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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/06/2017 – 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 Ed Brownell, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/23/2017 and 01/28/2017 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the China Payroll Warrant # for \$23,985.39 as presented and on a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted to accept and sign the China Payables Warrant #42 for \$449,286.62 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:** Selectpersons reported the on the current events relating to respective organizations, e.g. RSU#18 Governance meeting schedule, etc..
- **2017-2018 Municipal Budget – Final Warrant Articles:** The following reflects the actions taken on the respective proposed Warrant Articles for the Annual Town Business Meeting:
On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #5 as presented and to recommend “yes”;

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted to accept Article #6 as presented and to recommend “yes”;

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted to accept Article #7 as presented and to recommend “yes”;

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Belanger, KVCOG Board President) to accept Article #8 as presented and to recommend “yes”;

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #9 as presented and to recommend “yes”;

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On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #10 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeff LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #11 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C Austin, the Board voted to accept Article #12 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #13 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #14 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #15 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #16 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #17 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #18 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-1(Ronald R. Breton)-1(Joann C. Austin) to accept Article #19 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-1(Austin) to accept Article #20 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #21 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #22 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #23 as presented and to recommend "yes";

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #24 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #25 as presented and to recommend "yes";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #26 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #27 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #28 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #29 as amended and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-1(LaVerdiere) to accept Article #30 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #31 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #32 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #33 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #34 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #35 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #36 as amended and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #37 as presented and to recommend "YES";

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #38 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #39 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Joan C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #40 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #41 as presented and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #42 as amended and to recommend "YES";

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Articles #43 and #44 as presented and to recommend "YES".

During the consideration of the various articles for the Warrant, there were conversations about: The amount in the unrestricted fund balance; whether or not the office should have a new copier; the potential hiring of a bicentennial coordinator; and consideration of funding a new well and septic system for the portable.

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.
- **Appointment(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Tom Michaud to the At Large position on the China Planning Board.

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, Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 10:15 A.M. in the Town Office.** 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.

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- **Visioning Session From November 29, 2016 – Follow-up and Priority List:** The Board agreed to re-visit the strategic planning session after the budget deliberations.
- **MDOT – Stephen Bodge and Rumble Strip Planned Work on Route #3:** Mr. Bodge will report at a future SB meeting on the installation of rumble strips on Route #3 in China in 2017.
- **Police Vehicle Delivery to China:** It was noted that the town's police vehicle has been received and ready for service.

In other business;

The Board agreed to hold the next regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the town office. Monday, February 20, 2017 is a holiday.

The Town Manager noted that he is hiring, after advertising, a person to work at the transfer station replacing Rich Gauthier who resigned several weeks ago.

The Annual Town Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the China Middle School.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to support LD#55, legislation introduced by Representative Tim Theriault recently at the State House.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to the Petitioners indicating they will not move their request for a moratorium on conditional use application reviews to a secret ballot or a Warrant Article at the ATBM for voter approval; reasoning that the petition was not a valid one. A copy of the communication will be on file at the town office and is attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board