

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/21/2014 – 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, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Greg Louder, Lochlin Titus (Vassalboro Selectperson), Sarah Flaks, Charles H. Plumer, Elery Keene, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger was acting Chairperson for the meeting.

The minutes of the 04/07/2014 Select Board meeting will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted 3-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #54 for \$21,812.12 and Payables Warrant #55 for \$66,541.21 as presented.

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 –

Shredding-On-Site: 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 went on to note the cleanliness of the transfer station area as a whole and the recycling area in particular. There was discussion about contracting with Shredding-On-Site for their shredding services. It was thought that neighboring towns might like to join with China in the offer and also share in the cost of the service.

- **RSU#18 Budget Update, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates –**
Selectperson Irene Belanger: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board with updates on the respective entities, including meeting dates and agendas for the meetings. Irene made note of the difficulties in the budget deliberations; specifically referencing the increase revenue needs of the RSU#18

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Greg Louder – Municipal Review Committee – Post 2018 MSW/Other Processing Outlook:** A good deal of time was spent hearing and discussing a presentation by Mr. Greg Louder of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), the body that represents Maine municipalities in dealing with the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC). PERC is owner of the municipal solid waste incinerator in Orrington, Maine. Municipalities are 25% owners in the partnership.

Contracts between 187 municipalities in Maine and PERC and between PERC and Bangor Hydroelectric, which purchases power generated by the burning of municipal solid waste, end in the spring of 2018. Mr. Louder said that the anticipated loss of revenue from power sales could be compensated only by doubling the tipping fee municipalities pay for each ton of trash sent to PERC for processing. There was an additional issue discussed, that being the 187 municipalities do not generate enough solid waste to keep the incinerator operating at capacity.

Because of these issues, the MRC is planning to build a new integrated waste disposal facility taking advantage of technological advances to include maximum recycling and sale of high-valued recycled products, fuel production, incineration and minimum landfilling. There is a timetable for the proposed application and building phases of the project. The MRC believes that unless the PERC partners agree to use the existing PERC site for the integrated facility, there will continue to be efforts pursued to locate the facility on other property. Two sites have already been proposed as viable for the project.

- **Quorum Ordinance Discussion:** The Town Manager commented about a possible changes to the town's Quorum Ordinance. The proposed changes would allow fewer voters than a quorum to open the annual town business meeting and to adjourn it, presumably to the following Saturday, but not to transact any other business and would clarify whether a quorum is required to make a written ballot valid during the meeting. These recommended changes will not be on the June ballot but will need additional discussion during the summer and fall.
- **Outdoor Recreational Facilities Parks & Trails Tobacco-Free/Tobacco Litter-Free Ordinance – Discussion:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to include an amendment to China's 2004 Outdoor Recreational Facilities Tobacco-Free Ordinance on the June ballot. The amendment would ban tobacco and tobacco litter in all outdoor recreational facilities, including trails and parks.

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 2nd 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.
- **Foreclosure Property Sale – Map 44 Lot 010 – Bids Due Back May 2, Awarded on April 5 at the SB Meeting:**
- **Paving Bids Due Back April 25, Friday by 1:00 p.m.:** The Board will be asked to award the paving bid for the 2014-2015 season at the next SB meeting.

- **May 5 Meeting – CRLA – Jim Hart to Address the SB:** It was noted that Mr. Hart would be on the agenda for the next SB meeting to discuss the proposed stocking of China Lake with Alewives and about the current initiative to remove dams and add fish ladders to dams in the China Lake Outlet Stream.
- **Time-Warner Contract Renewal:** The Town Manager noted that there had been progress in the deliberations regarding the renewal of a contract with Time-Warner Cable for services in China.
- **Committees:** It was noted that committee reappointment will be considered soon and a call for all interested in serving on the respective town committees was expressed.

In other business:

It was noted that the Grand Opening of the Thurston Park Trail System would be held on May 31, 2014; the Board discussed the need for a Police Officer; a joint meeting of the PB and SB will be held prior to the next SB meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m.; and it was noted that a piece of art work by Bernard Langlais would be hung in the town office for public viewing.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board