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China Select Board

Monday - 04/30/2018 Regular Meeting

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 Joann C. Austin, Carrol F. White III, Jean Conway, Wayne Chadwick, Tom Miragliuolo, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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 04/18/2018, 04/21/2018 and 04/28/2018 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #52 for \$25,798.63 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #53 for \$91,579.54 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Transfer Station Coordinators/Other Reports: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and Others (Drug Take-Back Day Summary):** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board with information relating to the following committees, organizations, boards and initiatives: the MRRRA and its Annual Conference, the RSU#18 and budget related sessions, the Transfer Station Committee, the Tax Increment Financing Committee, the Municipal Review Committee, the China for a Lifetime Committee and the annual Drug Take-Back day hosted at the China Transfer Station on Saturday, April 28, 2018.
- **Causeway Road Bridge Replacement – Wright-Pierce Agreement:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the services of Wright-Pierce in the design, bid and construction phases of the Causeway Road bridge replacement project. Wright-Pierce will be providing the oversight to protect the town's interests. The Board compared quotes from the two engineering companies contacted for different phases of the project work and made their decision. They also concluded since they already hired Wright-Pierce to design and bid out the project, it would be prudent to also have them supervise the work of the contractor ultimately selected by the Select Board to do the work.

It was noted that the TIF Committee will be hosting an information session regarding the bridge replacement initiative at the beginning of its meeting on May 7, 2018, scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

- **Fire Pond – Neck Road – Consideration of Next Steps:** The Board returned to the conversation about member concerns on reports that the fire pond had been dug with steep sides and perhaps creating a dangerous situation. The Board concluded, after discussion and review of alternatives, that they would need to wait until after May 2, 2018, when the owner of the property, Tom Michaud, returns from Florida. The Board Chair, Robert A. MacFarland and the Town Manager will meet with Mr. Michaud as soon as possible and report back to the Board.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** Planning Board Chair Tom Miragliuolo commented about residents appealing to the Select Board for answers that some on the Planning Board feel should initially be addressed to the Planning Board. He asked that the SB consider this concern expressed.

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- **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 Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board 5-0 to appoint Kevin Rhoades to the China Comprehensive Plan Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board 5-0 to appoint Carrol F. White III and Irene L. Belanger to the China Comprehensive Plan Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Joann C. Austin to the China Comprehensive Plan Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board 4-0-1 (Mills-Stevens) to table the consideration of appointing Ralph Howe to the China Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Board wanted to obtain an opinion from the PB on this appointment.

- **Red Light Applications – Emergency Services:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign the Red Light Applications for Joel Nelson and Haley Norris, both members of the China Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Police Patrolling:** It was noted that the new police officer, Craig Johnson will have uniforms in the near future and will patrol during daytime hours and on special details. The town has an appropriation that will accommodate 28.5 hours of patrolling weekly.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** This appears on the agenda for potential discussion as other projects in the planning process mature.

In other business: The Board decided to schedule another meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Town Manager search and to interview applicants. Selectperson Neil Farrington said the SB has thirty applications from people interested in the TM position.

Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere commented that he witnessed residents who rake their lawn leaves directly into China Lake. The town's CEO will need to review the complaint and do some research to affirm the complaint.

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 to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Personnel, Town Manager Search at 8:14 p.m. and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session and adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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