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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/22/2013 – 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, Peter Foote, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Milton Dudley, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steve Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 04/08/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #53 for \$18,751.37 and Payables Warrant #54 for \$180,654.47 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:

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 noted that in general the prices for recyclables have not changed very much in general though in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased and some decreased. Paul also noted that the town recently received revenues from recycled loads of metals and various paper products. Paul said the tipping fees for PERC have decreased for the second quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2013.

- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Belanger updated the Board on Mobilize Kennebec Valley and the Natural Gas supply initiatives as well as the current issues involving RSU#18 and budget discussions.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Jim Hart and Jeff LaCasse of KWD to Speak on Lake Draw Down:** KWD officials briefed the SB on plans for a more substantial draw-down of China Lake in the fall of each year. The KWD has concerns about water quality and they intend to ask the Bureau of Environmental

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Protection to amend the China Lake level order to allow for annual fall flushing to remove additional amounts of phosphorous and other nutrients from the lake than is traditionally removed within the existing board order. Jim and Jeff asked for the support from the town. Mr. LaCasse also noted the current BEP order calls for a limited draw-down beginning in November. The KWD will ask to have the draw-down begin in October and leave the lake 1.5 feet below the current winter level. Manipulating the lake level will respect the requirement to maintain a minimum flow in the Outlet Stream.

The SB approved their support by consensus and agreed to write a letter of support at the appropriate time.

Mr. LaCasse noted that more than one half of the phosphorous causing the algae blooms in the lake is generated internally, that is, coming from the sediments in the bottom of the lake, rather than from external sources. Releasing large quantities of water over a relatively short period of time would export some of the phosphorous.

The KWD proposal is based on an engineering study by Dr. Bjorn Lake of Kleinschmidt Engineers. Mr. Lake recommended the draw-down as the least expensive method likely to help water quality. He also recommended considering an alum treatment, which is laying down a layer of alum to seal off the bottom sediments.

In other parts of the KWD discussion, Jim Hart said KWD is also looking into removing obstacles in the Outlet Stream so that alewives can migrate into China Lake as they used to before the first dams were built in the early 1800's. He expects to hear in June whether or not a grant application has been approved.

- **RSU #18 RRF and Budget Validation Warrants:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the RSU #18 RRF and Budget Validation Warrants as presented.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: he Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, April 26, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Paving Bids – Being Sent Out in April:** The Town Manager noted that the bids would be going out soon.

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- **Materials, Equipment, Labor Bids – Being Sent Out in April:** The Town Manager noted that the bids would be going out soon.
- **Roadside Mowing Bids – Being Sent Out in April:** The Town Manager noted that the bids would be going out soon.
- **Docks at the Head of China Lake:** The Town Manager noted that the docks would be installed by the end of the week.

In other business the following events were announced:

Earth Day roadside clean-up in and around China Village and South China Village beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

A drug take-back day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the China transfer station.

The next SB meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on May 6, 2013 at the CMS followed by a public hearing on the RSU #18 budget for 2013-2014.

The annual RSU#18 open meeting where voters from all member towns approve the annual budget at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Messalonskee High School Performing Arts Center.

The RSU#18 budget Referendum where town voters approve or reject the budget on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, with China voting from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the town office.

Select Board member Paul MacDonald said the 2013-2014 Kennebec County budget will not show any increase to China. He credited his arguments on the Committee with persuading county officials to take funds out of unrestricted funds instead of asking municipalities for more money.

Planning Board member Milton Dudley talked with the entire Board and asked to speak with SB Chairperson Pete Foote about PB procedures and other members' attitudes toward regulation.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Tim Theriault as Chief of the CVVFD.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting
04/22/2013

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to open the Assessors' meeting at 8:16 p.m. Assessors present were Peter Foote, Steven Hughes, Irene L. Belanger, and Paul MacDonald. Others present were Milton Dudley, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager.

Agenda

- I. Abatement(s): On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented. Copies will be on file at the town office.

Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary