

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/23/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Amber McAllister, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/09/2015 Select Board meeting as amended. The minutes of the 01/19/2015 SB meeting will be reviewed for acceptance at the next regular SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #43 for \$19,667.58 and Town Payables Warrant #44 for \$488,612.96 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

**Public Comment:** At this time Mr. Hans Arp asked to address the Board about his current plowing contract with the town. Mr. Arp said he would like to get out of the plowing business because he has other more profitable work to do in the wood-hauling business. He went on to say that Mr. Todd Nelson is considering the purchase of his plow truck if the town would accept Mr. Nelson continuing the plowing obligations spelled out in Mr. Arp's contract with the town for winter maintenance through 2015-2016. Mr. Nelson assured the China Select Board that he would be fully prepared to provide winter road maintenance if the Select Board accepted him to do the job.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to enter into a contract termination agreement with Hans Arp and Hans Arp Trucking LLC for winter road maintenance from 2013-2016, said termination to be conditioned upon the execution of a new contract between the Town of China and Todd Nelson for the unexpired term of the contract between the Town of China and Hans Arp and Hans Arp Trucking LLC, and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to enter into a winter road maintenance contract with Todd Nelson for the unexpired term of the Contract between the Town of China and Hans Arp and Hans Arp Trucking LLC under the same terms and conditions, and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0.

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- **Recycling Coordinator:**

- **Recycling Report -**

- **Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items:** Select

- Board member and Recycling Co-Coordinators Irene L. Belanger and Neil Farrington provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station.

- Selectperson Irene L. Belanger suggested that the town needed to promote recycling by advertising in newspapers, on the town's Web site and with more signs. She specifically suggested that the town should have an article in the Town Line newspaper weekly relating to current events in China and more specifically about recycling benefits.

- Both Irene and Neil also reported on the visit of the Unity College students to the China transfer station and also on the day spend in two Unity College classes speaking and responding to questions about resource management issues.

- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed:** This items was not discussed at this time.

- **Committee/Organization Reports –** Selectperson Belanger: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on the following organizations and committees:

- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson**

- **Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following;

- **RSU#18:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 Board will meet on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland. Irene also noted the dates and times for the public sessions to be held in member towns and also the budget workshops scheduled at the Messalonskee Middle School on March 16, 17 and 18, 2015.

- **EC&D Committee:** Selectperson Belanger reported that the EC&D Committee could use more active members. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Green Bean Coffee Shop.

- **Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the recent publication sent out by the Mid-Maine Chamber and noted that a map of China had been missing or overlooked in the publication. She went on to note there would be a “business after hours” meeting hosted by the Chamber at Hamlin’s Marine on the West River Road in Waterville on February 25, 2015.

- **K.V.C.O.G.:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG indicated that she would have a report at the next SB meeting regarding the KVCOG.

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Selectperson Irene L. Belanger also noted that the group directing the China Lake alewives' restoration initiative (ARI) will meet at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2015 in the China town office meeting room.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger also noted that the Thurston Park Committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the town office meeting room.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board of a Spirit of America ceremony being held on March 3, 2015 at the Lions Club building in Manchester, Maine. Elwin Higgins will be recognized at the ceremony; Elwin was China's transfer station manager at the time of his retirement. He served the town for over 23 years.

**2015-2016 Municipal Budget – Annual Business Town Meeting, Saturday, March 21, 2015:** At this time Selectperson Neil Farrington reminded the Board that 2018 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of China and the potential need to begin organizing resources to celebrate the anniversary.

The Town Manager noted that prior to the Annual Town Business Meeting people are invited to a TIF Program informational session beginning at 8:00 a.m. Those interested in more information about the Tax Increment Financing Program that they will be voting on during the meeting are invited.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Quit-Claim Deed(s) Processing:** On a motion by Selectperson and a second by Selectperson, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the Quit-Claim Deed as presented.
- **Personnel Policy Additions – Proposed Revisions to the Code of Ethics Document – Review:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the amended Policy as presented. The presented Policy represented, after review, recommended changes to the document by the town's attorney, Alton Stevens.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Wednesday of the Month in 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Economic and Community Development Committee, First and Third Thursday of the Month, Time 6:30 P.M., Location Announced.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Visioning Session – Board Retreat Summary:** The visioning session items will be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available for 2015:** It was again noted that the stickers are available and that it is obligatory for residents who use the transfer station to have a currently valid sticker.
- **Quorum Ordinance:** The Quorum Ordinance- will be discussed at a future meeting.

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In other business;

Chairperson Joann Austin commented about a recent article in the newspaper relating to a local area coach. The Board noted the information and felt comfortable that all leagues in China were in good order.

On a motion by Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber McAllister", written over a horizontal line.

Amber McAllister, Secretary  
China Select Board