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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 03/06/2017 – 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 Stephen Bodge (MDOT), Dale Worster, Lee Pettengill, Remy Pettengill, Ed Brownell, Tod Detre, Chief Mike Tracy, Sgt. Tracey Frost, Bob O'Connor, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/16/2017 and 02/20/2017 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #45 for \$22,871.87 and on a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the China Town Payables Warrant #46 for \$423,373.71 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:** Reports were provided by SB members regarding respective organizations.
- **Police Vehicle Delivery to China- Chief Mike Tracy and Sgt. Tracey Frost:** A demonstration of China's new police vehicle was done by Chief Mike Tracy and Sgt. Tracey Frost. The 2017 AWD Ford Explorer, marked with the town's logo, has front and rear facing radar and a state of the art light bar with multi-colored flashing lights can be turned into a steady white beam to illuminate an accident scene. Sgt. Frost noted the vehicle gets 18 miles per gallon and has good power. A grant and a trade-in for the previous police truck completely paid for the Explorer. It is expected that the new vehicle will last at least ten years or more.
- **Warrant Articles for the Annual Town Business Meeting – Preparations and Information Needed for the Meeting:** At this time the Board discussed what items might be needed for the ATBM for informational purposes. The discussion about stipends ensued at this time.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time Mr. Dale Worster asked the Board about responsibility of the development of the Causeway Road if the voters approve of the proposed modifications at the ATBM. He wanted to know how much the TIF Committee would be involved in the project after the Town Meeting. The Board responded that the TIF Committee would be integral in moving the proposed projects forward though the SB would ultimately have to approve of the projects and make the payments associated with the individual segments of the total project.

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- **Stephen Bodge, MDOT:** Mr. Bodge, of the MDOT, spoke with the Board about the plan to install center-line rumble strips in the heavily traveled sections of Route #3 in late September or early October. This installation is part of a state-wide effort aimed at reducing head-on collisions. Mr. Bodge said Maine has been adding rumble strips for 11 years, and studies comparing the 10 year prior and after a road is treated show that head-on collisions decrease by 40 percent. The only complaints the MDOT has received has been about noise.
- **Appointments:**
China Broadband Committee: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Robert O'Connor, Tod Detre, Neil Farrington and Raymond Roberts to the newly formed Broadband Committee. There was a lengthy discussion about the desires of the town for expanded service and higher capacity of Broadband offerings.
China for a Lifetime Committee: On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Toni Wall to the China for a Lifetime Committee.
RSU#18 New Cost Share Committee: On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Irene L. Belanger and Ronald R. Breton to the RSU#18 new Cost Share Committee.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Meeting Announcements:** The respective dates, times, and places of meetings were announced.
- **April 3, 2017 - 6:00 P.M. - Susan Smith – MMEHT – Health Insurance Options:** It was announced that Susan Smith will present to the SB on options for the MMEHT health plan offerings.
- **Public Hearing** – TIF First Amendment to the Central Maine Power/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program, Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room: The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the town office meeting room.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** The Board has agreed to revisit this item just after the March Annual Town Business Meeting.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.

In other business: The Board asked the Town Manager to invite the chiefs of China's three fire departments and China Rescue to talk about the proposal on the town warrant to appropriate funds to compensate emergency personnel. CVVFD Chief Tim Theriault attended the meeting and noted that when he polled his department about the stipend idea, all but one member favored the proposed compensation.

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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 approve of and sign the Red Light applications as presented for China Rescue. Copies of the applications will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board

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

Board of Assessors Meeting
Monday
03/06/2017

Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

- I. Abatements and/or Supplemental Tax Assessments:
- II. Write-Offs of Taxes – Assessors/SB Authority: On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to “write-off” assessments as presented in the amount of \$399.43. Copies of the assessed amounts written-off are on file at the town office.
- III. Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Board of Assessors