

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/07/2014 – 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, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Ronald Breton, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 03/24/2012 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #52 for \$20,134.96 and Payables Warrant #53 for \$348,038.19 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 Information:

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. Selectperson Paul noted that he has never seen the recycling area so clean as in the last two months. He went on to note that municipalities will have to deliberate on the topic of the post 2018 operations of PERC. He felt that China would have to consider the pay-per-throw option to keep disposal costs down.

#### RSU#18 Budget Update, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates –

**Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger summarized the current events involving the RSU#18, KVCOG, and the China Economic and Community Development Committee. Irene made comments about the RSU#18 proposed budget, specifically why she felt the large proposed increase is unavoidable. Selectperson Paul MacDonald had comments about the RSU#18 carry-forward amount proposed in the budget. The Town Manager was asked what affect the proposed increase in the education budget would have on the town's mil rate. He responded that the tax bills would increase about ten percent if one only considered the increase relative to the current education budget.



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Selectperson Irene L. Belanger also noted that the public hearing on the Regional School Unit #18 2014-2015 budget would be held on April 17, 2014 in the China Middle School multi-purpose room. Voters in the RSU towns will approve or reject the proposed budget by written ballot on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the respective town voting sites. Polls will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at the China town office.

**Foreclosure Property Sale – Map 44 Lot 010:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Belanger) to conduct the sale by a sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$45,000 noted in the materials to be sent out in the bidding process. Selectperson Belanger abstained because she felt strongly that the Board should make the removal of the wooden pallets a condition in the bidding process. May 5, 2014 was the agreed upon date for the bid award to take place.

- **Spirit of America Award Presentation:** At this time a Spirit of America Award was presented to Elwin Higgins, former manager of the China Transfer Station. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger made the presentation to Elwin. Elwin brought his dog Lilly with him for the presentation.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Quorum Ordinance Discussion:** The Board decided that that any consideration of a revision to the Quorum Ordinance would not be done in time to be included in the June 2014 ballot. The Board agreed to discuss this topic at a later date.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that a grand opening for the Thurston Park Trails would be held on May 31, 2014 at the Park.

In other business, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that the town had acquired one of the Bernard Langlais sculptures to present in China.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald,  
the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board