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## Special Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/08/2017 – Town Office Meeting Room

8:30 A.M.

## Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were, Jeffrey LaVerdiere, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Tim Theriault, David Herard, Richard Morse, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger had an excused absence because of a physical therapy session for her arm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Emergency Services Remuneration Plan/Policy – Reference China Annual Town Business Meeting Article 20 – Understanding of Parties:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Memorandum of Understanding as amended. A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared for the purpose of identifying how the town would financially contribute to the collective efforts of the independent emergency services departments in China to potentially increase membership numbers and also to incent participation of membership in response to incidents, participation in “in house” and “away” training offerings, engaging in after incident reloading and refueling, and other duties assigned. It is not the intention of the town to control the details of the performance of any of the volunteers. Each department is independent; each of the departments will be controlling how the volunteers for the respective departments do their work. Each department is an independent and registered non-profit organization with the State of Maine.

Select Board members expressed their support for the MOU and noted that they were appreciative that something is in place for reference in future times. There was concern expressed by Selectperson Joann C. Austin about several officer positions being remunerated and concern expressed by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton about possible and potentially expensive “away” training sessions. China Rescue president David Herard expressed support and said it was overdue and was attempted in the past. CVVFD Chief Tim Theriault said he was “very comfortable” with the MOU document. SCVFD Chief Richard Morse said that he felt the MOU was not needed and was not comfortable signing it at the time of the meeting.

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Additional items discussed involved mutual aid time being part of the understanding, what the invoice for appropriating remuneration funds would include, and the town attorney's opinion, recently received, addressing "employment" issues.

*New Business:*

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.

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

In other business:

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Irene L. Belanger, Secretary  
China Select Board