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China Select Board, Monday – 06/11/2018 **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, Donna Mills-Stevens, Neil Farrington, and Robert A. McFarland. Others present were Tom Miragliuolo, Frank Soares, Wayne Chadwick, Jean Conway, Gary Cummings, Kevin Rhoades, Mary Grow and the Town Managers. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/29/2018 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #61 for \$27,924.07 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Town Payables Warrant #62 for \$481,543.55 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Organization Reports/Committee Reports – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger/Other:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on recent activities of several Boards and Committees, i.e. the Bicentennial Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Thurston Park Committee, China for a Lifetime Committee, the KRDA, MRRA, and MCE, etc. She informed the Board that the Fiberight MSW facility in Hampden is hosting tours of their facility to be held on some date in July.
- **Fire Pond – Final Resolution of Remaining Issues/Understanding of Direction Forward:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to abandon the fire pond initiative on the Neck Road with the intent to fill in the dug pond and further to ask the Town Manager to obtain cost quotes associated with the remediation of the project. The Board ultimately felt that the least expensive path forward was to fill in the pond.
- **Materials, Equipment, and Winter Sand Bids:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to award the winter sand bid to S. D. Childs and Sons of Palermo for the 2018-2019 winter season. On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to award the remaining equipment, materials, and labor rate bids to the lowest bidder.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time Jean Conway commented that it would be good to have a note about the newly appointed Town Manager, Dennis Heath on the town's Web site. The Board agreed and asked to have the information posted.

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- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene I. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board 4-0 to appoint Dennis Heath to various administrative positions as presented, copies to be kept on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Donna Mills-Stevens, the Board 4-0 to authorize the new Town Manager, Dennis Heath, to have the authority to sign for the town in all financial transactions with all respective financial institutions.

- **Four Seasons Trail Bids – Frank Soares:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the low bid of Daryl Wentworth for \$41,000 for improvements to a Four Seasons trail from Lakeview Drive near the town office to the Central Maine Power Company line that runs north to south the length of China. The funds had been appropriated from the TIF Reserve in the Fund Balance.
- **Capital Proposed Projects: One-Ton with Plow (replacement) and Bucket Loader:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted to approve of the purchase of a plate compactor for \$3,592.00 from the Capital Equipment Reserve Account in the Fund Balance. This compactor is essential for installing culverts and renting one for three years would approximate the cost of the one recommended for purchase.

There were conversations about purchase of a pick-up truck with a plow from Central Maine Motors for \$36,171.00 and also about the proposed purchase of a replacement bucket-loader and the Board ultimately felt it needed additional information before making final decisions on whether or not to authorize the purchases. The town has a 2012 Chevrolet truck with 140,000 miles on it and a CAT bucket loader that is approaching 20 years old. Both could be considered as trade-ins in any transactions.

- **Paving Bids:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert A. MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the low bid of Wellman Paving for the 2018 summer/fall paving period. The low bid was approximately \$4.00 per ton higher than last year. The Town Manager noted that the towns of Vassalboro and China combine their requests for bids in one document to take advantage of the economies of scale in asphalt tonnage.

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Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **General - Announcements of Significance: Below...**
- **Strategic Planning Session – Next Steps:** This appears on the agenda for potential discussion as other projects in the planning process mature.
- **Feasibility Study – Broadband Access – Hussey Communication Initiative:** Selectperson Neil Farrington said that Hussey Communications of Winslow will conduct planned tests of Broadband reception on the east and west shores of China Lake. The plan has been to install temporary equipment on two towers on either side of China Lake and measure signal strength at various test locations along the shores of China Lake. Selectperson Farrington invited people to be included in the testing suggesting that those interested should call the town office expressing the intent to participate.
- **Town Office Complex Small Projects – Water/Septic at the Portable, Entry Door Roof at the Town Line Office, etc.:**
- **Causeway Road Bridge Replacement Initiative – Public Information Campaign:**

In other business:

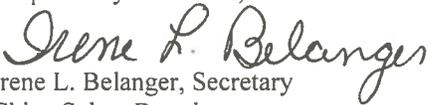
On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of a Pole Location Permit submitted by CMP for a new utility pole on the Deer Hill Road in China. Copies of the permit will be on file at the town office.

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 Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Consultation with Legal Counsel at 8:17 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board