

TOWN OF CHINA

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Select Board/Planning Board Business Meeting

Monday – 05/05/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M.

The business meeting in public was commenced by the SB Chair at 6:00 pm. Select Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, and Irene L. Belanger. Planning Board members present were Ron Breton, Jim Wilkens, Frank Soares and Milton Dudley. Others present were Sheldon Bumps, Tim Basham, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager.

The regular meeting, as noted below, was preceded by a business meeting of the SB and PB. In this meeting, areas of mutual interest were discussed, for instance, whether changes in the China Land Use Regulations would make them more effective at protecting neighbors without discouraging development in town. Both the SB and PB members felt the joint business meeting was successful.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 05/05/2014 – 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 Sheldon Bumps, Tim Basham, Mary Grow, Jim Hart, Nate Gray, Nick Michaud, Tom Michaud, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald.

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 04/07/2014 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #56 for \$18,976.35 and Payables Warrant #57 for \$355,914.80 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 Items –

Shredding-On-Site: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclables currently at the transfer station. Paul noted that he attempted to contact companies to perform shredding of documents and did not receive any responses. He went on to note that a full load of cardboard will soon be sold on the commodities market.

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Mr. MacDonald again noted the clean appearance of the recycling area at the transfer station.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger initiated a discussion about composting. This topic was prompted by Irene's attendance at a regional annual recycling conference held in Rockport. The Town Manager suggested that the town staff at the Transfer Station work with China resident and expert Bill Seekins about an educational seminar.

- **RSU#18 Budget Update, KVCOG, and Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reminded those present about the RSU#18 budget vote scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in the Messalonskee High School building in Oakland.

Updates on the other items will be provided by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger at the next regular meeting.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **CRLA – Jim Hart to Address the SB:** Jim Hart, President of the China Region Lakes Alliance, and Nate Gray, of the State Department of Marine Resources, updated the Select Board on plans to restore access for alewives into China Lake from now through 2018. Mr. Hart noted that after alewives gained access to Three Mile Pond in China and Vassalboro in 2012, the lake had the best water quality in over 25 years. It is understood that the alewives eat the nutrients that encourage algae blooms in a water body and leave with the nutrients in the fall when they migrate out of the lake.

At the present time, until alewives gain access naturally, 8000 alewives will be trucked and dumped into China Lake. Mr. Gray said the 8000 fish will be trucked from the Sebasticook River, half being female fish and each female will ultimately have between 100,000 and 150,000 eggs. Mortality among newborns is high.

Mr. Hart explained that the plan to let alewives swim into China Lake involves removing or providing fish passages at six dams in the Outlet Stream in Vassalboro. For the next four years, the CRLA and other organizations intend to devote a lot of their resources to the planned projects. Mr. Hart assured the Select Board that China Lake will continue to have priority consideration and have boat inspections and a youth conservation corps.

- **Town Clerk and Registrars Hours – May 27 (Education Budget Vote) and June 10 Elections:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to
- **Foreclosure Property Sale – Map 44 Lot 010 – Award by Select Board:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid to the lowest bidder conditionally, that condition being a legal opinion by the town's attorney on whether or not the town can accept a lower bid than the minimum, though a minimum was set and advertised in the bidding process.

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The property drew only one bid. Mr. Nicholas Michaud offered \$30,000, which was below the minimum bid set by the Select Board by \$15,000. The sub-minimum bid created a legal question; having set a minimum, could the town accept a lower offer. There was discussion about the value of the property and how much clean-up might need to be done after the purchase.

- **Paving Bids:** It was noted that the paving bid would be awarded at the next regularly scheduled SB meeting.
- **Somerset County PSAP Contract Renewal:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 4-1 (MacDonald) to approve of the proposed contract and authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the town.

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 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, 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.
- **Time-Warner Contract Renewal – ConnectME:** It was noted that the town has sent a letter of intent to participate in the ConnectMe program that would subsidize/provide the installation of cable service in underserved areas in town.
- **Committees – Announcement of Invitation to Interested Parties:** It was announced that the town is calling out all interested residents to serve on open committees, a list being available on the town's Web site and in the town report.
- **Outdoor Recreational Facilities Parks & Trails Tobacco-Free/Tobacco Litter-Free Ordinance – Set Public Hearing – Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:45 P.M. in the China Town Office:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to set a public hearing on the ordinance on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. in the town office meeting room.
- **Quorum Ordinance Discussion – For Inclusion on the November Ballot:**

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board