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Public Meeting – Route #3 Corridor Issues
Monday – 03/21/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room
6:00 P.M. – China Town Office Meeting Room

The Acting Chair Ronald Breton opened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington and acting Chair Ron Breton. Others present were as noted in the attendance sheets attached to these minutes.

Chris Huck and MDOT Route #3 Master Plan Review: Chris Huck, Planning Specialist with the KVCOG, informed residents of a MDOT plan to prepare an update to a 2004 Route #3 Corridor Master Plan. Mr. Huck was in China in a public forum to receive comments from residents about their concerns relating to traffic issues. Those in attendance did provide Mr. Huck with many ideas and concerns, from speeding traffic and tractor trailer noise to concerns about turning traffic and making sure that pedestrian and biking interests are well represented. Chris said many of the recommendations in 2004 have not been implemented and that MDOT does not have any major projects planned on Route #3 in the next three years.

Mr. Huck described traffic calming measures that might be adopted. He also said that he felt it would be difficult to get enough riders to support buses. Mr. Huck plans to have his report ready in a month and will send along a copy to the town office.

Select Board Meeting
Monday – 03/21/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Roberts Rules of ORDER – Guide to Parliamentary Procedure: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures of this Select Board going forward.

The Acting Chair Ronald Breton opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Neil Farrington, Ronald Breton (acting Chair), and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Larry Sikora, Lynne O'Connor, Bill McKenna, Paul Mitnik (China CEO), Charles Clark, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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 03/07/2016 Select Board meeting as presented.

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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 #45 for \$20,684.20, and Town Payables Warrant #46 for \$61,490.42 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation – Transfer Station Committee Items:** The Board noted that they will begin reviewing the Transfer Station Ordinance and the Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance for recommended updates to propose to voters at the June 2016 election.

Also, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided an update on the Palermo Select Board's visit to the China transfer station, indicating that they thought it was very efficient and offered many opportunities to recycle.

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

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 Board will continue discussing the 2016-2017 education budget and will propose a final draft in the next several days. She went on to note that the State had appropriated additional funding for education and that would be to China's benefit.

EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that The EC&D Committee has not been meeting for some time and that it was essential to promote the upcoming China Community Days initiative soon.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the Business-to-Business after hours gathering that will be held at Colby College on March 24.

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that she will continue with her duties as President of the Board and that the KVCOG is doing great things for member towns.

KRDA: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KRDA Board will be having a General Assembly on March 24. An agenda is available on the KRDA Web site.

GrowSmart Maine: Selectperson Neil Farrington noted that he would be attending a meeting in southern Maine regarding solar energy and report back to the SB at the next meeting.

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. The Transfer Station Ordinance and the

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Transfer Station Flow Control Ordinance are two items that have been mentioned as having a need for review.

- **Bill McKenna of Delta Ambulance:** William McKenna, Director of Community Relations for Delta Ambulance, attended the meeting to present figures for service in China for the past several years. Mr. McKenna noted that the information in the Town Report omits calls that he references were for South China. He also reported on the average emergency response times, 16.3 minutes for 2015. .
- **Sign Ordinance Discussion:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to refer the Sign Ordinance back to the administration for recommendations on changes to the Ordinance, drafting proposed ordinance revisions and bringing them back to the Board at a future meeting. The discussion began with China CEO Paul Mitnik noting that he received a call about non-conforming signs. He took a survey of the many signs in town and found many in non-compliance. Paul said he found the Sign Ordinance was not specifically clear about “grandfathering” of signs already erected in 2010 when the Ordinance was adopted.

Selectperson Joann C. Austin said she thought there is a need to balance business owners’ interests with rural aesthetics.

- **Appointment:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Mr. Larry Sikora to the Transfer Station Committee.
- **Resolution of Support for the ARI:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt and sign a Resolution of Support for the ARI as presented.

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 TBA, Transfer Station Committee, Thursday, March 28, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, March 28, 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. The next TIF Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the town office meeting room.
- **WasteZero – Sarah Bernier and Contract Considerations from the Last SB Meeting:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to extend the contract agreement with WasteZero for public information services about pay-per-throw systems to election day in November 2016 with an option to extend it into 2017 if the Transfer Station Committee does not have recommendations ready for a vote this year.

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- **Palermo and MSW Collaboration:** It was announced that a third meeting with the Palermo Select Board will be held on Monday evening, March 28, 2016 at the Palermo town office to discuss the possibility of Palermo residents using the China transfer station.

In other business:

The Board, after hearing from Lynne O'Connor, agreed to hear from the Natural Resources Council of Maine, a presentation entitled "Talkin Trash", scheduled for the April 18, 2016 SB meeting.

KSO Sponsored Drug Take Back Day: It was noted that the KSO sponsored day will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the China transfer station from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board