Leland Staats, Justin Hilton, John Glowa, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Chair. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger introduced John Glowa in the audience, noting that he would be the Democratic candidate for the Maine State House of Representatives in the November elections.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/08/2016 and 02/15/2016 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #41 for \$22,646.53 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Town Payables Warrant #42 for \$52,276.69 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger suggested that the two Ordinances related to the China transfer station be reviewed by the Transfer Station Committee for updating. The Board did refer the task to the Transfer Station Committee. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to refer the Solid Waste Ordinance and the Solid Waste Flow Ordinance to the Transfer Station Committee for review and updating recommendations and to have the review and recommendations completed by early April so that the changes may be sent to voters on the June ballot.

At this time there was also some discussion about the possibility of having the transfer station accept batteries from flashlights.

Selectperson Belanger commented that the China transfer station operation is highly regarded and referred to in meetings she attends.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to add an explanation paragraph as presented to the Article on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant relating to the MRC and Fiberight proposal. At this time there was a considerable amount of discussion between the Board and members in the audience relating to the disposal of China's MSW post 2018.

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- **Committee/Organization Reports – Board Selected - Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA, etc. Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following only:

Spirit of America Award: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger delivered the 2015 Gold Award that was presented to China at the recent SOA ceremony.

MRRR: Irene attended an education meeting recently at which the organization deliberated on future initiatives and sustainability items.

Agri-Cycle Energy: Selectperson Belanger noted that Agri-Energy would not be able to accommodate the MSW from many municipalities. She went on to say that they only accept compostable waste and process it through an anaerobic digester.

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 Board will be deliberating on the 2016-2017 budget soon and that the Facilities Committee continues to work on recommendations for capital improvements within the district.

EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that this Committee has not been meeting recently and that they are looking for a new Chairperson.

K.V.C.O.G.: The Town Manager noted that Selectperson Irene L. Belanger has been elected to the Presidency of the Board of Directors of KVCOG. The Board congratulated her for the accomplishment.

- **WasteZero – Sarah Bernier and Contract Considerations:** Sarah Bernier attended the Board meeting. The Board and Sarah had a conversation about how the town and WasteZero might amend the contract between the Town of China and WasteZero whereby WasteZero was to provide the town with specified services leading up to a vote on whether or not the town would adopt a PPT Program. Since the vote has been postponed, there is a need to modify the contract. Both parties were willing to cooperate and coordinate a time for the services to be provided later in 2016 or early 2017. The Board will be communicating with WasteZero on a timeframe within which the services by WasteZero could be provided. An amendment to the contract will be worked out when that timeframe is communicated to WasteZero. The current contract does not expire until March 31, 2016.
- **Police Search – Meeting of Officers for Police Position in China:** The Board determined that the appointments will take place at the March 7, 2016 SB meeting. In the interim, it was agreed that the Police Search Committee would meet to determine the scope of the police functions that would be a priority to the town for discussion with the new officers to be appointed.
- **Foreclosed Upon Property – 255 Lakeview Drive:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of the

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redeeming of the property by the former property owner conditioned that the payment to accommodate the redemption process are received by Friday of the current week and to authorize the Town Manager to prepare a Quit-Claim deed to perfect the redemption process.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention. It was agreed that the Transfer Station Ordinance and the Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance needed review.
- **Fred Stubbert – Post 2018 MSW Options – Fiberright Conversation:** Mr. Stubbert informed the Chair was not able to attend the meeting and will communicate with the Board at a later date.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II, Economic and Community Development Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Thursday, March 1, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **Palermo and MSW Collaboration:** The Town Manager noted that the Palermo Select Board had invited officials from China to a Palermo SB meeting to discuss the possibility of processing Palermo MSW and other described items at the China transfer station. Chairperson MacFarland summarized the meeting discussions. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to place an Article on the Annual Town Business Warrant asking voters to authorize the China Select Board to negotiate with Palermo toward a contract that would allow Palermo residents to use China's transfer station, with the Select Board recommendation of approval. Palermo voters may be discussing this item at their Town Meeting in early March.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board