

# TOWN OF CHINA

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**China Select Board**  
**TIF Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**06/13/2016 - 6:30 P.M**

**Minutes**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Paul Lucas, Dale Worster, Scott A. Pierz, Frank Soares, Tom Michaud, Marie Michaud, Mark Davis, Lee Staats, Krista Hilton, Justin Hilton, Larry Sikora, Linda O'Connor, Robert O'Connor, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/01/2016 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #57 for \$22,134.20, and Town Payables Warrant #58 for \$437,332.05 as presented.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation – Transfer Station Committee Items:** The Board had a lengthy discussion about fee assessments that is more thoroughly described below in other business.
- **Committee/Organization Reports – Board Selected - Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger said she will be reporting on the above organizations at a later date, accommodating the long agenda.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation – Palermo Summary/Consideration, Etc.:** The Board will reach out to the Town of Palermo after the SB in Palermo have had a meeting with the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Association in late June.
- **Organization/Other Reports – FairPoint Walk-Through – Selectpersons Austin & Farrington:** Selectpersons Joann C. Austin and Neil Farrington reported on the condition of the building and noted the possibilities for using the building for medical purposes; a clinic, senior citizen center or senior housing as examples. Resident and taxpayer Mark Davis suggested it become a community center and library.
- **Enforcement – Redemption Agreement – Litchfield Lane Property:** It was agreed that the Town Manager would continue to pursue contact of Mr. Jonathan Litchfield to urge agreement on a redemption agreement.

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## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention. T. Station needs review...
- **Patricia Oh and Demographics of China (Seniors Focus) Proposal:** Jess Maurer, Executive Director of the Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and Patricia Oh, demographer, offered information on approaches to making China more senior citizen friendly who wish to remain in their homes. They noted that about 55 Maine municipalities are embarking on aging in place or age-friendly initiatives. They both noted that each municipality is quite different and should have its own plan or program. Most all of the municipalities pursuing age friendly programs have started with demographic information surveys, or other data collection sources. The Select Board was presented with a sketch of certain demographics of China as an example of the work Patricia is capable of producing. The Board asked the Town Manager to post the information on the town's Web site and FB page.
- **Jim Hart – CRLA YCC, CBI, Etc.:** Mr. Jim Hart of the China Region Lakes Alliance and Scott A. Pierz of the China Lake Association summarized planned work for the upcoming summer months around China Lake. They spoke about the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program and the Youth Conservation Corps, both to begin within the next couple of weeks. There are more than two dozen YCC projects to limit storm-water runoff and LakeSmart program activities headed by Marie Michaud. There was a brief discussion about CRLA payables and the process for approval.
- **Pawn Broker Permit/License Application and Approval:** It was noted that the SB would be receiving an application for a Pawn Brokers' License at one of the next two or three regularly scheduled meetings.
- **Free For Taking Building – Swap Shop:** There was considerable discussion about the disposition of the Swap Shop offering, whether or not to continue the offering and where to move the building and shelving if the offering is to be continued. The Board considered using a portable classroom recently offered to the town by RSU#18. Frank Soares, Chairperson of the China Transfer Station Committee suggested that the TSC should discuss the options associated with the Swap Shop issues and make a recommendation back to the SB. The SB agreed and referred all issues relating to the Swap Shop offering to the TSC for a recommendation.
- **Land Adjacent to the Town Office:** The Town Manager noted that he had not been successful in attempts to contact the owners to assess what the cost might be to acquire the approximate 6.25 acres adjacent to the town office property. He will continue to attempt to contact the owners and report to the SWB at the next meeting. It was thought that the acres could be purchased at a most advantageous price by the town.
- **Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) – State Payments (Road Assistance):** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the LRAP program summary to be sent to the MDOT for reimbursement of capital expenditures on roads in China. Copies of the filing will be available in the China town office for review.

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

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II, Economic and Community Development Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Tuesday, June 22, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **Next Meeting Announcements –** The Town Manager noted the following items, some scheduled for specific dates and others needing to be addressed at future meetings.
  - 06/27/2016 - Morten Moesswilde – (Courtesy of Tim Basham) – Forestry Management**
  - 06/27/2016 - Snow Pond Arts Academy – David Holinger**
  - Transfer Station Committee Update - Transfer Station Ordinance, Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance, PPT Proposal, Palermo Representation, Traffic Flow**
  - TIF Committee Update, Current Initiatives**
  - PB - Sign Ordinance, Seasonal Conversions, and Shore Land Zoning Items and Associated Public Hearing**

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint William Rancourt to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the remainder of the current year, July 2, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and also to appoint William Rancourt for the ensuing year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The Town Manager noted the Community Policing Policy draft document sent to the Board and again asked the Board to review it and comment.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger spoke about the portable classroom at the town office complex, urging the Board to consider installing a well and septic system and bathroom. She noted that there had been a plan for moving forward on these items. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to ask the Town Manager to obtain costs for the installation of a well and septic system and bathroom facilities for the portable classroom. The Board meet in the portable classroom building this evening.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger engaged the Board in a discussion about the fees assessed to commercial haulers of residential MSW. She argued that the people using the hauling services are already paying taxes for the disposal of MSW and therefore being essentially “double taxed” if the haulers are assessed a fee. There was disagreement on whether or not to eliminate the fee entirely or to leave the current fee in place and not increase it on July 1, 2016 as passed in a May

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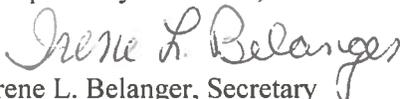
2, 2016 vote of the SB.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to reconsider the vote of May 2, 2016 raising the fee to \$.04 cents per pound.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to rescind the increase of May 2, 2016 and leave the current fee schedule for commercially hauled MSW in effect.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board