

# TOWN OF CHINA



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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/03/2017 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

## Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin (Chair for this meeting). Others present were Ed Brownell, Tim Grotton, Kevin Rhoades, Jason Finley, Margo Allen, Rebecca Hapgood, Kelly Grotton, Julie Finley, Robert MacFarland, Wendy Lee, Desiree Lee, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag initiated by Selectperson Ronald Breton.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 03/20/2017 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #49 for \$28,211.88 and Town Payables Warrant #50 for \$406,615.22 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:**

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the on the current events relating to respective organizations. Selectperson Ronald R. Breton reported on the significant proposed increase in the RSU#18 education budget.

- **Susan Smith – MMEHT – Health Insurance Options:** The Board invited Susan Smith of the MMEHT to speak with them about health plan options for town employees. It was noted that the discussions were very preliminary and that there would be additional conversations before making any final decision. Susan Smith summarized various plans the Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust offers, working with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and an administrator named Group Dynamic of Falmouth. Ms. Smith was invited by the Town Manager in response to a request from the Select Board to look into potential savings on health insurance plan options. Ms. Smith explained the concept of health reimbursement accounts, which allow a participating town to offer a lower-cost plan and reimburse employees for increased out-of-pocket expenses.

A variety of plans were discussed. It was concluded that more time is needed to review the choices noted in the discussion. The Town Manager asked Ms. Smith to consider meeting again with the town employees in the near future and also another public meeting with the Select Board following a meeting with employees. Selectperson Jeffrey LaVerdiere asked about meeting with other insurance company representatives.

- **TIF Funding – China Four Seasons Club – Frank Soares:** Frank asked to speak to the Board at the next regular meeting. He was delayed during a project earlier in the day and could not make the meeting time.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting – Results and Reflections:** Resident Margo Allen wanted to speak with the Board about she perceived as conflicting information given at the March 25, 2017 Annual Town

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Business Meeting. She discussed the appropriation from the TIF Fund to be spent on the Causeway Road projects.

## 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.
- **Appointments:**

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

- **Committees – Meetings/Updates:** Manager's Communications – (Non-Action Items)
- **Meeting Announcements - Redzone Wireless, LLC.** – Jamie Bloomquist and VP Overseeing Municipal Programs TBD; the respective dates, times, and places of other meetings were announced.
- **Committee Vacancies:** The Town Manager noted that the Budget Committee is in need of one more member and that the China for a Lifetime Committee is always looking for additional members. The China for a Lifetime Committee will explore ways to make China a desirable place to live for a lifetime, if people so choose to want to move to China and remain for however long they wish to reside here.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** The Board is currently reviewing the draft list of projects reviewed earlier in 2016 for discussion at a future Board meeting.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and authorize the Town Manager to sign, on behalf of the town, a "PUT" agreement as a municipality in the MRC and as a PERC partner. The approval of this Agreement will allow the town to realize funds as remuneration for the town's equity position in PERC. The funds will be forthcoming in 2018, approximating just over \$17,000.

Selectperson Ronald R. Breton noted the condition of the FFT area and expressed that more volunteers will be needed to keep the area cleaned and orderly.

On a motion by Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board