

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/26/2011 – 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, Neil Farrington, 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 Select Board member Neil Farrington.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 09/12/2011 and 09/20/2011 Select Board meetings as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #21 for \$15,580.56, and Payables Warrant #22 for \$202,699.20 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**  
**Recycling Report - Neil Farrington:** Mr. Farrington  
**Transfer Station Ordinance Review – SB Initial Discussions/Deliberation and Survey Review :** The board asked the Town Manager to draft wording to add to the ordinance that would make cardboard recycling mandatory in China. The Board intends to discuss additional proposed changes at later meetings.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event – Date, Time, and Drop-Off Location:** It was noted that the HHW event would take place on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Winslow Public Works Garage from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Appointments are necessary to participate. Residents may call the Transfer Station to register.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **General Assistance Ordinance – Appendixes Amendments:** It was noted that new amendments have been proposed and that the Board will need to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed changes. The Board, by consensus, agreed to hold the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011, prior to the regular Select Board meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments are on file at the town office.

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## **Manager's Report:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2011 Municipal Valuation Return:** (This item was moved to the "New business" section of the agenda.) On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the 2011 Municipal Valuation Return. The Town manager summarized the information in the Municipal Valuation Report.
- **Boston Post Cane Presentation:** The Town Manager noted that the Boston Post Cane was presented to Mary Halkyard on September 27, 2011 at the town office. Mary turned 101 on September 25, 2011.
- **November Referendum Election – Local Items, 1. (FEMA Definitions, Amending Chapter 11, in Floodplain Management Ordinance) 2. \$7,500 Appropriation Request for 2008 China Comprehensive Plan Items:** The Board, by consensus, agreed to hold a public hearing on the November Ballot Questions at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011, immediately after the Public hearing on the proposed General Assistance Amendments and before the regular SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to set the Town Clerk and Registrar's hours as presented, a copy being kept on file at the town office.

- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** The town Manager noted that the following items are included on the agendas for the purpose of discussion and to promote the pursuit of Comprehensive Plan and Visioning Session priorities.

### **Public Officials Training**

### **Public Access to China Lake**

### **Recycling**

#### **Regional Initiatives**

#### **Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance Revisions – Mandatory Recycling of Cardboard**

### **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 – Wednesday, September 28, 2011 and Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room,**

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**Library Services Committee – Meeting, Friday, September 30, 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 of the respective

Committees' meetings were announced.

- **Transfer Station Survey – Preliminary Findings:** The Town Manager noted that the report would probably be forthcoming in October. It is taking time to input the written comments on the data summary sheets.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract – Will Need to Negotiate Soon – Committee Considerations:** The Town Manager again commented that the time for negotiation of a new contract will be upon us soon and that a Committee would need to be appointed by the SB to participate in the negotiations and make recommendations to the SB regarding said contract.
- **November Referendum Election – Timeline and Important Dates to Remember:** it was noted that the last date for submission of any item to be included on the November ballot has gone by. There will be two local ballot questions, one asking voters to add amendments relating to the Floodplain Ordinance to the definitions section of the Land Development Code and the second asking voters to approve of appropriations up to \$7,500 from Undesignated Fund Balance to help the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and the Thurston Park II Committee continue their work.
- **Implementation Committee and China Land Development Code Recommended Revisions:** the Board was presented with the IC meeting schedule.

In other business, the Select Board discussed a proposed new access road to the China Primary School, and about the possibility of purchasing a vehicle for town employees to use and thereby reduce mileage reimbursements. The new emergency access road at the elementary schools would run along the northerly boundary of school property on Lakeview Drive. The access road will be discussed at a later meeting after inviting representation from RSU #18 to join the meeting.

Discussion on the potential purchase of a vehicle ranged from comparing projected costs of purchasing and using a new town vehicle to the present mileage reimbursement policy to the type of vehicle needed and how a few people employed by the town would share that vehicle.

The Board also discussed Spirit of America Awards to be presented to citizens or organizations in China and when they should be presented. Selectperson Irene I. Belanger has been communicating with Bruce Flaherty about this initiative. Irene has noted people who might be eligible to receive this award.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary, China Select Board

3/10/10/2011