

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 03/24/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow, those noted on the attached attendance list, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0-1 (MacDonald) to accept the minutes of the 03/10/2014 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #49 for \$23,166.39, payroll Warrant #50 for \$ \$215.30 and Payables Warrant #51 for \$78,513.01 as presented. Selectperson MacDonald commented about the Board's authority and obligation to scrutinize the payables of the Town of China.

## 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 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 have been stable for the past month. There has been a slight improvement in the market for rigid and #'s 1-7 plastic categories. Paul noted the recent revenues received by the town for processed valuable metal recyclables and he also noted the gross amount of revenues received for the current fiscal year.

Selectperson MacDonald said that the transfer station staff has been doing a good job keeping the site clean and presentable and safe for those who use the facilities.

- **RSU#18 Update, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that: the "Spring Fling" dance netted \$900 which will be pledged to the China Community Days events to be held later in the year; she will be attending the next CEDS of the KVCOG; the Superintendent of Schools in RSU#18, Gary

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Smith, will be meeting with the China Select Board on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the China town office and; the Economic and Community Development Committee is meeting twice monthly.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **MDOT Summer Road Projects – Construction Over-limit Permit Required:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt and sign an agreement with the MDOT for the issuance of a construction overweight permit to the Contractor for the MDOT Project No. NHP-2031(200) to be carried out in China. More specific details of the project can be obtained at the China town office.
- **Boston Post Cane Presentation:** The Board recognized Helen Mosher as the oldest person in China and Chair Peter Foote presented the Boston Post Cane to her as many in her extended family watched the ceremony. Helen was born on September 17, 1915. She lives independently at 623 Vassalboro Road in China. Photos were taken of Helen and her family and will be presented to the Town Line newspaper for publication.
- **Foreclosure Property Sale – Map 44 Lot 010:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to table action on the foreclosure item until the next regularly scheduled SB meeting. The Board wanted to know about the condition of the property, the building condition and septic and well condition, before making the final vote regarding the sale.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting:** It was noted that the results of the meeting have been published on the town's Web site. All agreed it was a successful meeting and that they are appreciative that the budget is set for another year. The municipal budget, it was noted, will not affect the town's mil rate.

## 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> 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: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that Drug Take-Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the China Transfer Station; the Board agreed with PB Chairperson Ron Breton to hold a joint meeting of the SB and PB on Monday, May 5, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the China town office meeting room and; the

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Board noted that the grand opening ceremony of Thurston Park would be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board