

TOWN OF CHINA



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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 03/10/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Cody Estes, Aaron Weymouth, Jasmine Bickford, Bill Seekins, Judy Stone, Ronald Breton, Bill Bickford, Neil Farrington, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Ron Breton.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joan C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/24/2014 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-1(McAllister) to accept Payroll Warrant #47 for \$19,624.85 and Payables Warrant #48 for \$343,470.88 as presented. Selectperson Amber McAllister expressed concerns about an expenditure by the Planning Board for expenses covering a visioning session.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald was absent and the Town Manager provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables for the most part have been about the same for the last month and in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased slightly. He went on to note that the town has received approximately \$24,000 for recycled commodities to date. The recycled commodities also were not sent to PERC for processing and accordingly saved the town additional money as a result.

The Board discussed whether or not to have a Planet Aid collection box placed at the transfer station. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 3-0-1(Austin) to have the Town Manager move forward on this initiative.

Drug Drop-Off Day was announced to be on April 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the Annual Recycling Conference will be held on April 28-29, 2014 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.

- **RSU#18 Update, KVCOG, and Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger handed out copies of the proposed RSU#18 budget for 2014-2015 and noted the significant changes compared to the current year. She noted the tuition difference between the Messalonskee High School and Erskine Academy. The proposed increase would be substantial to China, causing the mil rate to increase by over one mil.

Irene also updated the Board on recent developments with KVCOG and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

At this time the Town Manager was asked if we would have enough sand and salt available to get the town through the remainder of the winter and he responded that the town does have enough supply of both.

The Chair allowed Mr. Bill Seekins and Ms. Judy Stone to update the Board on Thurston Park developments. The TPII Committee asked the Board to provide the Committee with feedback on recently proposed rules for park use. The discussion focused on firearm usage in the park and also on whether or not a fire permit needed to be issued if a park users wanted to have a fire. On a motion by Selectperson Joann Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of the Rules for Thurston Park in the present form with reference to not having camping available from October 15 through November 30 annually and to obligate users to have fire permits issued if appropriate and after checking with Fire Chief Richard Morse about applicability and governance. There was additional discussion about production of a budget for the park in the future.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time. Planning Board Chairperson Ron Breton commented about
- **Visioning Session:** The Board confirmed the visioning session to be on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the town office meeting room.
- **Appointment of Election/Ballot Clerks (Both Parties):** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the respective appointment papers.

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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 2nd Thursday of the Month, Location, Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Wednesday of the Month in 2014, March 26, 6:30 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 China Town Office Meeting Room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the amended Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant as presented. There needed to be an adjustment to the Warrant for technical reasons.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors Meeting
03/10/2014

Agenda

- I. Abatements & Supplemental Tax Assessments
Abatement Request – Neil Farrington

The Chair opened the Assessors meeting at 8:13 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted to deny the request of Neil Farrington for an abatement on property located at Map 42, Lot 48 on the 14th Fire Road.

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On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene AL. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Assessors