

# TOWN OF CHINA



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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/26/2013 – 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 Patrick Guerette, Ross Nason, Victor Montminy, Dale Worster, John Henninger, Bob Fletcher, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Victor Montminy.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/17/2013, 08/01/2013, and 08/12/2013 Select Board meetings as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the \$2,807.03, CRLA Payroll Warrant #15 for \$1,041.71 and Payables Warrant #16 for \$56,749.54 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

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

### Recycling Report -

**Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items:** Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about the MRRA Annual Business meeting.

- **KVCOG, RSU#18 Updates – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board and those in attendance at the meeting with a summary of the meetings coming up in the near future for both the KVCOG and RSU#18. She noted the KVCOG has an annual meeting scheduled for September that would address the future direction of the agency under the new executive director.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Tim Theriault – Chief CVVFD:** Mr. Theriault was not available for the meeting.
- **Vic Montminy – China Lake Issues:** Lakeside resident Mr. Victor Montminy made recommendations to the SB that he felt would improve the clarity of water in China Lake. He suggested that there be a reintroduction of alewives into the lake and the reviving the white sucker population, asserting that both will help eliminate algae from the lake. Montminy said that

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one source of Alewives could come from Three Mile Pond. He went on to say he is trying to find out whether the state DOT received an environmental permit to reconstruct Route #3, the project he asserted blocked the natural water flow between Three Mile Pond and China Lake.

Mr. Montminy further recommended the SB petition the state Department of Environmental Protection to amend its China Lake water level order to allow natural fluctuations; impose speed limits on power boats near the shore to reduce erosion; and oxygenate the water in China Lake. The Select board discussed talking with the KWD and the DEP about amended lake level regulations and talking with the IF&W about suckers. Mr. Nason of KVCOG volunteered to help add a near-shore speed limit to China's shore-land zoning ordinance. The SB did not take any action on any of the topics discussed.

- **Abatements & Supplementals:** This item was processed during the Assessors' meeting following the regular SB meeting.

## **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, September 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **November Election:** The Town Manager noted the date, place and times of the election. He also noted that nomination papers have been available and that they and questions properly worded need to be returned to the town office by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Information on the election can be obtained by calling the town office or by bisiting the town's Web site.
- **Solid Waste Flow & Control Ordinance – Revised Recommended Draft Working Document:** The discussion about municipal solid waste was based on plans to revise and update the town's Solid Waste Flow Control and solid Waste ordinances. The Transfer Station Committee had been meeting for over a year and, upon completing their assignment, produced a list of recommendations to the SB regarding the operations of the transfer station for implementation. Ross Nason, environmental planner for the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments presented suggestions for amending China's ordinances based on information supplied to him by the Town Manager that included the Transfer Station Committee's recommendations and previous Select Board consensus opinions on what needed to be changed. Ross also suggested changes that would bring the town ordinances into line with current state regulations. The major new proposal is the addition of mandatory recycling in the solid Waste Disposal Ordinance. The discussion on this topic revolved around what items should be required to be recycled and what the ordinance would say about recommending additional recycling.

Mr. Nason did present information on the advantages of a pay-per-bag disposal system, also

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known as PAYT, for mixed waste that is disposed of into the hopper. He provided the Board with handouts that displayed the savings and revenues generated by implementing various options in a pay-as-you-throw program. Ross also provided the Board with a hand-out that summarized an analyses of solid waste management in the town of China with the purpose of reducing costs and increasing recycling. The SB will decide if any ordinance changes will be included on the November ballot for voters to consider. The Chair thanked Mr. Nason for his efforts on behalf of the town.

Mr. Nason agreed to send the Town manager and the Board a software program that would assist in the analyses of different programs that could be implemented to reduce costs and increase revenues and increase recycling. The program would summarize the results of different options if chosen.

- **Public Hearing – Branch Pond Water Level Regime:** The date, place, and times of the two-part public hearing were announced. The Town Manager said that he expects to attend part of the morning hearing of the interveners.
- **Foreclosure Sales – Sealed Bid:** It was noted that the bids are due in the town office by the end of the day on August 30, 2013.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract:** The Town Manager noted that the contract expires in 201. The Board existing before the last contract was signed appointed a group of citizens with the authority of negotiating with Time-Warner. The results of the negotiations accommodated an agreement between the town and TW. The results of that contract are on file and exist until the new contract takes effect.

In other business, Patrick Guerette from the Alford Youth Center, summarized early planning for the second annual Pond Hockey Tournament to be held on China Lake. The tournament is scheduled for February 7, 8, and 9, 2014 and registrations will open in mid-September. Mr. Guerette hopes to enroll more than the 14 teams competing in the first annual tournament and to add a youth division.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-2(Foote/MacDonald) to authorize the Town manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Eliza Denoeux, the professional fund-raiser, to assist the China Lake Access Feasibility Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene I. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign a BYOB party at The Cabins at China Lake to run from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Selectperson Steven Hughes asked that the Town Manager find out whether the oil pipeline running through China has been stress tested every five years as Steve noted is required.

Chairperson peter Foote noted that the Planning Board would be holding a public hearing on the recommended changes to the conditional use criteria in a Planning Board permit application on

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Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the town office.

The Town manager noted that tax bills have been sent out. He went on to note that taxpayers for the most part might be pleasantly surprised when comparing their tax bill from last year to the current bill.

It was announced that the State of Maine, Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry announced that the Maine Board of Pesticide Control will team up with the Maine DEP to dispose of banned pesticides. The free program is open to homeowners, family-owned farms and greenhouses. All people have to do is register by September 27, 2013. Sites for collection throughout the state will be announced at a later time.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting  
08/26/2013

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to open the Assessors' meeting at 9:35 p.m. Assessors present were Peter Foote, Steven Hughes, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger, and Paul MacDonald. Others present were the Town Manager.

1. Abatement(s): On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatements and supplemental tax assessments as presented. Copies will be on file at the town office.

Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary

**MAINE DEPT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

STATE OF MAINE  
*Liquor Licensing & Inspection Division*  
164 State House Station  
Augusta ME 04333-0164  
Tel: (207) 624-7220 Fax: (207) 287-3424



**APPLICATION FOR B.Y.O.B. FUNCTION**

**\$10.00 (Per Day)**

**Check Payable: Treasurer State of Maine**

Name of Applicant The Cabins at China Lake  
Address 1270 Lakeview Dr Town/City: China State: ME  
Telephone (Day) 207 968-2581 Fax: 978 464-0162  
If Organization, name of person responsible: Vivian Bisbee  
Birth of Date of Applicant(s): 5/12/60  
Location of Function: ~~1270 Dr~~ The Cabins at China Lake  
Address: 1270 Lakeview Dr City/Town: China, ME  
Describe specific area to be licensed: lodge  
Date of Function: 9/29/13 Time - From: 10 am To: 10 pm  
Number of Persons attending: 75  
Theron Bisbee 8/25/13  
Signature of Person Responsible Date  
Vivian Bisbee  
Print Name of Person Responsible

**FOR USE ONLY BY DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY - LIQUOR LICENSING  
RESTRICTIONS:**

[ ] **APPROVED - PERMIT #** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] **NOT APPROVED** **ISSUED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is not assignable and is valid for use only by the applicant named hereon for the date, time, and location indicated hereon. This permit is issued subject to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Division and is issued subject to the penalties as provided for in Title 28A, Chapter 33.

**NOTE:**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

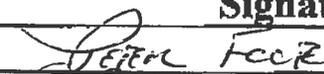
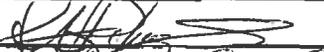
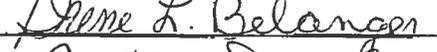
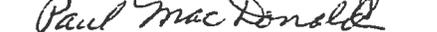
This application must be approved by the Municipal Officers of the municipality in which the function is to be held or, if held in an unincorporated place, by the County Commissioner. Title 28A, Section 1076, Subsection 7D grant authority for this approval without public notice.

**STATE OF MAINE**

Dated at: CHAINA, Maine KENNEBEC SS  
City/Town  
 On: 08/26/2013  
Date

The undersigned being:  Municipal Offices  County Commissioners of the  
 City  Town  Plantation  Unincorporated Place of: CHAINA, Maine

Hereby certify that we have given public notice on this application and held public hearing thereon as required by Section 653 Title 28A, Maine Revised Statutes and hereby approve said application.

Signature	Print
	Peter Focar
	STEVEN R. HUGHES
	JOANN C. AUSTIN
	Irene L. Belanger
	PAUL MAC DONALD

**72 Hours in Advance of Said Event or Gathering  
 REQUESTED**