

TOWN OF CHINA

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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/03/2015 – 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, and Amber McAllister. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Selectperson Neil Farrington served as Chairperson in the absence of Selectperson Joan C. Austin. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Amber McAllister.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/27/2015 Select Board meeting as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
2015-2016 Municipal Tax Commitment: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign the Certificate of Commitment, the Assessors' Certification of Assessment, the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant and the Certificate of Assessment to be Returned to the Municipal Treasurer as presented, officially setting the mil rate in China at 15.6 mils per \$1000 of valuation, or \$15.60 per \$1000 of valuation.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign a letter to be included in the mailing of the tax bills explaining the reasons for the increase in the mil rate by .5 mils.

- **Town Fees – Recommended Changes/Additions:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of proposed fee structure for having the town's CEO, Paul Mitnik, do building inspections required under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). China residents have had to contract with third party inspectors to do the inspections up to this time. The town's CEO is certified appropriately and has time to do some of the inspections. Third party inspectors will still be available if the town is not able to keep up with the demand. The fees set by the town are considerably lower than typical fees charged by third party inspectors.

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In other business, the Board decided to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 to approve of payroll and payables warrants. Their next evening meeting will be on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. That meeting will be preceded by a Public Hearing on a request for an ATV or Snowmobile access route by the China Four Seasons Club to the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office in Augusta. The China Four Seasons Club wishes to apply for an access route on Lakeview Drive. The Select Board unanimously endorsed the request at a June 2015 meeting and sent a letter of support to the State Department of Transportation.

On a motion by Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A McAllister", is written over a horizontal line.

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board