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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/19/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Kevin Rhoades, Tim Grotton, Mark Davis, Paul Lucas, Frank Soares, Edward Brownell, Wayne Chadwick, Lee Buzzell, Lynne O'Connor, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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 09/06/2016 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #18 for \$21,973.53, Warrant #19 CBI and YCC Payroll Warrant for \$100.65 and Town Payables Warrant #20 for \$78,597.37 as presented. Selectperson Ronald R. Breton requested that the payroll pay period be designated on the payroll warrants or that the Board be informed when being sent the payroll warrants for review.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation and Organization/Other Reports:**
Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the on the current events relating to respective organizations. Selectperson Ronald R. Breton reported on the "Cost Sharing Committee" work with the RSU#18.
Transfer Station Operating Hours – TSC Recommendation: On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the recommended days/hours of operation at the transfer station as recommended by the TSC to become effective November 25, 2016 conditioned upon the Transfer Station Ordinance amendments are approved by voters at the November 2016 referendum election. The new operating hours and days would be MTFS from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.
- **Registrar of Voters and Town Clerk Office Hours For the November Ballot:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Clerk to appoint Kelly Grotton as Warden for the November 8, 2016 referendum election. The Board signed the respective documents.

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On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Clerk to set the Registrar of Voters and Town Clerk hours during the week preceding the election as proposed and presented. The Board signed the respective documents.

- **November Ballot Items – Final Draft of Warrant/Ballot Language:** The following reflects the votes and deliberations relative to the specific referenced Article numbers on the presented draft Warrant for the November 8, 2016 ballot. The original draft and final copy of the proposed Articles will be included with these minutes as part of the official record.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Articles #3 and #4 as amended and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of “Yes”, and further to accept and sign the associated Municipal Officers Certifications of Official Text of the Proposed Ordinances as Amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #5 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of “Yes, and further to accept and sign the associated Municipal Officers Certification of Official Text of the Proposed Ordinance.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 not to move the Article #6 as proposed to the November 8, 2016 ballot. Selectperson Ronald R. Breton initially recommended that the Board consider not placing an amount in the Article #6 as they considered moving it to the November 8, 2016 ballot. The Board ultimately felt the number requested for the property was too high and the seller was not willing to negotiate the selling price.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-1(Breton) to accept Article #7 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of “Yes. Selectperson Ronald R. Breton expressed that the town did not need the property.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #8 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of “Yes.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #9 as amended and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of “Yes. The Board discussed what the \$18,000 might be used for at the transfer station when considering the language in the Article that references capital purchases and repairs.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #10 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of "Yes. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger expressed that the KVCOG might be helpful with this initiative and also offset some of the costs associated with the surveys and demographic studies. Selectperson Joann C. Austin commented that the aging in place initiatives would be on voters' minds and that might promote discussion in town.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Article #11 as amended and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of "Yes.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-2(Farrington, MacFarland) to accept Article #12 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of "Yes.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 1(Austin)-3-1(Belanger) to accept Article #13 as presented and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of "Yes. On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-1(Austin) to accept Article #13 as amended and to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot with a recommendation of "Yes.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-2(Farrington, Austin) to set the Public Hearing on all the November 8, 2016 ballot Articles for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at either the CMS or CPS to be followed by the regular SB meeting.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II, Economic and Community Development Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 10:15 A.M. in the Town Office.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **HHW Collection Day – Particulars of the Offering:** The particulars of the offering were announced.
- **Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, October 22, 2016:** The particulars of the offering were announced.

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- **China Police and Property Check Initiative:** The Board, by consensus, approved of the proposal by the China Police Department to initiate a camp and property check program as presented. Copies of the proposal are on file at the town office.
- **Eagle Award:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger was recognized for receiving the 2016 Alumni Eagle Award (from the Oakland/Williams High School/Messalonskee Schools Alumni Association) presented to a person who provides outstanding service to community.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 5-0 to nominate Selectperson Irene L. Belanger as a candidate on the MRC, Inc. Board of Directors for a seat that will expire on December 31, 2016, the term of office will run from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

At this time Mr. Lee Buzzell and Mr. Wayne Chadwick informed the Board about their experiences with meeting with the Assessors' Agent. Mr. Chadwick spoke about an adjustment that was made to his property value relating to being assessed for a building that was on his parents' land. Mr. Buzzell made comments about the increase in his tax billing and the visit to his property by the town's Assessors' Agent. Mr. Buzzell asked about access to fee schedules for permits and definitions of certain taxable structures. He went on to say that the Assessors' Agent apparently visited his property while he was not home, commenting "If I had been there and found him looking over my property, it probably would have been a 911 call." Mr. Buzzell further noted that he checked with his attorney and was advised that the Assessors' Agent had the legal right to enter onto his property and that he (Mr. Buzzell) had the legal right to go to jail to protect his property and that he will use that right.

The Town Manager told Mr. Buzzell that the town respected every taxpayer in China and that the Assessors' Agent's actions were meant to accomplish what he was hired to accomplish. The Board told Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Buzzell that their comments were duly noted and the circumstances would be reviewed.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene L. Belanger".

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board