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China Select Board, Tuesday – 05/29/2018
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 (6:45 p.m.), Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington, and Robert A. MacFarland. Others present were Wayne Chadwick, Kevin Rhoades, Jean Conway, Tom Michaud, Peter Hussey, Susan Turner, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/14/2018 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign China Payroll Warrant #56 for \$26,120.68 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign China Payables Warrant #57 for \$54,882.93 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Committee Reports – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger/Other:**
Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board and those present in the audience about respective organization and committee meetings.
- **Fire Pond – Final Resolution of Remaining Issues/Understanding of Direction Forward:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to table this item to the next regular SB meeting. The Board indicated it needed a cost estimate for the new pond design work from A. E. Hodsdon Engineering and would wait until the next meeting for that number in the consideration of the next steps.

Tom Michaud indicated that he would not need any work to be done by the town relating to the movement of the piles of clay dug out of the ground to create the existing pond. This would save the town up to \$1000.

- **Foreclosure Process 619 PVRR, Personal Property:** The Board discussed this item in Executive Session with the town attorney.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time Tom Michaud provided the Board with an update on the Causeway Road Bridge replacement initiative undertaken/overseen by a subcommittee of the TIF Committee. On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of the contract specifications as recommended by Wright-Pierce and the TIF subcommittee and further to direct that any changes to the recommended document are to be submitted to the Town Manager and on to the Select Board before implementation of those changes.

There was considerable discussion on this subject as the project is expected to create considerable temporary disruption in the local area. There will be potential impacts on many individuals and entities; emergency services, local residents, commuters, visitors, boaters, and people attending services at China Baptist Church. The Town Manager recommended extensive notice focused on area residents, to include direct mailings, public informational sessions, electronic signs and so forth.

- **Liquor License Renewal Application – Lisa Wardwell, Doing Business As China Dine-ah:** It was noted that at the previous SB meeting, there were approvals of two applications, one a catering license and one for a renewal license.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Carlene Bovier to the China Comprehensive Planning Committee.
- **Town Office Complex Small Projects – Water/Septic at the Portable, Entry Roof and Retaining Wall at the Town Line, etc.:** The Board decided to send out request for quotes for each of the projects.
- **Feasibility Study – Broadband Access – Hussey Communications Proposal:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills Sevens, the Board voted 5-0 to appropriate an amount up to \$3000 from the TIF appropriated funds to pay for a feasibility study on Broadband access from both sides of China Lake by Hussey Communications. The availability of Broadband access will be determined from two access points; the tower at the town office and an additional tower owned by Mike Willette in Winslow. There was a good deal of discussion on this topic and Peter Hussey was able to respond to Select Board concerns.
- **Capital Proposed Projects: Fork Lift:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and accept the bid of \$25,758 for a new fork lift for the transfer station, the funds coming from the \$24,000

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appropriated for the purchase by voters and the remaining \$15,758 coming from the Transfer Station Account in the Reserve Fund Balance.

- **Materials, Equipment, Winter Sand Bids:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to postpone the awarding of the until the next SB meeting. There were not any sand samples available for the Board consideration.

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

- General - Announcements of Significance
Foreclosure Item(s) – As noted above, this item was processed in Executive Session with the town's attorney.

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultation with Legal Counsel and or 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (A) Personnel: On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultation with Legal Counsel, at 7:18 p.m. Attorney Amanda Meader conferenced with the Baord by phone in the Executive Session. (649-4122 – cell phone)

Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of Executive Session and adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger
China Select Board



Assessors Meeting

Agenda

Abatements and or Supplemental Tax Assessments: Application for Abatement: Inability to Pay-Hardship or Poverty (36 M.R.S.A, §841): On a motion by Selectperson/Assessor Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson/Assessor Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 begin the Assessors Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to **36 M.R.S.A, §841 – Application for Abatement: Inability to Pay – Hardship or Poverty,** at 8:09 p.m. Copies of the application are on file at the town office.

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On a motion by Selectperson/Assessor Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson/Assessor Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson/Assessor Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson/Assessor Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 5-0 to deny the abatement application as it was determined that there was not any need, there was not any imminent foreclosure threat and there was equity in the home ownership.

Adjourn

On a motion by Selectperson/Assessor Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere and a second by Selectperson/Assessor Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Irene L. Belanger

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Board of Assessors