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Select Board Meeting

Wednesday – 03/07/2018 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

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, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington, and Robert McFarland. Others present were Ronald R. Breton, Paul Mitnik, Jim Wilkens, Wayne Chadwick, Linda O'Connor, Ed Brownell Jean Conway, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel and 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Personnel: On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel and 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Personnel and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to come out of Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. and resume the regular meeting and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/20/2018 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #43 for \$29,588.41 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #44 for \$474,469.75 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Transfer Station Coordinators/Other Reports: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and Others:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on current events relative to the Municipal Review Committee, the Maine Resource Recovery Association, RSU#18, and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.
- **Fire Pond Update – Fencing and Liability Insurance and Town/Property Owner Understandings or Agreements – Cost Estimates Associated with Remediation Considerations/Options:** On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to send a proposed Memorandum of Understanding, as amended, to Mr. Tom Michaud for his approval and signature. The Town would then approve and sign the same MOU. The MOU outlines the respective understandings of the town and Mr. Michaud in any process to perfect the fire pond for use by the town's emergency services groups. A copy will be on file at the town office.

The Board had a conversation about costs associated with the perfection of the pond and whether or not the Board would recommend the town should appropriate resources to complete the project. An additional ballot question would need to be proposed for any additional appropriations.

- **2018 Annual Town Business Meeting – Preparations/Questions/Comments:** Budget Committee member Wayne Chadwick commented about China's Town Report, suggesting additional information might be welcomed with regard to funds spent for contracted services, wages and salaries, and other purchased items. He referenced other Town Reports and the respective presentation of items within the reports.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any 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.
- **Jim Dinkle and the KRDA:** Mr. Dinkle was not able to attend the meeting because of weather conditions and hazardous traveling conditions from his residence.
- **LD#150 and Bonding of Treasurers:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to all fire department chiefs expressing that the Board would like the treasurer of the respective departments to be bonded as a condition of appropriating lump sum payments of voter approved appropriations at Town Meetings. It was noted that the CVVFD has submitted applications for the bonding of respective members who will be handling town funds.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

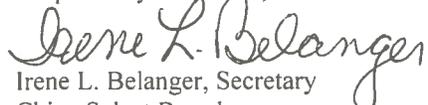
- **General – Announcements of Significance:** These items were covered earlier in the meeting.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** This appears on the agenda for potential discussion as other projects in the planning process mature.

In other business:

The Town Manager asked the Board to consider the purchase of a replacement copier. They ultimately asked for comparative numbers on a leasing program for the next meeting.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday evening, March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board