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Select Board Meeting

Tuesday – 09/20/2011 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:30 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Jamie Pitney, Kyle Pierce, Carlaine Bovio, Scott A. Pierz, Charles H. Plumer, Bill Seekins, Robert Batteese, Sheryl Peavey, Greg Pizzo, Tim Theriault, Linda Gosselin, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Jamie Pitney.

There were not any minutes of previous meetings available for acceptance.

Unfinished 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): On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-1 (Austin) to approve of and include the Question as recommended on the November 8, 2011 ballot, with a recommendation of "YES". The particular writing of the Question is included on the Warrant for the November 8, 2011 Warrant and also kept on file at the town office.

Selectperson Joann C. Austin expressed concern about having definitions grouped in one chapter. She noted that certain definitions might only have specific relevance and meaning to one particular section of the Land Development Code. She provided the Board with an example; the definition of manufactured home in the Floodplain Ordinance would only have significance to that section as the definition of manufactured home is defined differently with reference to another section of the LDC.

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2. Other, Request For Funds Regarding China Comprehensive Plan Implementation

Initiatives: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-1(MacDonald) to approve of and include a Question on the November 8, 2011 ballot, with a recommendation of "YES" as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount up to \$7,500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of **IMPLEMENTING PARTS OF THE 2008 CHINA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** related to the Thurston Park II Committee and Implementation Committee and said funds to be expended as deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town of China.

Explanation: Implementation Committee	\$3,500
Implementation Committee Outreach	\$2,000
Thurston Park Committee	\$2,000

Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

The Select Board asked the Town Manager to explain what the \$7,500 request would potentially be used for. The Town Manager responded the \$3,500 would be for use by the Implementation Committee for additional meetings with Planning Decisions, Inc. and re-writes of the land Development Code and for additional district maps. \$2,000 would be used for outreach after completion of the revisions to the Land Development Code. Voters would need to be informed about the progress of the proposed revisions. \$2,000 would be used for the Thurston Park II Committee in their process for applying for grants or for advertising fund raising activities.

Selectperson Paul MacDonald commented about the amount already expended on the effort to amend parts of the China Land Development Code. He said the Committee has spend significantly more than the \$11,000 for contracted services with Planning Decisions, Inc. He estimated that \$3,000-\$4000 more dollars has been expended up to this point and that the Committee needed to do more work on its own before contracting our more work.

Thurston Park II Chairperson William Seekins explained that the Committee is seeking a grant to develop trails in the Park. He went on to say that before trail work can start, the north access road needs to be improved. The Committee hopes to raise the money for the road work; one suggestion was to hold a charity golf tournament. The requested \$2000 appropriation would be used to organize and advertize one or more fund raisers and it

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would be repaid if the fundraisers are successful. The funds raised would not go to the Committee to spend, but rather expenditures would have to be approved by the Select Board in advance of any expenditure.

The Select Board debated whether or not to combine two requested appropriation requests into one ballot question or whether there should be two questions on the ballot. They ultimately agreed on clearer wording for a single ballot question. Members of both Committees suggested one article would be appropriate and acceptable. The Board ultimately reworded the Question as written in the motion noted immediately below.

On a motion y Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-1(MacDonald) to send the Warrant for the Municipal Election as amended to the November 8, 2011 Ballot. A copy of the amended Warrant is attached to these minutes and also kept on file at the town office. The specific wording, as amended, of each Question is included in the Warrant for the Municipal Election on November 8, 2011.

The Board Chair allowed residents to comment about the respective appropriation requests.

New Business:

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

Manager's Report:

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

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Town of China
Warrant for the Municipal Election

November 8, 2011

To Julie Finley, a resident of the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the China Town Office in said Town of China on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, A.D. 2011 at 6:55 in the morning to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to elect municipal officers using the Australian System and to vote on two municipal questions.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as appears on the ballot, using the secret ballot, as directed and provided by statute.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to **AMEND THE CHINA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**, Chapter 11, Definitions, by adopting required definitions of the Federal Emergency Management Agency pertaining to Chapter 5, Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Planning Board recommends: Ought to Pass
Select Board recommends: Yes

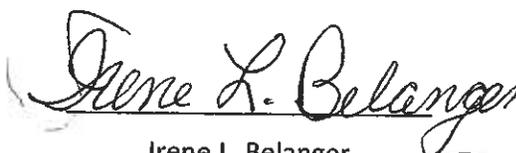
Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount up to \$7,500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of **IMPLEMENTING PARTS OF THE 2008 CHINA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** related to the Thurston Park II Committee and Implementation Committee and said funds to be expended as deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town of China.

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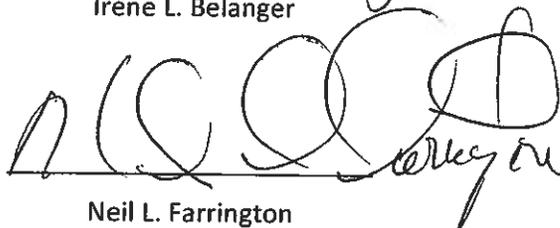
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

**On Election Day (November 8, 2011), absentee ballots will be processed at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

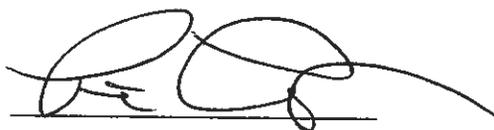
Given under our hands this 20th day of September, AD 2011



Irene L. Belanger

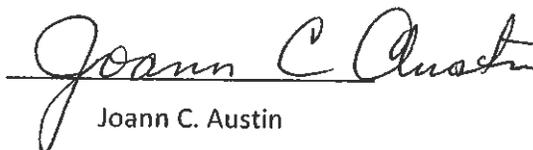


Neil L. Farrington



Peter G. Foote

Paul E. MacDonald



Joann C. Austin