

# TOWN OF CHINA



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## Public Hearing

06/02/2014

6:30 P.M. – China Town Office Meeting Room

**Application for a malt, spirituous, and vinous restaurant/lounge license as requested by Lisa Wardwell, d/b/a/ Lisa's China Dine-ah, LLC in relation to property located at 281 Lakeview Drive, China.**

The Chair of the Select Board opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Select Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Amber McAllister, Irene L. Belanger, Joann C. Austin, and Peter Foote. Others present were Lisa Wardwell, Charles H. Plumer and the Town Manager.

The Chair of the SB explained the rationale for having this public hearing, noting that the Board felt it was necessary because the applicant was a new owner of an existing business and that there were additions to the business that were noteworthy in the public forum. Customarily renewals of licenses for existing businesses that have not had violations or trouble with law enforcement, have not been obligated to have a public hearing.

Lisa Wardwell, the new owner, had the opportunity to introduce herself and inform the SB and public of the changes she plans for the business. She noted that there would be an outside patio area for eating and drinking and festivities that would be delineated by a 6' fenced surrounding that area. Lisa also said that there would be extended hours of operation on Friday evenings.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/02/2014 – 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 Lisa Knight, Alex Knight, Heaven Austin, Alexis Constantino, Stephanie Doe, Erasmo Gonzalez, Rebecca Hapgood, Scott Holyoke, Joseph Morry, Dan Constanzer, Gary Wentworth, Madison Bodine, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Rebecca Hapgood.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/05/2014 Select Board meeting as presented

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #60 for \$19,338.95 and Payables Warrant #61 for \$37,491.66 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 recyclable currently at the transfer station. He noted recent revenue received from the selling of recycled products on the commodities market. Paul went on to note the concern he had that someone had deposited a large amount of items in the “free for taking” area at the transfer station. The items were deposited in a manner that made the area looked unattractive.

Paul said that he had made a few attempts to contact companies performing shredding services without success. He will continue that effort and find out the cost for providing the service and report back to the SB.

Selectperson MacDonald also went on to suggest that the town purchase an additional baler for clear plastic compacting and also to suggest that the town complete the unfinished section of the recycling building. He felt these two items would be a good long term investment for the town.

- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board and students in the audience with a thorough and extensive update on the current events with the respective entities. Irene provided a background of the entities to the visiting students and invited questions from the students.

Selectperson Irene also provided everyone with a summary of the very successful grand opening ceremonies relating to Thurston Park.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Foreclosure Property Sale – Map 44 Lot 010 – Bid Award:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the low bid of Nick and Alyssa Michaud conditioned upon the removal of the pallets within 120 days of the sale and final payment of the bid amount. A Quit-Claim deed will ultimately be processed. There was a brief discussion about the septic system and well on the property. It was noted that the sale would be for the property “as is”.
- **Liquor License Application – Lisa’s China Dine-ah, LLC. :** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to approve

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and sign a liquor license application for Lisa's China Dine-ah, LLC. A public hearing was held immediately prior to the SB meeting at which this application was approved.

- **Materials, Equipment, and Sand Bids – Awarding Action:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Foote) to accept the legitimate low bid, excluding any late bids, to be deemed to be in the best interest of the town by the Town Manager.
- **MDOT Cooperative Agreement – Traffic Calming Initiative:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-1(Foote)-1(Austin) to accept and sign the Cooperative Agreement conditioned upon the funding of the agreement by private businesses. The agreement would cost \$1000 annually for five years. Two businesses have expressed willingness to participate. The Board asked the Town Manager to solicit additional business participation. The intent of the agreement would be to employ measures to slow traffic on Route #3 between Route #32 North and South. A copy of the agreement will be available at the town office.
- **China Rescue Update:** Erasmo Gonzalez, China Rescue president, provided the Board with an update on the current events happening with China Rescue. Erasmo commented on the following:

China Rescue is working on a collaborative effort to produce an emergency management plan for the schools in China, to include training of participants;

China Rescue is looking for “weather friendly” storage facilities for seasonal equipment;

China Rescue is looking at a purchasing process that will allow them to purchase at a more competitive price for most purchases, thinking that there could ultimately be a savings of up to 20%. The Board expressed that they would like to continue with the warrant process already in place and used for decades;

The interest in the officers in China Rescue to reimburse those responding to calls at \$5.00 per call response; The Board noted that appropriate accounting and reporting would be necessary for any reimbursement process.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, March 26, 6:30 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., Location China Town Office Meeting Room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Committees – Announcement of Invitation to Interested Parties:** The Town Manager announced a call-put of all interested people who might be interested in serving on any

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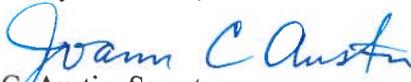
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standing committee in town. A list of committees can be found in the town report or on the town's Web site.

- **Historical Society/Old Town Office Maintenance and Painting:** The Town Manager noted that the old town office is currently being scraped, primed, and painted and that the one room school house will possibly be painted in the fall.
- **Bernard Langlais Art Work is displayed at the Town Office:** It was noted that the art work has been displayed in the town office for viewing by the general public.
- **Update on Police Search:** The Town Manager provided the Board with an update on the search for a part time police officer for the town indicating that several applications have been received and that the interview process would begin in the near future. He invited any of the Board members to be included in the interview process.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board