

TOWN OF CHINA

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Public Hearings 09/21/2015

6:45 P.M. - November 3, 2015 Ballot Questions:

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:45 p.m. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was general discussion about the reasons for proposing the changes to the Ordinances below. The Board received questions from the audience and responded appropriately.

Shall the voters of the Town of China vote to repeal the 1974 vote establishing the Recreation Committee, and further shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of China Recreation Committee Ordinance" be enacted?

Shall the voters of the Town of China vote to repeal the Town of China Quorum Requirement Ordinance amended on June 10, 2008, and further shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of China Quorum Requirement Ordinance" be enacted?

Shall the voters of the Town of China vote to repeal the Town of China Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Parks & Trails Tobacco-Free/Tobacco Litter-Free Ordinance amended on June 10, 2014, and further shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of China Recreation Outdoor Tobacco-Free/Tobacco Litter-Free Ordinance" be enacted?

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

6:55 P.M. – General Assistance Appendices A-D: A – GA Overall Maximums; B – Food Maximums; C – GA Housing Maximums, and D – Utilities.

The Chair opened the Hearing at 6:55 p.m. The Town Manager explained the need for the adoption of the amendments/appendices.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/21/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M. – Opened at 7:13P.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 Joann C. Austin. Others present were Dale Worster, Albert W. Althenn, Peter McGuire, Ross Nason, Steve Lisauskas, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 09/07/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 3-0-1(MacFarland) to accept China Payroll Warrant #16 (FCBI/CRLA) for \$175.32, China Payroll Warrant #17 for \$22,139.65, China Payroll Warrant #18 for \$75.09, China Payroll Warrant #19 for \$3445.06, and Town Payables Warrant #20 for \$67,661.58 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** Mr. Albert W. Althenn addressed the Board at this time. Mr. Althenn expressed his opinion about law enforcement coverage in China by the KSO and SP and used a recent vandalism experience he had at one of his properties as an example of how he perceived law enforcement.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed:**
- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger:**
 - RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - RSU#18:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - EC&D Committee:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - K.V.C.O.G.:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - KRDA:** The Board decided to postpone the update to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **WasteZero Proposal.- Selectperson Neil Farrington and Steve Lisauskas/WasteZero:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the contract as presented by WasteZero and authorized the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the town in execution of the contract to provide public information and other assistance up to the end of March 2016 and

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further, if approved by the voters at the Annual Town Business Meeting in 2016, to perhaps institute a pay-per-throw policy at the China Transfer Station. Under the proposed program, China transfer station users would be required to dispose of municipal solid waste in a Town of China trash bag purchased locally.

The Company, WasteZero, will charge the town of China \$4300 for its public information services before the March Annual Town Business Meeting. This sum will be reimbursed if voters approve a PPT initiative and WasteZero continues to manage the program.

WasteZero spokesperson Steve Lisauskas said the program is aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling. The result would be a significant monetary savings to the town and an added benefit to the environment. Mr. Lisauskas emphasized two main points: solid waste disposal is not a free service as it is paid for through local tax billings; and a pay-per-throw program is a fair system that obligates those who generate the most waste pay the most for disposal. He went on to note that the household that generates one bag of trash per week ultimately subsidizes households that generate a dozen bags, through property taxes.

If voters approve of the agreement, it is possible that the China Select Board would tentatively plan to have WasteZero provide Town of China bags through area stores and to offer more than one size bag. The larger the bag, the higher the cost for the bag. The proceeds from bag sales, less a small fee, would be set aside in a separate fund that would reimburse transfer station users; possibly people who are eligible for a homestead exemption if the proposal Select Board member Neil Farrington proposes. Details of the plan would be worked-out before the March Annual Town Business Meeting.

Ross Nason, an environmental planner with the Kennebec County Council of Governments, commented that he thought the presentation by Mr. Lisauskas was accurate and honest. Nason and Lisauskas agreed that despite anecdotal evidence, statistics show that there is not any long-term increase in the illegal dumping of trash. The Select Board asked MR. Nason to continue to assist and advise the town as the program proceeds toward the town vote.

- **Foreclosed Upon Property – Litchfield Lane:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to Mr. Litchfield indicating that his application for an abatement of the 2013 taxes on the Litchfield Lane property is not a legitimate request and therefore it cannot be accepted by the Board for consideration. This item would normally be addressed at an Assessors' meeting.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Adoption of Appendices A-D of the General Assistance Ordinance:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign and adopt the appendices as presented, copies to be on file at the town office.
- **Policies and Procedures:** It was noted that the town continues to review and add to the policies on record.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings and Updates: Thurston Park II TBD 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M., Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Tuesday of the Month in 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Economic and Community Development Committee, First and Third Thursday of the Month, Time 6:30 P.M., Announced.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Free E-Waste Day and HHW Disposal Event:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and the Town Manager announced the two opportunities to dispose of household hazardous waste, expired medications, electronics, and computer peripherals.
- **November Election Timeline, Open Positions and November Ballot Items:** All information relevant to the November election was announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** On a motion by Selectperson and a second by Selectperson, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Dale Worster to the TIF Committee.
- **Police Position Update – Initial Recommendation and Funding:** Selectpersons Joann Austin and Robert MacFarland noted that the Committee has been making progress and that they will be making a formal recommendation at the next regularly held SB meeting on October 19, 2015.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the paper-work associated with the posting of the November ballot.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to execute the documents associated with the PaintCare Stewardship Program whereby the town will accept paint for disposal at the China transfer station and dispose of it through an agreement through PAINTCARE Inc. A copy of the agreement will be on file at the town office.

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On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of appropriating funds out of the Contingency line item for repair and rehabilitation of the fire pond at the CPS, to include the installation of a new fenced in area and dome dredging of the pond.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Lisa Kane to the China Board of Appeals.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the town a HHW Letter of Intent to a cost not to exceed \$1500. The HHW Day is being held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Winslow Public Works garage.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign the Municipal Officers' Notice of Public Hearing document related to the ballot items for November 2015.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Neil Farrington, Irene L. Belanger and Dale Worster to the Transfer Station Committee.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessor's Meeting
Monday
09/21/2015

1. **Abatements:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of the abatement request(s) as presented, copies to be on file at the town office. The Assessors' Agent reviewed the application and recommended approval.

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Adjourn On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board/Assessors'