

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## China Select Board, Monday – 07/23/18

### Regular Meeting - 6:30 P.M. – Town Office Meeting Room

Selectpersons present: Chairman, Robert MacFarland; Secretary Irene Belanger; Neil Farrington; Jeffrey LaVerdiere. Absent: Donna Mills-Stevens. Town Manager: Dennis Heath. Others present: Dick Morse, Tim Grotton, Kevin Rhoades, Edward Brownell, Shawn Reed, Wayne Chadwick, Jim Wilkens, Tom Michaud, Frank Soares, Jean Conway and Mary Grow.

## MINUTES

Select Board Chairman Robert MacFarland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve the minutes of the 7/9/2018 Select Board Meeting; approved 4-0

### **II. Warrants**

- a. Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #4 FD China Payables Warrant for \$66,233.95; approved 4-0
- b. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #5 China Payroll Warrant for \$27,104.33; approved 4-0
- c. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #6 YCC/CBI Payroll Warrant for \$8,141.78; approved 4-0
- d. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve Warrant #7 China Payables Warrant for \$540,105.43; approved 4-0

### **III. Unfinished Business**

Organization Reports/Committee Reports –Irene L. Belanger reported on various community interest items.

Fire Services Lump-Sum disbursement – Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere to approve lump-sum disbursement of operational funds (see Warrant #4) to VFDs, and to authorize the town manager to simplify the MOU for disbursement of stipend moneys to VFDs and China Rescue, Inc.: approved 4-0

**IV. New Business**

- a. Public Comment - NONE
- b. Election of MMA Vice President and Exec. Cmte Members:  
Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to approve ballot to vote for Christine Landes (Bethel) for MMA Vice President, and to vote for Elaine Aloes (Solon), William Bridgeo (Augusta), and Melissa Doane (Bradley) for MMA Executive Committee; approved 4-0
- c. Election of MMA Legislative Policy Committee Member:  
Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere to approve ballot to vote for Robert Nutting (Oakland) for MMA Legislative Policy Committee; approved 4-0
- d. Local Road Assistance Program Application:  
Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to authorize the town manager to sign the application; approved 4-0
- e. CMP Pole Installation Permit Application:  
Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to approve a permit to allow CMP to install a pole at the intersection of Deer Hill Rd and Lane Rd; approved 4-0
- f. Select Board workshop session:  
Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere to schedule a Select Board worship session for August 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm; approved 4-0
- g. Causeway Bridge Project:  
Motion by Robert MacFarland and second by Jeffrey LaVerdiere to authorize A.E. Hodsdon to confer with DEP and the town manager to confer with property owners about feasibility of use of properties for parking near the causeway; approved 4-0

**V. Manager's Communications – (Non-Action Items)**

- a. Fire Pond Update – Easement and release documents received by respective landowners and awaiting return with signatures
- b. Transfer Station schedule – Proposed 5-day schedule pending review by Transfer Station Committee
- c. Road Maintenance Schedule – Road Committee will meet to discuss a proposal for an 8-year rotation schedule for road maintenance
- d. Business personal property tax – State statute provides no option to municipalities for opting out of collection of these taxes; legislative proposal to provide for such an option might be considered
- e. FY15-FY19 Financials – Annual expense budget rose about 13 percent against a national inflation rise of about 9 percent over the 5-year period. Surplus of revenues over the period is derived from surplus real estate taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes.

VI. **Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)E Consultation with Legal Counsel and/or 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (A) Personnel**

**Adjourn**

Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to adjourn at 8:46 pm; approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Belanger  
Secretary, China Select Board



**Assessors Meeting**

Motion by Jeff LaVerdiere and second by Neil Farrington to open the meeting at 8:47 pm.

**Abatements and or Supplemental Tax Assessments:**

- a. Motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Jeff LaVerdiere to approve abatements in the amount of \$\$11,232.37; approved 4-0

Motion by Neil Farrington and second by Irene Belanger to adjourn at 8:57 pm; approved 4-0