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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/12/2013 – 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, Joann C. Austin, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Shelly Winchenbach, Bill Seekins, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/29/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #10 Payroll for \$19,991.50, Warrant #11 CRLA Payroll for \$4,806.12, and Payables Warrant #12 for \$390,814.12 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Thurston Park II Committee – Progress Update, Bill Seekins:** Bill provided the SB with an update on the progress of his efforts in Thurston Park. He said that he was very excited because of the great response he has received from various individuals and organizations assisting in the recent pursuit to blaze trails and install bridging within the park. He mentioned and thanked the various people and individuals involved. The SB Chair, Pete Foote, expressed appreciation for Mr. Seekins' efforts and asked him to thank the committee for all they have done. The Town manager asked Mr. Seekins if he had all the pertinent permits for the anticipated work to be done. Mr. Seekins noted that he is working with the CEO regarding the respective permits.

Bill noted that he would be talking with Robin Tobey about modifications to the road entering the park and would return to inform the Board about the plans for the road.

- **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 a full load of cardboard is scheduled to be sold on the commodities market this week and also a load of the more valuable metals will be sold. Paul also noted that approximately 40 gaylords of plastics are also ready to be sent to market as soon as they can be picked up.

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- **KVCOG, RSU#18, and CCD Updates – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented briefly about the RSU#18 and KVCOG current events and meeting dates. She went on to summarize the events that took place during China Community Days. Irene noted that monetary donations were good enough to fund the various events and, though not high attendance at most events, all went quite smoothly. Particularly good comments was made about the fireworks and about the positive response to the China Lake Access Feasibility presentation.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract - Shelly Winchenbach – Next Steps:** Shelly Winchenbach, Director of Government Relations at Time-Warner Cable spoke with SB about the upcoming contract renewal between Time-Warner Cable and the Town of China. The existing contract matures in March of 2014.
- **Civil Constable – Mike Tuminaro:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Mr. Tuminaro as a Civil Constable for the Town of China.
- **Tim Theriault – Chief CVVFD:** Mr. Theriault did not attend the meeting and therefore the SB was not able to pursue this agenda item.

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 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and the Economic & Community Development Committee, Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the town office:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **November Election:** The Town Manager noted that nomination papers for respective elected positions are currently available and that those papers and any wording for ballot items needs to be in the possession of the Town Clerk by Friday, September 20, 2013.
- **Solid Waste Flow & Control Ordinance – Revised Recommended Copy Next Meeting:** It was noted by the Town Manager that a draft copy of proposed revisions may be available by the next SB meeting. It will be sent to the SB if finalized before the meeting.
- **Public Hearing – Branch Pond Water Level Regime – Where and When:** The Town Manager noted that the Maine DEP will be holding two public hearings on the Branch Pond Water Level on Friday, August, 23, 2013 at the China Middle School. At 9:00 a.m. the MDEP will be hearing testimony from the petitioners. An evening session will begin

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at 6:00 p.m. to receive testimony from the general public. Both sessions will be open to the public. Written comments may also be submitted to the MDEP.

- **Foreclosure Sales – Sealed Bid - Next Steps:** It was noted that the sealed bids are due back in the town office by August 30, 2013.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-1(Foote)-2(Hughes, MacDonald) to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1500 from the Lake Access Reserve Account in the Reserve Fund for a mailing initiative by the CLAFC.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Manager to transfer funds in the Dinsmore Indigent Fund Account at Kennebec Savings Bank to a new account to be set up at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. The reason for the transfer was one of convenience. The interest rates at the two banks are comparable.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene I. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board