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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/06/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Amber McAllister, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were China Police Officer Shawn Esler, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 03/23/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #49 for \$21,546.15 and Town Payables Warrant #50 for \$389,398.84 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Police Vehicle Choice – Shawn Esler:** China police officer Shawn Esler presented the Board with suggested bid specifications for a new police vehicle. The town has received grant funding to cover the costs of purchasing and equipping a new police vehicle that meets the pursuit standard. Shawn also provided photos of prospective vehicles and invited the Board to participate in the choice and building of the specification list. Bids/quotes requests will be sent out by the Town Manager within the next 24 hours. The Board, by consensus, decided on the color black for the vehicle.

- **Recycling Coordinator:**

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items: Select Board member and Recycling Co-Coordinators Irene L. Belanger and Neil Farrington provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and town staff members will be attending the MRRA Annual Conference on April 27 and 28, 2015 in Northport.

- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed – Are We Going To Appoint a Committee and With What Charge:** The Board did not take any action on this item at this meeting.

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- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger:**
RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, and KRDA, etc. - Updates: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following information relating to the respective committees/organizations:

RSU#18: The RSU budget informational session will be held in China on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the China Middle School. The RSU Superintendent, Gary Smith, Will be in China to provide information on the budget and respond to questions.

EC&D Committee: The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday evening, April 9, 2015 at the Green Bean. There has been a good response to the call-out for volunteers for the 2015 Community Days events. Some of the same people who helped last year continue to be interested this year. The events this year will be held on July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2015.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger will be attending a seminar on Communities of the Future sponsored by the Chamber on April 9 at Thomas College. The Chamber will also be hosting an open house at the KVCC Hinckley Campus on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It was noted that the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust became new members of the Chamber recently. The next Business-After-Hours gathering will be held at the End Zone on Elm Street in Waterville on April 22, 2015.

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger will be attending a workshop on paint collection and disposal on Thursday and will have information for our transfer station employees that will be helpful to residents.

ARI: The Alewife Restoration Initiative meeting will be held at the Grange in Vassalboro on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in the evening.

Spirit of America – State Chapter: There will be a recognition ceremony for 2014 recipients of the Award in Augusta on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Capitol in the Hall of Flags at 1:00 p.m.

- **Visioning Session – Board Retreat Summary for Consideration:** The Town Manager asked the Board when they would prefer to discuss the goals set at a recent visioning session. The Town Manager is to send the Board a summary before the next regular meeting.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2015-2016 Budgets and Tax Commitment Projections:** The Town Manager provided the Board with an estimate of the effect on the mil rate by the Municipal, County, and Education budgets on hand at the current time. He noted the municipal budget would decrease the mil rate by approximately .25mils, the County budget would possibly not have any effect, and that the education budget would increase the mil rate by approximately 1.05mils, for a projected net

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increase of .8mils. Selectperson Neil Farrington commented about the cost per student for education in China. Superintendent Gary Smith has offered to speak with the China Select Board about the drivers of the increases in the education budget.

- **TIF Information – Causeway Aerial for Discussion – Selectperson Robert MacFarland:** The Board briefly discussed the possible modifications that might be possible with the use of TIF funding should the TIF Program application be approved by the Maine DECD. More information will be needed on the ownership of the Old Route #202 roadbed and land adjacent to and westerly of that former road. The Town Manager will provide historical/background information on ownership, easement rights and discontinuance. Further conversations will be scheduled for Board meetings in the future.

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 Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M., Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Tuesday of the Month in 2015, at 7:00 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., Announced.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available for 2015 – Must Have a Sticker Displayed to Use Facility:** It was again recognized that stickers are available and must be displayed in order to use the transfer station facilities.
- **Quorum Ordinance – Review and Send to Voters:** The Town Manager noted that he had recently sent a copy of the proposed changes to the Ordinance for the Board review. He went on to say that it would be good if the Board would review the proposed changes for action at the next Board meeting. After final revisions are agreed to, the final version will have to be sent to voters for final approval.
- **Earth Day, April 2015 – Volunteers Needed:** It was noted that the Earth Day clean-up events will take place in China on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Volunteers were invited to meet at 8:00 a.m. at the China Baptist Church parking lot at the head of China Lake or at the South China Community Church parking lot on Village Street in the South China Village area of China.
- **Town Line – Trash Talk Weekly Article:** The Board will attempt to have weekly information relating to municipal solid waste disposal and recycling initiatives.
- **Shredding-On-Site:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported again that the event will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and is free to China and Vassalboro residents. The Town of Vassalboro has agreed to share in the expense for the offering.
- **Drug Take-Back:** This event will be held on May 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the China transfer station.

In other business;

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Manager to purchase sand in the current fiscal year from Jeff

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LaVerdiere to be paid for from balances in the highway account and or with contingency funds. The Town Manager has referenced that the Maine Statutes allow for the over-drawing of the winter maintenance line in the highway budget and that contingency funds might be considered in the purchase as this winter was one that could not be anticipated.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting
04/06/2015

The Board Chair, Joann C. Austin, opened the Assessors' meeting at 8:19 p.m. Assessors present were Irene L. Belanger, Amber McAllister, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

Agenda

- I. Abatement(s):
On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented for the Fredriksons. A copy will be on file at the town office.

Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board of Assessors voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Board of Assessors

