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Executive Session

08/27/2012

6:30 P.M.

– Pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405(A) and/or (E) Enforcement Item
Fire Road 60 – Order of Condemnation

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to go into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405(E) Enforcement relating to and Order of Condemnation at Fire Road #60.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-2(Foote, Austin) to come out of Executive Session and proceed to the regular Select Board meeting.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/27/2012 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to go accept/approve and sign the Order to Vacate as presented. This order relates to a property at Fire Road #60. The order demands the property be vacated by Sunday, September 30, 2012 with the possibility of a two week extension without any additional extensions. The Board discussed the order with Judy Farris, owner of the property, and her son-in-law Larry Racliff.

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 Scott A. Pierz, David Herard, Margaret Herard, Bob Williams, Dale Worster, Erasmo Gonzalez, Judith Farris, Larry Racliff, Sheri Wilkens, Janet Preston, 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 Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 08/13/2012 Select Board meeting as presented.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steve Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #13 for \$19,078.93, Payroll Warrant #14 for \$2,854.73, and Payable Warrant #15 for \$86,647.63 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time representatives of China Rescue, Inc. asked to speak with the Board. David Herard, representing China Rescue, using what he thought was \$3,000 from the group's 2011 budget. Members of China Rescue wanted the Select Board to make a payment to China Rescue to be deposited into China Rescue's "Memorial" account and to be used and disbursed to members for reimbursement toward their gas costs. Select Board chairperson Peter Foote reminded Mr. Herard that the Select Board was not in favor of reimbursements and that voters at the 2012 Town Meeting also expressed their disfavor about reimbursements. The topic will be on the September 10, 2012 agenda for further discussion.
- **Plowing Bids 2012-2014 – Contract Signing:** The Town Manager noted he is working on the wording of the contract language.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items:

Selectperson and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald reported on the commodities market and the preparation of loads at the transfer station ready for sale on the market. Paul noted the price for recycled commodities continues to go down.

In other business, Paul noted that cameras are being installed at the transfer station. He went on to say that the Transfer Station Committee is looking at a punch card he proposed using to replace to open transfer station day.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Lake Access Committee Presentation/Update:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0-1(Foote) to go-ahead to send a proposed and conditional purchase and sale agreement to the owners of The Cabins on China Lake, formerly Candlewood. The Chair of the Select Board, Peter Foote, wants to have a detailed cost estimate for operating the recreation area.

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Sheri Wilkens, speaking for the Lake Access Feasibility Committee, assured the SB that the committee is engaged in a lot of homework: drafting the P&S Agreement with contingencies such as SB and voter approval; checked records to make certain voters have authorized the SB to proceed to seek lake access property; obtained information about insurance not impacting the town's current liability insurance; began collecting estimated costs for everything the committee can think of from buying the property to mowing the grounds to stringing buoys; and researching through the MMA legal group and finding that donations to the town are likely to be deemed tax deductible. The committee will be publicizing their efforts in the newspaper.

Sheri went on to note that the committee is also not limiting its search. The group has been looking at other properties and comparing those properties with The Cabins in terms of value and potential return on investment.

Selectperson Paul MacDonald said that the Lake Access Feasibility Committee is the most enthusiastic committee he has ever been on.

- **Appointments – Public Information Officer and Building Inspector(s) (Deputies) and Official Representatives to KVCOG:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Belanger) to appoint Irene Belanger as China's official representative on the KVCOG Board.

The Board did not appoint any additional building inspectors or public information officers at this time. There was discussion about third party inspectors. China's CEO noted that third party inspectors have been hard to find and that there is currently a small backlog of building permits needing to be processed and dependent on having a third party inspector engaging in the respective permit applications. The Town Manager and CEO will continue to pursue this issue and move the permitting process ahead as quickly as possible. It was noted that people have fulfilled the required certifications to become third party inspectors though have yet to set up their business to offer services. Some have noted the uncertain cost of doing business as a factor holding them from establishing a business.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee Presentation/Update – at the Next SB Meeting.**

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- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, September 05, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday August 31, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the respective meetings were announced. It was noted that some of the committees do not meet regularly and have postponed some meetings because of the busy summer.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining:** The Board agreed to review their accomplishments and also agreed to set additional priorities as their meeting schedule allowed.
- **RSU #18 Budget Voting Timeline:** It was noted that information will be forthcoming from the RSU#18 office regarding the next steps in the budget process. The information will be sent on to the SB when received. It was also noted that there is a governance meeting scheduled for August 30, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in Oakland.
- **Emergency Services PSAP and Dispatch – Emergency Services Personnel in China (Next Deliberations):** Chairperson Peter Foote asked the Board members if they were ready to make a decision on which agency or agencies will answer E-911 calls and provide dispatch services for China. By consensus the Board authorized the Town Manager to speak with appropriate people in Waterville and Somerset County about lower charges for the respective services they each provide.

In other business the Board: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steve Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign a Quit-Claim Deed for Jon Ames as presented. A copy will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Steve Hughes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board