

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 03/12/2012 – Town Office Meeting Room  
7:00 P.M.

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin (7:30 P.M.), Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Scott A. Pierz, Dale Worster, Bill Seekins, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Steven Hughes

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/30/2012 and 02/27/2011 Select Board meetings as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #45 for \$ , and Payables Warrant #46 for \$ as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

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

### Recycling Report -

**Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items):** Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald noted the town has recently sent out a load of recyclables to be sold in the commodities market and therefore not a lot of recyclables have been accumulated since then.

**Other:** Paul also noted there has been good progress on the recycling building driven by the availability of KC Jail inmates to do much of the interior work in the addition to the recycling building.

- **Transfer Station Planning Committee – Mission/Goal:** The Chair noted that the Board needs to think about setting goals for the soon to be appointed Transfer Station Committee. The goals will be determined at the next Board meeting. There was discussion about the recent Transfer Station survey summary and how the Board might set goals to accomplish outcomes envisioned in the summary.

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## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Quit Claim Deed(s):** There were not any quit-claim deeds to process.
- **AndroPay Agreement – Authorization to Sign on Behalf of China in Credit/Debit Card/e-Check Agreement and Payments to the Town of China:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to sign agreements with Androscoggin Bank for AndroPay services. The AndroPay services allow a municipality to accept credit card and e-check payments 24/7/365 on all items allowed by China. It was noted by the Town Manager that the e-check option allows a person to transact any amount for a fee of \$1.00.

## Manager's Report: - (Non-Action Items)

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Wednesday, March 14, 2012 Regular Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, the Thurston Park II, TBD, the China Historical Society Committee, Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Historical Society Building from 10:00 A.M. to Noon and the Recreation Committee, Monday, 0319/2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room:** The Town Manager noted the respective committees' meeting dates, times and places.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting March 24, 2012, 9:00 A.M. Start:** The Annual Town Business Meeting particulars were announced. It was also noted that a quorum of 122 registered China voters are needed to open the formal meeting.
- **Delta Open House – March 21, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Delta Waterville, 29 Chase Avenue, Waterville:** The open house was announced.
- **Visioning Session Goals Reviewed:** The Town Manager noted that the visioning session goals will be reviewed at one of the next two regular Board meetings.
- **Earth Day Clean-Up – April 28, 2012 – Saturday:** The Earth Day for 2012 was announced. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the need to coordinate some of the earth day efforts in the southern part of China. Interested people were encouraged to contact the Town Manager at the town office at 445-2014.

## In other business:

The Board heard a report from Bill Seekins, Chairperson of the Thurston Park II Committee. He noted that the Committee would like to carry out two projects; rebuilding the north access road from Albion into the Park this summer; and a selective timber harvest for next winter. The timber harvest will need to have a qualified person to choose the trees to be harvested. At the present time, there is not any funding to pay for a forester's services. Additionally, there are not any funds available for improvements of the access road from Albion. Discussions ensued about fundraising efforts and the potential need for upfront monies to

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provide materials for road access improvement. One tentatively planned fundraiser has become doubtful potentially because of the sponsor's health. The National Guard is prepared to do the work this summer if the town is able to provide the materials for the road.

The Thurston Park II Committee applied for a federally funded grant in December to help with the building of trails in the Park. It was determined that there were not any funds available in the trails grant program for Maine.

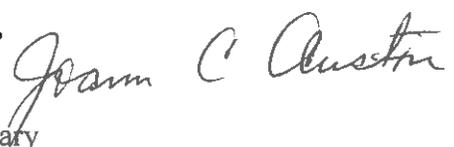
Board Chairperson Pete Foote asked the Town Manager to obtain cost estimates for choosing which trees to harvest.

It was announced that Drug Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the China Transfer Station. The drug take-back program is mainly for the disposal of outdated or unneeded prescription medications.

There was a brief discussion about the Implementation Committee goals and accomplishments to date.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board