

TOWN OF CHINA



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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/15/2015 – 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 Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Amber McAllister, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Katie Holzworth, Frank Soares, Edward Brownell, Justin Hilton, Richard Brogart, Jason Fredette (and daughters), Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/01/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #60 for \$23,545.41, Town Payables Warrant #61 for \$449,591.97 and Town Payables Warrant #62 for \$132.24 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committee/Organization Reports – RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger had an excused absence and consequently there were not any reports on the various committees/groups this evening.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed – Post 2018 Operations – Pay-Per-Throw – Selectperson Neil Farrington:** Selectperson Neil Farrington made additional comments about a proposed PPT initiative. He noted that in his proposal, all net revenues after administration costs, would be returned to residents of China. The concept of the program is to financially incent people to recycle and reduce costs to the town for the processing of MSW.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Four Seasons Club – Frank Soares:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to provide a letter of support for the Club's request to the MDOT to operate off-road vehicles, having the Chair sign on behalf of the town. Mr. Frank Soares and other Four Seasons Club members asked the Select Board for permission to operate the off-road vehicles on the Tobey Road and on a section of Lakeview Drive, a State road. The off-road vehicles would operate on the extreme right side of the roads. Mr. Soares said the speed limit would be 15 mph and drivers would be obligated to obey all rules of the road and to yield to bicyclists and pedestrians. The policing would be the Club's responsibility assisted by Game Wardens and the MSP if necessary.

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- **Red Light Applications:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the red light applications as presented. Copies will remain on file at the town office.
- **Committee/Official Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the commitment papers for Paul Mitnik to the positions of C.E.O. and LPI for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and also to appoint Bill Najpauer to the position of Alternate CEO and LPI for the current and 2015-2016 fiscal years. Copies of the appointment papers will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the committee assignments as presented. Copies of the appointment papers will be on file at the town office.

- **RSU #18 Referendum Election – Warrant and Notice Of Election – Acceptance and Signing:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the Warrant and Notice of Election. The election in the respective municipalities will be held on June 30. In China the polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The budget validation meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Oakland. The Board took a consensus position in support of the proposed revised budget.
- **Road Closing – Dutton Road for Culvert Replacement:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign the Order for the Temporary Road Closing of the Dutton Road (between 27 and 41 Dutton Road) to through traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2015 as presented.

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.
- **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available for 2015 – Must Have a Sticker Displayed to Use Facility:** It was noted that it is obligatory for individuals to display a sticker to use the facilities or to pay the published rates for use of the facilities if without a sticker.
- **Town Line – Trash Talk Weekly Article:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger has been supplying the Town Line with articles recently. Selectperson Neil Farrington will contribute an article on the pay-per-throw system he proposed for China.
- **November Election Timeline:** The Town Manager informed the Board of the significant dates and events leading up to the November election.

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- **Quorum Ordinance – Review and Send to Voters:** It was noted that proposed revisions to the Quorum Ordinance will be brought before the Board at a meeting in the near future.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board will from time-to-time provide information to the general public on the progress of the TIF application and proposed projects that might be considered for TIF funding.
- **Police Position Update:** Selectpersons Robert MacFarland and Joann C. Austin summarized a recent meeting of the Police Services Committee. They noted there is some consideration being given to certain levels of policing activity that might be needed in China now that the most recent police officer is transitioning out of the position in China. Consultant Mike Pardue participated in the recent committee meeting and provided information to the Committee about other municipal policing policies and procedures. The Committee will continue to update the Board after their working meetings.
- **2015-2016 Budgets and Tax Commitment Projections:** The Town Manager estimated that the mil rate would increase by .8mils if the current education budget is accepted by voters on June 30, 2015.
- **China Rescue on the 06292015 Agenda:** It was noted that representatives of China Rescue will be presenting information to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

In other business; by consensus, the Board

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the certificates of appreciation for service to the China Community by Police Officer Shawn Esler and C.E.O. and Plumbing Inspector Bill Najpauer.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to award the paving bids to the lowest bidder as determined by the Town Manager to be in the best interest of the town of China.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the Order to Remove Certain Burdensome amounts from the personal property accounts as presented. Copies of the accounts and respective amounts removed will be on file at the town office.

Without reaching and decision, the Board talked about: the design for the proposed new “gateway” signs for China provided by Alan Brown; Selectperson Neil Farrington’s proposal to sell commemorative coins in advance of the 2018 bicentennial of China’s legal creation, noting that this is not the same as the 1975 bicentennial of the town’s first settlement and Selectperson Joann C. Austin’s comment that there may be a need to form committees to accommodate the TIF Program, a possible CDBG Housing Grant Application, and a post 2018 policy relating to a MSW disposal recommendation for China. Additionally, on a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign an Order to Remove Certain Burdensome Amounts from the personal property accounts as presented. Copies of the items will be on file at the town office.

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On a motion by Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber McAllister", written over a horizontal line.

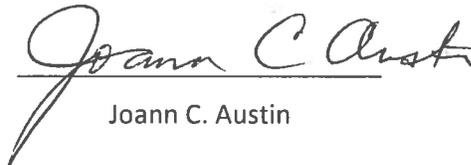
Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board

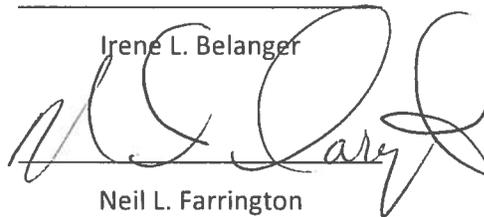
Minor or Burdensome Amounts

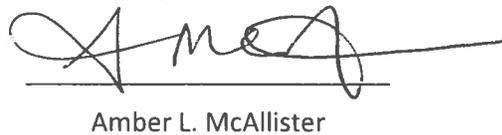
Pursuant to MRSA Title 36 Chapter 105 Subchapter 6 Subsection 760 –A. Minor or burdensome amounts, the municipal officers order the following personal property taxes to be removed from the municipal books due to small or burdensome amounts to collect.

		Principal	Interest	Total
Account # 471	China House of Glass Pipes	\$35.25	\$3.65	38.90
Account # 286	D & B Logging	\$2,535.00	\$1,228.21	3,763.21
Account # 318	Safety Kleen Systems Inc.	\$0.70	\$0.06	0.76
Account # 337	Tender Care Pet Grooming	\$38.30	\$6.52	44.82
Account # 463	Central Maine Trading	\$28.86	\$4.03	32.89
	Total:	\$2,638.11	\$1,242.47	3,880.58

Signed this 15th day of June 2015 in China, Maine.


Joann C. Austin

Irene L. Belanger

Neil L. Farrington


Amber L. McAllister


Robert A. MacFarland