

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/29/2013 – 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 Scott Foster Adams, Robert Fletcher, Dolly Batteese, Sheri and Jim Wilkens, Jenny Clair, Dale Worster, Rosie Vanadestine (KVCOG), Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Steve Hughes.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/15/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #7 for \$22,838.74, CRLA Payroll Warrant #8 for \$3,501.80, and Payables Warrant #9 for \$57,922.49 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Thurston Park II Committee:** Sheri Wilkens, Committee member, provided the Board with a brief summary of the current activities of the Committee, noting specific work to be done by the Maine Conservation Corps in the next few weeks. A more detailed summary will be presented at the next SB meeting by Bill Seekins, Chair of TPII Committee.
- **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. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have not changed much. Paul also noted that the town sent out a full load of Gaylord containers full of recyclables to be sold on the commodities market. He went on to note the town will send out for sale on the commodities market a full load of cardboard within the next couple of weeks.

At this point the Town manager provided the Select Board with an update on the hiring process for a position to be added at the transfer station. It was noted that one person had resigned and that the Select Board consensus was that added hours are needed for safety reasons. There had been an ongoing interview process over the past several days and there were four finalists. Those

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- **Time-Warner Cable Contract - Shelly Winchenbach to Attend the August 12, 2013 SB Meeting – Next Steps:** It was noted that Shelly will be present at the next regularly scheduled SB meeting to discuss the upcoming renewal of the Cable contract.
- **Red Light Application – SVVFD – William Bickford:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Pete Foote, the Board voted 3-1(MacDonald)-0 to approve and sign the red light application. A copy of the materials will be on file in the town office.
- **State Voting Machines – Agreement Governing the Use of Voting Equipment:** On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the town as presented.
- **Municipal Tax Commitment:** The commitment of taxes was set for Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the town office meeting room.

## **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, Friday, August 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Police Officer Update on Search:** The Town manager noted that the last day to receive cover letters and resumes would be August 1, 2013 and that interviews would be coordinated shortly thereafter. A report would be given to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Transfer Station Position Vacancy:** the Town Manager noted that there have been ongoing interviews of prospective candidates. There was discussion about what the Board and administration thought would fulfill the needs of the town.
- **November Election:** The Town Manager restated the opening positions for respective Boards and Committees that will need to be filled at the November 5, 2013 election.
- **Solid Waste Flow & Control Ordinance – Revised Recommended Copy:** It was noted that a revision and update is being done for review by the SB and the draft revision should be available soon.
- **Public Hearing – Branch Pond Water Level Regime – Where and When:** it was noted that the Maine DEP would be holding public hearings on Friday, August 23, 2013. The morning session will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the China Middle School and this meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the morning meeting is to receive testimony limited to the statutory criteria set forth in the Maine Dam Registration, Abandonment, and Water Level Act. There will be an additional evening session on Friday, August 23, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m., also at the CMS for the purpose of receiving testimony from members of the general public.

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four would be invited to a second interview and a report would be presented at the next Board meeting.

- **KVCOG & RSU #18 Update – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** At this point in the meeting Rosie Vanadestine, new Executive Director of K.V.C.O.G., was introduced to the Board and public by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger. Rosie is the new Executive Director, replacing Ken Young, of the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments. Rosie noted that she has begun reaching out to member and non-member communities and promoting the service offerings of KVCOG. In response to Select Board questions about what municipalities receive for their dues, Rosie responded about what traditionally been received by municipalities and noted that the dues structure formula is currently under review. The Chair of the SB, Pete Foote, thanked Rosie for coming to China and making the presentation.
- **China Lake Access Feasibility Committee – Recommendation for Proceeding Forward:** Members of the Committee were in attendance and they presented the SB with an update of the progress of the Committee since the last presentation. Sheri Wilkens noted the history of the initiative to acquire property for public access to China Lake. She also noted the history of the negotiations with the owners of The Cabins resulting in the signing of a P&S Agreement. Sheri went on to say that the hard work to bring the purchase to reality will now begin.

AT this time there were comments from the Board and questions from other attendees about the plans for the lake property proposed to be purchased.

After the interactions with the Board and responding to questions from audience members, the China Lake Access Feasibility Committee asked the Board to approve of spending up to \$4800 from the Lake Access Reserve Fund to hire a fund-raiser over the next several weeks. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to authorize the expenditure of an amount up to \$4800 from the China Lake Access Account in the Reserve Fund for fund raising and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 2-1(Foote)-1(MacDonald). This vote was in response to the request by the CLAFC to move forward and hire a professional fund raiser. It will cover the expenses for starting up the initiative. The hourly rate for the fund raiser was noted to be \$85.00 per hour.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Foreclosure Sales – Auction and Sealed Bid Results - Next Steps:** The Town Manager reported that there was only one bid for the property on Sears Drive and that person subsequently asked for his bid to be withdrawn. There was not any bid received for the other property put up for sale as a result of foreclosure proceedings. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0 to again solicit sealed bids for the two respective properties with a deadline of August 30, 2013 for receiving the bids.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board