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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/17/2013 – 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, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Victor Horton, Daniel Althenn, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Town Manager.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/03/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #61 for \$20,680.77 and Payables Warrant #62 for \$357,453.99 as presented. There was discussion about the town purchasing boots for transfer station employees.

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: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. Paul also noted that the town is sending out for sale on the commodities market a full load of 42 gaylords on Wednesday. Paul said the recycling area continues to be neat and clean.

- **RSU #18, KVCOG and China Community Days Updates – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board that Ken Young, executive director of the KVCOG will be retiring and that there will be a dinner at the Hathaway Center at which Ken will be thanked for his service to the communities of KVCOG. Irene said that a replacement for Ken will be announced shortly.

Irene said that a leadership group will be meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings to discuss RSU#18 issues. She noted that one of the main issues to be discussed is the communication of accurate and factual information throughout the district.

Selectperson Belanger also provided the Board with a summary of the progress leading

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up to China Community Days to be held on the first weekend in August. Irene is the Chair of the CCD Committee. She pointed out all the events that were being organized and said that there has been significant progress to date. Another update will be forthcoming at the next SB meeting. The Board asked the Town Manager to have Erasmo Gonzalez, China's police officer, a patrolman from the KSO, and Delta Ambulance present at the Community Days event on Saturday evening on the Causeway Road.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Victor Horton, MRRA, - Recycling Options:** Victor Horton, Maine Resource Recovery Association representative, spoke with the Board about recycling options. He noted that the town recycles more different products than most all towns that are members of the MRRA. He also pointed out that there might be an opportunity for China to process their newsprint, magazines, and phone books locally at the Hutamaki plant in Waterville at a better rate than elsewhere. The rate will include the product being picked up at the China transfer station. Victor touched on the subject of single stream recycling and compared it to the process used by China currently.
- **Municipal Appointments:** The following will reflect the positions followed by the initials of the Selectperson making the motion followed by a forward slash followed by the initials of the Selectperson seconding the motion for the appointments of people to the respective positions and finally followed by the vote, as they are read by the Chair of the SB:

Board of Assessing Review	SH/ILB	4-0
Wetlands Committee	ILB/PDM	3-0-1(SH)
Capital Investment Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Facilities Committee	ILB/PDM	4-0
Forestry Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
China Lake Access Feasibility Committee	SH/PDM	4-0
E-911 Committee	SH/ILB	4-0
Thurston Park II Committee	ILB/PDM	4-0
Economic Development Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Open Space Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Emergency Preparedness Committee	SH/PDM	4-0
Recreation Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Transfer Station Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Cemetery Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Historical Preservation Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Road Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Library Feasibility Committee	ILB/SH	4-0
Animal Control Officer	ILB/SH	4-0
Police Officer	ILB/PDM	4-0
Civil Constable	ILB/SH	4-0
Town Manager	ILB/SH	4-0

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There was discussion about how infrequent the committees are meeting, noting that some may not have met at all during the year. The Town Manager responded that it will continue to be reality as it is extremely difficult to manage many committees being activated at the same time. He went on to say that as committees complete their mission, others are able to become active. It was agreed that updates should be made to the SB at least once a year on all committees activity.

The Town manager was asked to confirm that some of the people on selected committees do indeed wish to serve.

Copies of the respective appointment materials will be kept on file at the town office for the public to view if desired.

- **Red Light Applications, CVVFD:** On a motion by Selectperson Steve Hughes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the red light applications as presented. Copies of the applications will be kept on file at the town office.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees:** he Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Wednesday, 06/17/2013 at 6:30 p.m. and Generally Fridays, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room: The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Paving Bids:** It was noted that the paving bids would be opened and presented to the SB for approval at one of their next meetings.
- **Foreclosure Sale – Auction and Sealed Bid Discussion/Information:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to put out the foreclosed upon properties to bid and advertise the properties for sale. There had been earlier discussions about auctioning off the properties.
- **Earth Day Summary and Drug Take-Back Day:** The Town Manager provided the SB with a summary of the Earth Day roadside collection of items by volunteers and a summary of the Drug Take Back Day initiative at the transfer station. The report presented was prepared by transfer station manager Elwin Higgins. The report will be attached to these minutes.
- **November Election:** The Town Manager noted that nomination papers for respective open positions will be available on August 12 and that the nomination papers must be returned to the town office by September 21 at 11:00 a.m. He went on to note the positions open on the respective boards/committees. The election will be held on November 5, 2013 in the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting

The Chair opened the Assessors' meeting at 8:50 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to go into Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841, Application for Abatement of Local Property Tax.

Assessors present were Peter Foote, Steven Hughes, Irene L. Belanger, and Paul MacDonald. Others present were the Town Manager.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Belanger) to deny the request for abatement of local property tax.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary

Dan L'Heureux

From: Mary
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 3:50 PM
To: Dan L'Heureux; Elwin Higgins
Subject: RE: Summaries

Elwin's totals:

Open Transfer Station Day 2013:

Freon units--30

propane tanks-- 10 (20lb.)

2 (30lb.)

1 (100lb.)

shingles----- 1ton (+-)

metal-----8 to 10 ton

msw-----14 ton(+/-)

Demo-----6 loads = 36 ton (+-)

tires-----308

rigid plastic----400 to 500 lbs.

toilets ,sinks, cement ---1000lbs (+-)

waste oil-----15 gals. (+-)

Free for Taking---1500 lbs (+-)

brush-----1000 lbs. (+-)

wood ash-----300 lbs. (+-)

universal waste----33 fluorescent bulbs

28 TV's

14 computer monitors

11 cpu's

11 printers

15 periphrials

Earth Day

Lower turnout this year for volunteers although the roads looked good. Alder Park Road had more litter than the other roads. Collected approximately 1 truck load and one pickup truck load of trash during the collection hours.

Drug take back day

Collected more prescription drugs than last year. Better turnout then last spring. Irene Belanger and Dave Cotta were here to help.

Respectfully,
Elwin Higgins

From: Dan L'Heureux
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 7:28 AM
To: Elwin Higgins
Cc: Mary
Subject: Summaries

Elwin,
I will need summaries for the Earth Day, Drug Take Back, and Open Fee Free Day initiatives. Can you provide me with a summary later today?
Thanks,
Dan

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