

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/22/2014 – 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, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 09/08/2014 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #17 for \$19,667.58 and Town Payables Warrant #18 for \$488,612.96 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

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

### Recycling Report -

**Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items:** Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. Paul continued on noting that the transfer station was again in very clean condition and organized. He informed the Board of the significant amount of revenue received recently for selling tin cans and selling them on the commodities market.

Paul noted the upcoming MRC Annual Meeting at the Black Bear Inn located in Orono and said that he would be attending. Transfer station employees are not attending because there is not enough staff to cover the open hours for them to attend.

Selectperson MacDonald asked the Board to consider the re-activation of the Transfer Station Committee. He reasoned that there are many changes taking place in the processing of MSW between now and 2018 and that the town needed to look into the options available to keep costs down. Paul would like to be on the committee.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger suggested that the town needed to promote recycling by advertising in newspapers, on the town's Web site and with more signs. She specifically suggested that the town should have an article in the Town Line newspaper weekly relating to current events in China and more specifically about recycling benefits.

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On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to “re-start” the Transfer Station Committee and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0. Chairperson Peter Foote suggested that the Committee and Select Board review the findings and recommendations of the past committee at the start of the convening of the new committee. Former members and other residents interested in being committee members are invited to contact the town office for consideration.

- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following;

**RSU#18:** Irene noted the focus within the RSU#18 on healthy foods and that a person from the RSU would be willing to come to the China schools to talk on the subject. She went on to comment that China school representatives reported positively about the progress and positive environment during the first days of school. Irene wished more of the public from China had attended a recent meeting of the RSU held in China.

**EC&D Committee:** Selectperson Belanger reported that Lucas Adams had been newly appointed to the Committee. She went on to note the Committee will continue to meet two times per month.

**Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce:** Irene commented about the Quarry Road Trails in Waterville and suggested that they could be used as a model for developing the trails in Thurston Park in China. She went on to report that there will not be an “Open House” gathering at Thurston Park for this year.

**K.V.C.O.G.:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG had used their revolving loan fund to extend credit to a local business, thus saving full time positions of employment locally.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Healthy Northern Kennebec – Award Presentation, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger presented an award to the Select Board and town that she received from HNK at a meeting of the HNK Board she attended recently. The award related to the promotion of the tobacco free environment in China. China voters recently approved a revised “Tobacco Free” ordinance at the polls.
- **November 4, 2014 Referendum Election Warrant Acceptance and Approval:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the November 4, 2014 Referendum Election Warrant as presented.
- **November 4, 2014 Referendum Election Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Hours, Acceptance and Approval:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the papers setting the Town Clerk and Registrars’ hours as recommended and presented.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, Location, Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Wednesday of the Month in 2014, 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., Location China Town Office Room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Agreement Conversation Continued:** The Board continued discussion of a Tax Increment Financing District for the expanded CMP transmission line. An insert in the Town Line is tentatively scheduled for inclusion in the edition in the week of September 28, 2014. A public forum is tentatively planned for the near future. Information on the financial impact will be discussed at the next SB meeting.
- **Executive Session – M.R.S.A.405 §6 (A) Personnel:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. pursuant to M. R. S. A. 405 §6 (A) Personnel.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m.

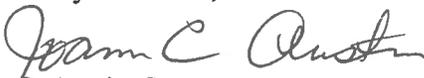
On a motion to accept, sign and execute a three-year contract for employment with the Town Manager by Selectperson Paul MacDonald with an amendment to note that the Town Manager is to notify the existing Board of the expiration date of the contract before the 90 day automatic renewal notice period referenced in the contract and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0.

In other business;

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign a Red Light Application from China Rescue for Shawn Esler. A copy of the application and approval documents will be kept on file at the town office.

On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board

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Assessors' Meeting  
09/22/2014

The Board Chair, Peter Foote, opened the Assessors' meeting at 8:44 p.m. Assessors present were Peter Foote, Amber McAllister, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger, and Paul MacDonald. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

## Agenda

### I. Abatement(s):

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented for Moran. A copy will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented for Pomerleau. A copy will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to deny the abatement as presented for Snell. A copy will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented for LaMarre. A copy will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatements as presented for Warren and Mathieu. Copies will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatements as presented for Clynk, Coca-Cola, and the Town of China. Copies will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatements as presented for the Town of China and Casey. Copies will be on file at the town office.

Adjourn: On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board of Assessors voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary