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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/27/2015 – 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 Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Amber McAllister, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were the Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/13/2015 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign China Payroll Warrant #4 (CBI/CRLA) for \$3,205.17, China Payroll Warrant #5 for \$21,235.29 and China Payables Warrant #6 for \$111,203.21 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed – Post 2018 Operations – Pay Per Throw – Selectperson Neil Farrington:** Please see the information below in the November Time-Line section of the minutes.
- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following;

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 2015-2016 budget is final though she felt the reserve funds in the budget fall short of what is recommended fiscally.

EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that the Committee is focusing entirely on the CCD events at this time. Selectperson Belanger suggested that a separate group focus on economic development, as it relates to the TIF program.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the Taste of Waterville event to be held on August 5, 2015 in Waterville.

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG could assist China in the TIF program if needed. She went on to suggest that the town continue to pursue a coffee and dessert for businesses in China. At that gathering the KVCOG could announce the programs offered to businesses through their outreach.

KRDA: There was not anything new to announce at this time.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Local Road Assistance Program Certification by Select Board:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the MDOT Local Road Assistance Program Certification Form certifying that funds received under the program will be used in a manner consistent with Chapter 19 of Title 23 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. In other works the funds must be used for capital improvements to roads.
- **Broadband – Selectpersons Irene L. Belanger and Joann C. Austin:** Selectpersons Joann C. Austin and Irene L. Belanger informed the remainder of the Board and the audience about a meeting they attended recently regarding Broadband offerings in Maine. They noted that there will be additional meetings and suggested that town representation be present at the upcoming meetings. Chairperson Joann C. Austin asked the Town Manager to look into the Maine Broadband Coalition initiatives by visiting their Web site or by contacting the entity for additional information.
- **Red Light Applications – SCVFD:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Red Light Applications for members of the SCVFD as presented. Copies of the forms will be on file at the town office. On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign Red Light Applications for members of China Rescue. Copies will be on file at the town office.
- **Appointment – Health Officer:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Christian Jandreau as Local Health Officer in the Town of China. The Board signed the respective papers that will be on file at the town office.
- **PERC 3rd Quarter Tipping Fee - \$79.00 (1st \$78.25, 2nd \$79.50):** The tipping fees were announced as written.

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.
- **November Election Timeline, Open Positions and Potential November Ballot Items (Tobacco Free Ordinance, Quorum Ordinance, Special Amusement Permit, Expansion of the Recreation Committee, and Pay-Per-Throw:** The Town Manager noted: the open elected positions on the SB and PB and Budget Committee, the significant dates running up to the November election, and items/questions that might be considered for inclusion on the November Ballot. The specific items would be discussed over the next few Board meetings, to include a Tobacco Free Ordinance, an amendment to the Quorum Ordinance, a Special Amusement Ordinance and an amendment to the

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Recreation Committee Ordinance. Selectperson Neil Farrington asked the Board to consider including the Pay-Per-Throw item for the upcoming November Ballot. There has been a good amount of discussion on the topic over the last several months at SB meetings.

Selectperson Neil Farrington made a motion to include a question on the November Ballot regarding the implementation of a "Pay-Per-Throw" initiative for the disposal of MSW and Selectperson Irene L. Belanger seconded the motion. The Board entered into a lengthy discussion on the topic. Selectperson Neil Farrington, the major energy source behind the proposal, noted that he supports this type of program only if it included a rebate of the funds collected to homestead residents in China. He reasoned that the system would reward people who put the least burden on the transfer station and who might get back more than they spend on bags. Selectperson Farrington's assumption here is that people would minimize their trash quantities by maximizing recycling. The town would benefit additionally because the town sells recyclables. Selectperson Robert MacFarland asked why not put revenues from trash bag sales toward the transfer station budget and to benefit more taxpayers.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland to amend the motion to have the question about Pay-Per-Throw moved to the Annual Town Business Meeting in the spring of 2016 and a Second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-1(Farrington). On a call by the Chair for a vote on the motion as amended the vote was 4-1(Farrington). It was noted that the effects of the Pay-Per-Throw system would be different for each household. Consequently, this was one reason to send the question to voters. Selectperson commented that if he creates large amounts of trash that he ought to be willing to pay for it.

The Board considered reinvigorating the Solid Waste/Station Committee to assist in the consideration of a detailed program for the pay-per-bag plan. The Board also discussed the post 2018 options available to MRC (Municipal Review Committee) member municipalities, one being the continuance of the PERC operations in Orrington and the other being a new initiative to build a new and more modern facility in Hampden and to partner with a company named Fiberright.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger announced a tentative time for the China transfer station to host an e-waste collection in September. On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 5-0 to move forward with an e-waste collection day. Selectperson Belanger suggested that China host this collection day with Albion, Palermo, Vassalboro and Windsor and the Board agreed by consensus. It might cost the towns collectively \$800.

- **TIF Information/Conversations:** Select Board Chairperson Joann C. Austin suggested that the Board consider engaging a professional person or a Committee to guide the Board on whether or not suggested projects fit the criteria under the TIF program for economic development. The Town Manager will provide the Board with a summary guideline of generally accepted TIF applicable programs. He will also consult with the DECD, if needed, to obtain the Department decision on whether or not an initiative would be acceptable under the program.
- **Police Position Update – Initial Recommendation and Funding:** Select Board Chair Joann C. Austin noted the Committee recently met and will consider a matrix of options to recommend to the full Board. .

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- **Town Line – Trash Talk Weekly Article:** Select Board members Irene L. Belanger and Neil Farrington continue to write articles for inclusion in the Town Line weekly newspaper.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to send a letter to the MDOT noting that the Board does not have any objection to Mr. Dillenbeck's request of the MDOT to be able to plant Lupine in the State's ROW on Lakeview Drive in China.

The Board also asked the Town Manager to have the WMVFD substantiate/qualify the needed repairs to the truck they are requesting to replace. A repair assessment could be done by a local truck shop.

The Board agreed by consensus to go forward with the assessment of Personal Property Taxes on all business personal property as recommended by the Assessors' Agents, fairly and equitable on all entities.

The Board also signed a letter of recommendation.

On a motion by Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board