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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 05/18/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Amber McAllister, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Mary Grow, Maurice Haskell, Kevin Gower, Sarah Bernier, Colbey Plaisted, Christopher Morry, 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 Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/04/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #56 for \$20,305.42 and Town Payables Warrant #57 for \$78,382.13 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed:**
- **Committee/Organization Reports – RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:**

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following;

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 budget seems to be tight and that she would oppose any reductions to the current numbers. She noted some dissatisfaction in other towns but was hopeful that the budget would pass as presented.

EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that the committee has not met lately and would provide information at the next SB meeting. Irene said that she thought the next meeting, though not confirmed, would be on Thursday at the Green Bean.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the Business After Hours session that is scheduled for Wednesday at the Mid Maine Chamber Office.

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG had been working on some organizational changes and will be doing a good deal of outreach to communities in the future.

KRDA: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board about the new approach to soliciting businesses in the Park promoted by the executive director, Brad Jackson. She also noted that Mr. Jackson would refer businesses he interacts with to surrounding communities if they are not able to contract with the Park.

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- **2015-2016 Budgets and Tax Commitment Projections:** The Board discussed the possible effect on the mil rate resulting from an increase in the education budget.
- **Visioning Session – Board Retreat Summary for Consideration:** The Board will discuss the items on the hand-out recently provided to them.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **WasteZero – Sarah Bernier:** The Board heard a presentation advocating a pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) municipal solid waste disposal system by Sarah Bernier representing WasteZero, a firm out of North Carolina. Sarah discussed the China specific information on economic and environmental benefits of charging for MSW disposal. It was noted by Sarah that the town could save an estimated \$1.9 million in disposal costs over a ten year period, not including trucking costs and anticipated increase in disposal costs over time. A PowerPoint presentation is available at the town office relating to Sarah's presentation and is also included and attached as part of these minutes.

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.
- **Quorum Ordinance – Review and Send to Voters:** The Select Board intends to ultimately review the Ordinance for recommended modifications and to be put on the November Ballot.
- **Town Line – Trash Talk Weekly Article:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger has supplied the Town Line newspaper with the first article and will continue periodically supplying articles along with Selectperson Neil Farrington over the next few months.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board continues to have this item on the agenda to be able to accommodate any progress reports on the TIF application and proposals.

In other business; the Board heard from Kevin Gower about his intent to apply for a license to sell beer and wine at his to-be-expanded To-Tubing business on the Alder Park Road. The Board scheduled a Public Hearing on his application for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015, jut before the next regularly scheduled SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board approved and signed Red Light Applications as presented. Copies of the applications will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors Meeting
05/18/2015
Agenda

1. Abatement Request Processing: On a motion by Robert MacFarland and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to direct the Town Manager to proceed toward approval of an abatement for M. A. Haskell Inc. as presented after researching all applicable rules and regulations.
2. Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitter,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Board of Assessors