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## China Select Board

### Monday - 04/18/2018 Regular Meeting

#### 6:15 P.M. – Town Office Meeting Room

Public Hearing – MJEK Liquor License Application – The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington, and Robert A. McFarland. Others present were Paul MacDonald, Jean Conway, Craig Johnson, Wayne Chadwick, Jim Dinkle, Amanda Meader and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was not any public comment or questions. Mr. Mike Marois explained that he was only going to serve alcohol “on premises” and not retail. The Board thanked Mr. Marois for attending the Public Hearing and being ready to respond to the general public. On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to close the Public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

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#### 6:30 P.M. – Town Office Meeting Room

## Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington, and Robert A. McFarland. Others present were Paul MacDonald, Jean Conway, Craig Johnson, Wayne Chadwick, Jim Dinkle, Amanda Meader and the Town Manager.

On a request by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger for a moment of silence in reverence to the passing of Barbara Bush, the Chair honored the request and so recognized a moment of silence in the meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 04/02/2018 and 04/12/2018 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #49 for \$24,259.51 and Town Payables Warrant #50 for \$466,393.20 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Transfer Station Coordinators/Other Reports: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and Others:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided information relating to the following: Earth Day events, Drug Take-Back Day, the China for a Lifetime Committee, the Thurston Park Committee, the MRRRA Annual Convention and the Municipal Review Committee. Resident Jean Conway commented about Earth Day activities.
- **Kennebec Regional Development Authority/FirstPark – Jim Dinkle, Executive Director:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger introduced Mr. Dinkle to the Board and to those in attendance. Mr. Dinkle took this opportunity to introduce himself to China residents, providing them with some personal and professional experiences. He recognized Selectperson Irene L. Belanger as being on the Executive Committee of KRDA and thanked her for her service. Mr. Dinkle provided information about the new direction the Executive Committee has been discussing; potentially contracting with a master developer to market the remaining

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undeveloped 18 available lots. He noted that the KRDA debt will be retired in 2021. He also noted that he has seven "leads" or expressions of interest in Park lots. Resident Jean Conway suggested contacting Colby College Alumni for business ideas for the development of the Park. Mr. Dinkle said that there may be services added within the Park, e.g. UPS and Fed-X collection sites and that the signage at the entrance to the Park will be changing.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time Mr. Paul MacDonald commented about the clearing of trees on the former FairPoint property on Route #3 and about the potential need to question the phosphorous requirements for the development, by the Dollar General entity, of the lot on the corner of Route #3 and Route #32 South. Mr. MacDonald expressed his understanding of the China Land Development Code and that there needed to be additional oversight of the two items mentioned. The Board asked the Town Manager to have the Code Enforcement Officer respond to the assertions by Mr. MacDonald.

At this time the Board considered entering Executive Session.

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel and or 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Personnel: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel at 7:40 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board 5-0 to appoint Craig Johnson to the position of Police Officer in the Town of China. Mr. Johnson was in attendance and was introduced to the Board and those present by China Police Officer Tracey Frost. Craig provided the Board with a history of his career in law enforcement and said that he was excited about providing part time services to China residents. Officer Johnson will be able to provide China residents with services during the day time hours in addition to special details on weekend evenings.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Janet Lully to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. It was noted that the RLF Committee is an advisory committee only and does not make financial decisions for the town.

- **Liquor License – MJEK:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of the Liquor License Application for Mike Marois, doing business as MJEK LLC.
- **Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign the Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement form as presented. A copy of the form will be on file at the town office.
- **Red Light Applications – Emergency Services:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign Red Light Applications for the following people from the WMVFD:

WMVFD  
George Weber  
Raymond Chavarie  
Jeff McClellan, and

Katherine Herard  
Norman Black  
William VanWickler

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On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign Red Light Applications for the following people from the SCVFD:

SCVFD

George Glidden  
Cindy Senkbeil  
Kelly Bossie, and

Dean Sheaff  
Justin Quimby  
Gregory Althenn

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign Red Light Applications for the following people from the CVVFD:

CVVFD

William Rancourt  
Dale Worster, and

Kevin Maroon  
Sarah Batteese

Two additional Red Light Applications from the CVVFD will be presented at the next SB meeting and after driving records have been secured to be included with the applications.

**Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):**

- **General – Announcements of Significance:** This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.
- **Police Patrolling – Meeting Summary:** The Chair of the Select Board and the Town Manager met with town police officers to have a conversation about additional patrolling during day-time hours and on special details on weekends. The result was the hiring of an additional part-time officer as noted above in these minutes; a Mr. Craig Johnson.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification. It was announced that additional information will be needed for the Board to move forward the Causeway Road bridge replacement before the ultimately award the construction phase of the project. The Board will address this item at the next meeting.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** This appears on the agenda for potential discussion as other projects in the planning process mature.

In other business: Selectperson Neil Farrington commented about the dispensary on Route #3 and how there seemed to be an excess amount of traffic frequenting the establishment. The Town Manager was asked to inquire about the laws regulating medical marijuana dispensaries.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board