

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/18/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M.

## Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were as listed on the attached attendance sheet to these minutes in addition to Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

At this time Lynne O'Connor introduced Sarah Lakeman of the National Resource Council of Maine. Sarah provided the Board and audience with a presentation on waste disposal, with the emphasis on avoiding waste as a first consideration, followed by reducing, reusing and recycling. She noted that these priorities would save money and benefit the environment. Sarah went on to note the Maine Legislature has endorsed similar principles, passing a bill establishing a non-mandatory food recovery hierarchy that focuses on limiting food waste.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #49 for \$21,372.60 as presented and on a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the Town Payables Warrant #50 for \$78,620.44 as presented.

At this time State Representative Timothy Theriault presented Mary Grow with a Legislative Sentiment recognizing her contributions to the Town of China, most notably her involvement in historical documents generation and her coverage of hearings and meetings of various Boards and Committees over a lengthy period of time. The 2016 China Town Report was dedicated to Mary Grow. The dedication to Mary in the Town Report was cited by Mr. Theriault.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation – Transfer Station Committee Items, other:** This agenda item was included in the other discussions about transfer station related issues.
- **Committee/Organization Reports – Board Selected - Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Because of the length of the meeting, the Board decided to have updates postponed to the next meeting.
- **Enforcement – Redemption Agreement – Litchfield Lane Property:** The Board directed the Town Manager to have Mr. Litchfield come to the next Board meeting to respond to questions about the conditions of the redemption offering relating to the property off the Mann Road.

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- **Sign Ordinance Proposal for Change:** The Board noted that the town's CEO has sent them proposed language changes to provide clarity to the Ordinance relating to what the Board felt was the intent of the Ordinance in their interpretation. The Planning Board would necessarily be the entity first to promote any changes. It would therefore be reviewing the proposed revisions and then making recommendations to the SB before going to any ballot.

## 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. T. Station needs review...
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Paul Mitnik to the position of Local Health Officer in the Town of China.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Jerry Haines to the position of police officer in the Town of China. Mr. Haines is from Waterville.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Alan Hollander to the Emergency Preparedness Committee in the Town of China.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Paul Lucas to the China Transfer Station Committee.

- **Enforcement Action: Dangerous Building Issue – Process and Approval of Action:** On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Austin) to proceed with enforcement action as recommended by the town's CEO regarding a property at 162 Parmenter Hill Road. Copies of the enforcement action documents are on file at the town office. A public hearing will need to be scheduled for discovery purposes.
- **Somerset Communications Contract for PSAP Services:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint authorize the Town Manager to sign the proposed contract on behalf of the town regarding PSAP/Call Answering services to the town from Somerset Communications.
- **RSU#18 Election Warrant Signing for May Ballot:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign the Warrant and notice for the May 24, 2014 vote on proposed borrowing by RSU#18 for repairs to several school buildings, including China Middle School. A public hearing on this issue is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the China Middle School in the multi-purpose room. The May 24, 2016 voting will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town office.

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- **MRC/Fiberight and Waste Management and “Other” Alternatives in MSW Disposal:** **Mickey Wing, Central Maine Disposal:** Others contributed to the lengthy discussion on waste disposal after Sarah Lakeman’s presentation earlier in this meeting. **Mickey Wing, owner of Central Maine Disposal,** suggested ways to save money at the China transfer station, with a main recommendation to embrace single-sort recycling so that neither residents nor transfer station staff spend a lot of time separating recyclables.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-2(Farrington, MacFarland) to contract with the MRC and Fiberight to send waste to the planned Fiberight facility to be built in Hampden, Maine beginning in 2018. Selectperson Neil Farrington said he wanted more time to consider future waste disposal, and wanted to see whether Waterville and Winslow choose to join the MRC/Fiberight group. Current contracts with P.E.R.C. and MRC municipalities end in 2018.

One consideration that has delayed China’s approval is that the Fiberight technology is new in this country. **Craig Stuart-Paul, Fiberight owner and CEO,** told the SB and audience that similar plants operate in England and other parts of Europe and there is a demonstration plant in Virginia that has been very successful. He went on to note that he has processed several loads of MSW from Maine at the Virginia plant, proving that the types of Maine MSW are the ones needed for the proposed plant in Hampden.

Mr. Stuart-Paul also noted that in addition to the MRC endorsement, Fiberight has an investor, Covanta Energy, contributing investment funds to help build the plant in Hampden. There is also a major company providing process efficiency insurance should performance be lagging for any reason. Stuart-Paul went on to note that there are enough municipalities that have signed up to provide the trash needed to operate a facility, though it might need to be smaller in scale if the 150,000 tons targeted originally are not contractually committed to be delivered. Out of state trash is not going to be accepted. There will not be any requirement to abandon current recycling and contemplated recycling initiatives in municipalities.

#### **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, Transfer Station Committee, Thursday, April 19, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, April 25, 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.
- **KSO Sponsored Drug Take Back Day:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger announced the particulars of this program to the others on the SB and to the audience. She will be one of the China volunteers in the endeavor.

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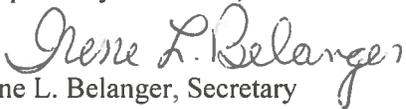
- **Next Meeting Announcements:**

June 13, 2016 Patricia Oh and Demographics of China (Seniors Focus) Proposal for services: The Town Manager noted the future meeting speaker.

In other business: The Chair, Robert MacFarland noted the objectionable condition of a property on the Dirigo Road, saying he thought the property looked worse than ever.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting  
04/18/2016

The Chair of the Board of Assessors opened the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Board members present were Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, Joann C. Austin and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

## Agenda

- **Certificate of Abatement:** – Dirigo Machine - Consideration  
On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to process an abatement request as presented by the Town Manager relating to personal property of the Dirigo Machine, Inc. The abatement request is referenced by the authority of the Board to abate “minor and burdensome” amounts.
- **Adjourn:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board/Board of Assessors