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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/12/2010 – 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, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Jamie Pitney, Scott A. Pierz, Tom Richards, Helen Hanson, Charles H. Plumer, Frederick Hayden, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Helen Hanson. Selectperson Irene Belanger was acting Chairperson for the meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul Macdonald and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 08/29/2011 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Warrant #16 Payroll for \$50.05 Warrant #17 Payroll for \$271.27, Warrant #18 Payroll for \$191.88, Warrant #19 Payroll for \$18,610.47 and Payable Warrants #20 for \$373,683.53.

Unfinished Business:

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

Recycling Report - Neil Farrington: Recycling Coordinator Neil Farrington updated the Board on the recyclables that were sent out for sale to the commodities market. He noted that a partial load of recyclables was sold to Casella that would produce a reasonable return as the market for recyclables seems to be going down on a per ton basis.

Selectperson Farrington also noted that he and the Town Manager met with the Headmaster of Erskine Academy and talked about the potential of receiving recyclables from Erskine Academy. He went on to note that RSU #18 is bringing the China Schools' recyclables to the China Transfer Station.

Selectperson Neil Farrington also noted that there been improvements in recycling processing efficiencies as a result of using the new horizontal baler. He said that it takes approximately 30 minutes to produce a bale with the horizontal baler. Neil also noted that gaylords are now used for newspaper and mixed paper, reducing handling costs and improving the convenience of recycling for users.

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Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented that the town should continue to engage in the education of the residents about recycling opportunities.

Transfer Station Ordinance Review – SB Initial Discussions/Deliberation and

Survey Review: The Board briefly discussed asking voters on the November Ballot to amend the town's Solid Waste Control ordinance to make cardboard recycling mandatory.

Information about the recent Transfer Station Survey will be forthcoming in late September or in October.

- **China Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Update/Needs**: This item was discussed under new business below.

New Business:

- **Public Comment**: There was not any public comment at this time.
- **November Referendum Election – Local Items, 1. (FEMA Definitions, Amending Chapter 11, in Floodplain Management Ordinance) 2. Other**: It was noted that China elections are scheduled for November 8, 2011. The Select Board noted that Chairperson Peter Foote asked to be present when voting on the November ballot questions and they honored that request.

There was brief discussion on the Flood Plain Management Ordinance, Selectperson Joann Austin noting that there could be some confusion caused by grouping definitions in only one chapter. She suggested that the definitions specific to a certain part of the Land Development Code should note that they are specific to that respective section. As noted, The Board would wait until the special meeting to further discuss and vote on the respective ballot questions.

A majority of the Implementation Committee members agreed to make a request for additional to the Select Board and to ask them to place a question on the November ballot to ask voters to appropriate the funds requested. The Committee felt they needed \$3,750 in additional funds to continue revising the town's land Development Code. Committee member Jamie Pitney presented a detailed proposal; \$2,500 for consultation with Frank O'Hara of Planning Decisions, Inc. for services beyond the initial contract; \$1,000 for additional maps; and \$250 for outreach/publicity.

Implementation Committee Co-Chairperson Rick Hayden told the Select Board the Committee does not need any more money. He went on to say that that the next step is for Committee members to provide Mr. O'Hara written comments on the draft ordinance revisions he Mr. O'Hara prepared. Mr. Hayden continued to note that Mr. O'Hara would incorporate those comments into a final draft, go over the final document with Committee members, help the Committee members

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present the final document to the China Planning Board, and thus complete the contract with PDI.

The Implementation Committee majority decided to review the draft as a group and to develop consensus comments to send to Mr. O'Hara, a process the Committee would like to extend further if funds are appropriated. The Select Board and IC members discussed relevant issues for approximately an hour. The next available time for a special meeting appeared to be on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. The Select Board tentatively scheduled a meeting for 6:30 p.m. on that day, also tentatively to be followed by a Budget Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. if needed. A Budget Committee recommendation would be needed on any Question going to voters and requesting an appropriation. At the special meeting, the Select Board might also look at other potential November 8, 2011 ballot questions.

The Select Board expected a representative from the Thurston Park II Committee to present a request for funds for that Committee's work. There was not anyone present at the meeting. It is expected that a representative would be available at the special meeting on September 20, 2011.

- **General Assistance Ordinance – Appendixes Amendments:** It was noted that General Assistance amendments will be considered at a meeting in late September or early October.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event – Date, Time, Drop-Off Location:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of the annual household hazardous waste collection that will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon on October 15, 2011 at the Winslow public works building, and further not to exceed \$1800 as China's participation in the event. Residents must register through the China Transfer Station. Selectperson Paul MacDonald commented about the cost of the event. It was noted that the traditional amount the town has paid did not exceed \$1200.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** The Town Manager noted that he includes the summary sheet as an incentive to move forward on some of the priorities established by the Select Board and that there has been a good deal of progress in the past year on meeting some of the goals.

Public Officials Training

Public Access to China Lake – Appraisal of Cabins/Candlewood

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Recycling

Regional Initiatives

Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance Revisions – Mandatory Recycling of Cardboard: This item was discussed at an earlier time in the meeting.

Administrative Organizational Structure – Personnel

Recreational Options

Field Search – Photo Sent to SB

Causeway and SC Boat Landing Focus

Thurston Park/Gravel/Recreation (Additional Field)/Other

Village(s) Development

Historical/Traditional

Economic Development

Elderly Housing

Infrastructure/Capital Investment – Portable Classroom Usage

Committees: Implementation Committee – Thursday, September 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Library Services Committee – Meeting, Friday,

September 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Office (Back) Meeting Room,

Thurston Park II, Tuesday, September 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the town office: The dates, times and places were announced for the respective committee meetings.

Transfer Station Survey – Preliminary Findings: The Town Manager noted that there would be a report forthcoming in late November or early October.

Time-Warner Cable Contract – Will Need to Negotiate Soon – Committee Considerations:

It as again noted that negotiations would need to be held in the near future and that the Select Board will need to appoint a committee for that purpose.

November Referendum Election – Timeline and Important Dates to Remember: The elections are scheduled for November 8, 2011 and the Town Manager noted that all items for inclusion on the ballot need to be presented in final form to the town office by the end of the day on September 23, 2011.

Implementation Committee and China Land Development Code Recommended Revisions:

A tentative Committee meeting schedule was presented to the Select Board.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to waive a Public Hearing and approved a liquor license for the China Dina-ah on Lakeview Drive. The Board also signed a letter to the State Department of Transportation requesting traffic studies on Lakeview Drive and at the intersection of the Dirigo Road and U. s. Route #3.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

China Board of Assessor's Meeting
09/12/2011
Monday Evening

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger opened the Assessors' meeting at 8:49 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign an abatement as presented. A copy of the abatement is on file at the town office. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
Secretary China Board of Assessors