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Public Hearing

Tuesday 09/06/2016

6:55 P.M.

Town of China - General Assistance Ordinance Changes – Appendices A-F: The Chair opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald R. Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Edward Brownell, Lynne O'Connor, Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

The Chair asked the Town Manager to explain the changes proposed for the town's General Assistance Ordinance and subsequent to the explanation of the changes proposed the Chair asked if there were any questions from those present. There were not any questions from the audience.

Adjourn: The Chair closed the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/06/2016 – 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 Edward Brownell, 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 Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Farrington – not present at the 08/29/2016 meeting) to accept the minutes of the 08/22/2016 and 08/29/2016 Select Board meetings 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 #15 for \$22,343.00, CBI and YCC Payroll Warrant #16 for \$ 2,446.10, and Town Payables Warrant #17 for \$857,272.00 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-ordinators' Conversation and Transfer Station Committee Items and Committee/Organization/Other Reports:** There were comments on recent TSC meetings and the request for changing the hours of operations at the China transfer station. Because there were differences of opinion on the recommended days of operation, the Board decided to discuss this item at their next meeting and after getting the right information on recommended transfer station operating hours.

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KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported about meeting times and agendas of some of the organizations and the Board accepted her summations.

- **Recycling and Commercially Hauled MSW Fees:** The Chair asked for this item to be presented to the Board; to discuss whether or not to exempt local haulers bringing in household waste to the China transfer station from the \$.02/lb. fee they are currently charged. This item was initially referred to the China Transfer Station Committee, which recommended against any change in the current policy. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger has traditionally argued that since households using the haulers already support the transfer station with their taxes, charging haulers a fee would amount to a double tax. This discussion was followed with additional conversation about ways to increase the recycling rate in China by those who use commercial haulers. The Board agreed to possibly hold a workshop on the topic and to include TSC members and Palermo representatives, because beginning in January 2017, Palermo residents will use China's transfer station. The workshop might be held after the November election.

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. T. Station needs review...
- **General Assistance Ordinance Changes – Adoption of Amendments to Appendices:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Amendments/Appendices to the General Assistance Ordinance as presented.
- **Committee Composition and Authority Thereof – Request by the Chair:** On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland to adopt a policy not to allow Select Board members serving on committees to vote on monetary issues in those respective town committees subordinate to the Select Board and a second by Selectperson Ronald R. Breton, the Board voted 2(MacFarland, Breton)-3. There was a lively discussion between Board members with strong disagreement on whether or not these appointments were a conflict of interest or have an appearance of a conflict of interest.

The Town Manager reported on a communication from the legal staff at the MMA that noted as long as the committees are only advisory and that voters make final decisions, there is not any conflict of problem.

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 13, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room and the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Tuesday, September 7, 2016 at 10:15 A.M. in the town office meeting room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.

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- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.
- **Timeline for November 8, 2016 Ballot and Ballot Items:**
- **HHW Day, Saturday, October 15, 2016 and Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, October 22, 2016:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of participation in the HHW collection day up to a cost of \$2000 and further to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement to participate on behalf of the town. It was noted that electronics and medications would also be accepted from residents of participating towns.

The Town Manager announced the local China Drug Take Back day to be held at the China transfer station on Saturday, October 22, 2016

In other business:

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to communicate with Frederick Hayden that he is to respond to the Assessors' Agent request for information or to appeal the determination on his Homestead Exemption.

On a motion by Ronald R. Breton and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board