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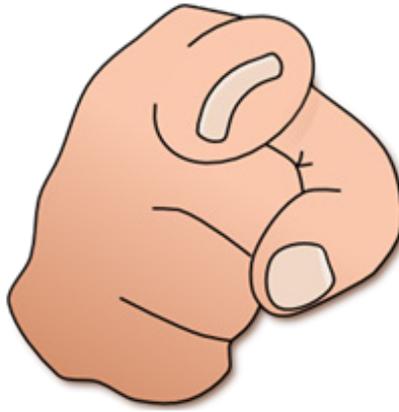
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Annual Report of the Municipal Officers



For the year
ended
June 30, 2018

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Annual Town

April 6, 2019

China Middle School

9:00 am

Business Meeting

Quorum of 119 voters is required to open the meeting

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Cover Photo: China's Bicentennial monument has a time capsule buried underneath which is to be unearthed on June 9, 2118

Top right photo: China's Public Works truck plowing during a recent storm

Lower right photo: Participants in the China Community Days Cardboard Boat Regatta paddle during the contest

From the Town Manager



This town report provides a view of the financial condition at the conclusion of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and introduces the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Noticeably different is that the entire audit for FY2017/2018 is included, and a full narrative budget is included for FY2019/2020. After reading through those two documents and the various reports from the departments, and attending public hearings, readers should be able to cast fully-informed votes at the Town Business Meeting.

The town continued to boast a good financial condition. While unforeseen events during the winter of 2018 caused some expenses to exceed the projection, overall, the town budget suffered minimal impact. There continued to be no long-term indebtedness, and the balances in unassigned and investment funds continued to be about \$2.5 million. Additionally, the Doris L. Young Scholarship Fund remained valued at about \$1 million.

In preparing the budget proposal for this upcoming fiscal year, attention was fixed on creating the least negative impact to the

property tax rate. At the current rate of 15.8 mills, real property taxes are at \$15.80 for each \$1,000.00 of assessed value. As the staff budget group went through the process, it became readily apparent how recommendations could increase that number. As a result, the process educated each of the members of the group how important it is to carefully consider each and every budgetary recommendation, and helped them realize the difficult work that faces the Budget Committee and the Select Board as they deliberate.

Town staff demonstrated every day their dedication to doing the best job possible for each and every resident. While it is not an everyday occurrence, seeing our staff members work until midnight in support of the November elections; working evenings preparing for and leading the annual China Community Days event; shopping for hundreds of gifts for Christmas; and clearing roads of snow and ice throughout

the night in winter; we should be resolved to appreciate these stalwart public servants.

Since arrival on June 1, 2018, I have attended seemingly countless meetings, including recurring meetings with town staff, town residents, and community organization leaders. I have concluded that life here is not much different from where we came at Stonewall, Oklahoma. Sure, some expressions are new to us, but we are adapting. The food, culture, and people are awesome! Mary and I are proud to be Mainers, and while I am certain we might never be considered other than "from away," we are glad to be here. Thank you to the Select Board for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your town manager.

Respectfully,

Dennis L. Heath
Town Manager



Elected & Appointed Officials

Select Board – Three members are elected in November of even numbered years while two are elected in the odd numbered years. Nomination papers are available in July. The five members can reside anywhere in China.

Irene Belanger (2019)
Ronald Breton (2020)
Jeffrey LaVerdiere (2020)
Robert MacFarland (2019)
Donna Mills-Stevens (2020)

Planning Board – Six members are elected to serve a two year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.

District 1 – Kevin Michaud (2019)
District 2 – Toni Wall (2020)
District 3 – Vacant (2019)
District 4 – Thomas Miragliuolo (2020)
At-Large – James Wilkens (2020)
Alternate At- Large – Vacant (2019)

Budget Committee – Seven members are elected to serve a two year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.

Chairman – Robert Batteese (2019)
Secretary – Jean Conway (2020)
District 1 – Kevin Maroon (2019)
District 2 – Thomas Rumpf (2020)
District 3 – Wayne Chadwick (2019)
District 4 – Timothy Basham (2020)
At-Large – Jeffery Furlong (2020)

China's Regional School Unit (RSU)

Directors – Two members serve for three year terms. Members can reside anywhere in China. Nomination papers are available in July of the applicable year.

Dawn Castner (2019) & Neil Farrington (2021)

Appeals Board – members are appointed and serve a five year term.

Spencer Aitel (2019)
Virginia Davis (2021)
Michael Gee (2022)
Anthony Pileggi (2023)
Robert Fischer (2023)
Lisa Kane (2020)
Vacant (2020)

Board of Assessment Review – members are appointed to serve a term of three years.

Harold Charles (2020)
Sheri Wilkens (2019)
Dale Peabody (2021)
Alternate - Anthony Pileggi (2019)
Alternate - Dwaine Drummond (2021)

The following committee appointments are through June 30, 2019.

Broadband Committee

Neil Farrington
Robert O'Connor
Jamie Pitney
Tod Detre
Raymond Robert

Cemetery Committee

Julie Finley
H. Richard Norton
Harold Charles
Horace Stevens
Elwood Ellis
Adam Ellis – Superintendent

Economic & Community Development Committee

Lucas Adams
Irene Belanger
Carlaine Bovio
Joann Austin
Lindsey Harwath

China for a Lifetime Committee

Joann Austin
 Helen Roy
 Sandra Kostron
 Irene Belanger
 Christopher Hann
 Toni Wall
 Sheldon Goodine
 Joyce Goodine
 Jeanne Hanson
 Dawn Castner

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Ronald Morrell
 Stephen Nichols
 Harold Charles
 William Rancourt
 Sarah Batteese

Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee

Kelly Grotton
 Richard Morse
 Timothy Theriault
 William VanWickler

Forestry Committee

Elaine Philbrook
 Anita Smith
 Timothy Basham
 Irene Belanger

Recreation Committee

Rosalie Batteese
 Rebecca Theriault
 Todd Dunn
 Martha Wentworth
 Scott McCormac
 Raigan Messier

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Amy Gartley
 Robert Batteese
 Thomas Rumpf
 Janet Lully

KRDA—Kennebec Regional Development Authority (FirstPark)

Irene Belanger
 Alternate—Vacant

Road Committee

Frederick Anderson
 Dale Peabody
 Shawn Reed

Tax Increment Financing Committee

Amy Gartley
 Joann Austin
 Francis Soares III
 H. David Cotta
 Irene Belanger
 James Wilkens
 Jean Conway
 Shannon Axelson
 Stephen Nichols
 Thomas Michaud

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Carlaine Bovio
 Carroll White III
 George Weber
 Irene Belanger
 Jean Conway
 Jeannette Smith
 Joan Austin
 Kevin Rhoades

Thurston Park Committee

Joann Austin	Kristina To
Rosalie Batteese	Sheri Wilkens
Irene Belanger	Christian Wilkens
James Booth	Kyle McLaggan
Philip DeMaynadier	Kevin McLaggan
Bonny Hersey	James Revil
Timothy Theriault	Jeanette Smith
Trevy Bumps	Steve & Sonia Nelson
	Lindsey Hawath

Historical Preservation Committee

Irene Belanger
 Kelly Grotton
 Carlaine Bovio
 Dwaine Drummond
 Neil Farrington

Recycling Coordinators

Neil Farrington
 Irene Belanger

Dennis Heath—Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Civil Emergency Preparedness Director, Agent to the Overseers of the Poor, Public Access Officer and Building Official

Rebecca Hapgood—Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer and Human Resource Director

Paul Mitnik—Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector

Shawn Reed—Public Works Manager

Timothy Grotton—Transfer Station Manager

Kim Bolduc-Bartlett—Animal Control Officer

Timothy Theriault—China Village Fire Chief

Richard Morse—South China Fire Chief

William Van Wickler—Weeks Mills Fire Chief

David Herard—Chief of China Rescue



Town Office Deputy Clerks:

- **Kelly Grotton**
- **Julie Finley**
- **Jennifer Chamberlain**
- **Kayla Krause**
- **Tracy Cunningham**

Public Works Personnel:

- **Jason Finley**
- **Terrence Farrington**
- **Kevin Rhoades**

Planning Board Secretary:

- **Dawn Kilgore**

Transfer Station Attendants:

- **Kevin Rhoades**
- **Gary McCarty**
- **Edward Brownell**
- **Ashley Farrington**

China's Part-Time Police Officers:

- **Michael Tracy**
- **Tracey Frost**
- **Craig Johnson**
- **Jerry Haynes**
- **Adam Sirois**
- **Charles Stubbart**

State Representative District 79

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to thank the residents of Albion, Benton, and China for reelecting me as your State Representative. It is a responsibility to be taken very seriously and I look forward to the legislative session in Augusta.

For the second consecutive term, Legislative Leadership has appointed me to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. As an avid outdoorsman it is a great honor to be serving on a committee that is designed to preserve our State's long outdoor heritage of sportsmen. It is something I have truly enjoyed over the years and I want to make sure our heritage is well-kept during my tenure on this committee.

One of the bills that will be heard in this committee is one of my own. It is a bill to allow crossbows to be used during archery season for deer hunting. I have had some great feedback after I submitted the legislation and I am hopeful that it will gain support within the committee.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 79. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **968-2641** or email at Tim.Theriault@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly

with your request.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,



Tim Theriault
State Representative



State Senator District 15

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

First, let me thank you for electing me to represent you in Augusta. I am honored to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been a privilege serving as a State Representative over the last six years. I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, making sure your interests are heard and well represented in the Maine Legislature.

This past legislative session proved to be the longest in recent memory. After dealing with a number of major policy matters, we finally adjourned September 13th.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year was the passage of tax conformity. Failing to conform would have been a nightmare for small businesses as well as low- income and elderly Mainers. Maine would have also lost \$37 million in one-time repatriated revenue. Due to the Legislature's actions and willingness to work together on the passage of tax conformity, Maine tax filers were unharmed by this policy change.

The 129th Legislature has many challenges of its own. The top priorities this session include finding a way to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Mainers, tackling the opioid crisis, education

reform and funding, and lowering property taxes.

Thank you again for trusting me to represent you in Augusta. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the hard issues facing our state, and I am ready to help. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 matthew.pouliot@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating state government.

Sincerely,

Matthew Pouliot State Senator

U. S. House of Representatives

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced

to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Did you know...

The 529 regular members of Congress get paid \$174,000 per year. The Speaker of the House receives \$223,500 while the majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and the House along with the President Pro Tempore earn \$193,400.

U. S. Senate

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention,

treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

Did you know...

Constitutional Qualifications for service in the U. S. Senate

The Constitution sets three qualifications for service in the U.S. Senate: age (at least thirty years of age); U.S. citizenship (at least nine years); and residency in the state a senator represents at time of election. The details of these qualifications were hammered out by the Constitution's framers during the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

Office of the Governor

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years.

Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-

business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people.

Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years.

However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut

your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage Governor

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, Janet T. Mills was sworn in as the 75th Governor of the State of Maine. Governor Mills became this state's first female governor. In her historic victory, she earned more votes than any governor in state history and is the first governor since 1966 to win a majority of the vote for her first term.

Doris L. Young Scholarship

The Doris L. Young Scholarship was established in 1982 to award worthy students from China a scholarship to help with their college education. Applications are available at the China Town Office and at www.china.govoffice.com.

Please remember the Doris L. Young Scholarship is available to qualified students in good standing during all four years of college. Application deadline is May 1st and you must reapply every year. This scholarship is only available to China residents.

The following students were awarded a \$500 scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year.

Erica Basham
Sarah Basham
Madison Bodine
Michael Bourque
Hallee Breton
Mark Buzzell
Mallory Chamberlain
Marissa Chamberlain
Kiley Drummond
Megan Dunn
Kayla Goggin

Jeffrey Kierstead
Emma McCormac
Shayla Pillow
James Poulin
Dylan Presby
Emma Robertson
William Robertson
Tyler Rollins
Rebecca Watson
Justin Wentworth
Brittany White



Regional School Unit 18

Residents of RSU 18,

We are so fortunate to live in this great state of Maine; and right here in Central Maine we have an amazing school system in a community that is a great place to live and raise a family. I am honored to be the Superintendent of Schools for RSU 18, and so happy that every day I get the opportunity to see great things happening in our schools.

Throughout this year you may have seen on our Facebook page a series of "stories" celebrating our unsung heroes. We have tried to use this tool to thank people for their tireless work on behalf of students, and to let parents and community members know how dedicated we are to ensure that every student is successful every day in every school. Our teachers, administrators, educational technicians, coaches, bus drivers... and the list goes on; they are all incredible. To put it simply, we take care of the students, and we care deeply about their well-being and academic success. To our entire staff who go above and beyond daily on behalf of students, please join me in saying thank you.

After participating in our Comprehensive Needs Assessment last year, one of our district goals this year has been to improve student attendance. Our teachers, administrators and school board members all recognize the importance of having students come to school on a regular basis.



Johanna Jacobs (left) and Kelsie Dunn participate in a rec soccer game. The girls are 4th graders at China Primary School

We are trying a host of strategies to meet this goal, and so far, we are seeing great results. We want our students in school, and we appreciate the cooperation and support we have received from everyone as we work to meet this goal together.

As you may know, our facilities improvement work has been moving forward aggressively. The new athletic complex at our high school is very close to completion. Because the weather did not cooperate last fall there are a few small things to finish up this coming summer, but the complex is ready for use and wow is it exciting that our athletic teams will be using this facility as we go into springtime. The athletic complex is just a small part of the work we are doing. From the long overdue addition to the multi-purpose room in China to the updated science

classrooms at the high school to the energy improvement projects happening in all our schools, there is an incredible amount of work scheduled to improve our facilities. We are focusing our efforts on finishing the safety issues raised in our fire-marshall report and also focusing on air and climate quality improvements. Our students and staff deserve safe and comfortable facilities to spend their days.

While there are many positive things I can report about our schools, the easiest and most important thing I can tell you about is what I see in our classrooms. Students are performing well on all our academic indicators and we are proud of them, but that is not what I am most excited about. I was visiting classrooms a few weeks before writing this letter and I observed students working

on a problem. The teacher had delivered his lesson to the entire class to share knowledge and to give guidance; then he gave them tools and time. The students took over. Their first attempt was anything but successful, but they did not quit. They stopped, discussed, came up with a new strategy, and tried again. I had to leave the classroom before seeing if they were successful in attempt number two, but honestly that is not the point. This interaction I witnessed epitomizes the education in our schools. Teachers deliver interesting and relevant lessons, but they do so

much more. Failure is just a step in the learning process. Students who are afraid to fail or are nervous that they will be judged would not try again. Instead they would simply raise a hand and ask for an answer, but that is not what happened. I hope the students I was watching got the right answer, yes that is important. However, I cannot express how proud I was to be part of this district. None of this would have happened without the right climate in the classroom. It was safe, supportive and rich in learning. It doesn't get any better than that.

Thank you to everyone in our communities for your continued support of the students and our schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Gartley

Superintendent of Schools, RSU 18



Participants in the Winter Fun Day held at the China Conference Center get a ride in the sleigh behind the China Four Seasons Club's new trail drag

Erskine Academy

Dear Residents of China,

For us who work at, attend, or support Erskine Academy, last year we experienced a school committed to providing a high-quality education to all of its learners and saw its core values—*scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships*—at work to produce amazing results. We can be justifiably proud of how we have grown and for what we have accomplished this past year.

In our 136th year, Erskine Academy continued to be your high school of choice that combines an independent school education with the democratic ideal of a quality education for all. We focused our efforts on improving our school, expanding opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom, and accelerating student achievement.

Although we have experienced an increase in private-pay students from central Maine, we remain fully committed to our publicly-funded students by admitting all students from our eight sending towns who have completed the eighth grade and can benefit from our programs. To maintain this local heritage, for a ninth time we hosted nearly 250 area sixth graders for an early exposure to high school program designed to build their familiarity with and confidence in doing high school work.

Regardless of differences in residence, prior learning, interests, abilities, or personal circumstances and backgrounds, all of our students matter and belong. All who attend here experience a school program

A few facts about Erskine Academy today are a testament to our vitality and value:

- ◆ With 580 students in grades nine through twelve, we are the largest town academy in Maine to serve a nearly 100% local student body on a 100% school choice basis
- ◆ A 13:1 professional teacher to student ratio
- ◆ A 97% four-year graduation rate
- ◆ A dropout rate of less than one percent
- ◆ Of 139 graduates in 2018, 82% were accepted to higher or continuing education (now a six-year trend), many to highly selective colleges and universities
- ◆ For a fourth consecutive year, we are one of five Maine high schools to make the *Washington Post's* list of *America's Most Challenging High Schools*, a distinction based on the number of Advanced Placement courses and exams taken by our students

that blends traditional values with contemporary programs and best practices to become the most academically and personally prepared young people in the region.

We have always considered industry certificates, two-year degrees, apprenticeships, and military service as higher education and as such, viable pursuits. Therefore, we have created and sustained a comprehensive academic program to reflect and facilitate access to these as well as four-year degree programs. We are one of few high schools in the state to continue to offer shop technology, home and consumer economics, and business courses for exposure and entry-level work.

Staffed by three teachers and two educational technicians, Erskine's Special Education program educates and provides specialized support to students eligible for such services

through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Valuing all students and believing they deserve a welcoming school and professional teachers who will build on their strengths, 20% of our students receive academic assistance or Special Education services to support their learning.

In our sixth year as a *MELMAC Education Foundation* school, we increased students' preparedness and aspirations for continuing their education beyond high school, reduced barriers to accessing their higher education, and significantly reduced their need to take remedial courses

Now in its eighth year, our *Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG)* program has increased student exposure to various forms of higher education and vocational trades programs and has taught essential work seeking, training, and employment retention skills. With 73 students pursuing a

certificate in a work craft or trade, our enrollment at the Capital Area Technical Center is second only to its host, Cony High School.

This past year, 113 students enrolled in one or more of our ten *Advanced Placement* courses, and 311 students took at least one of our 13 dual enrollment courses with nearby colleges including Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas College, the University of Maine, and Husson University taught here by our teachers. For their efforts in these early college experiences, nearly one-half of our graduates earned college credits while in high school, collectively saving an estimated \$515,000 in college tuition.

Through our *International Student program* and *American Field Service (AFS)* club, we have helped our students gain understanding and interpersonal skills for living more globally and interdependently in a culturally diverse world. For an eighth time, AFS students made a humanitarian trip to Costa Rica to build homes for impoverished families. Eye-opening experiences such as this fire the heart and mind and inspire our students to look beyond EA and the familiar to a world that truly needs them. Currently, plans are underway for a second similar humanitarian trip to Guatemala.

Erskine began the 2018-19 school year by accepting and winning, for a second time, *WGME 13/Fox 23's School Spirit Challenge*. Participating in the program's Tournament of Champions, we raised a record-breaking 196,696

pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and our local pantries, an amount twice that raised by any of the 60-plus competing Maine high schools in the five years and ten seasons of the competition. In leading this effort, we engaged with our communities to strengthen our relationships, enhance the Erskine experience, and provide a critical community service—fighting hunger in Maine.

Other examples of our student and staff's goodwill include the fifth annual *Trunk or Treat* program that this year provided a safe observation of Halloween for well over 500 youngsters, our largest attendance to date. The Lady Eagles Basketball Team was the nation's top achiever at the high school level of the *Coaches vs. Cancer 3-point Challenge*, having

raised \$10,000 in donations. And our eleventh annual *Cancer Walk* yielded \$5,800 to benefit Maine General Medical Center's Alford Center, bringing our contributions to date to \$47,727.

Erskine Academy reflects proudly and appreciatively on its 136 years of progress and performance. Since our founding in 1883, Erskine Academy has remained true to its mission while evolving to meet new demands, challenges, and uncertainties. Because there is no limit to what we can do, pursuing excellence and implementing our mission is a continuous and unyielding work in progress.

We give heartfelt appreciation to our alumni and friends who believe strongly enough in our values and results that they give their time, talents, and financial donations to



Erskine Academy senior Sage Hapgood-Belanger battles for the ball during a game

supplement our state-set tuition rate. Their investment permits us to invest in programs and enhancements beyond what can be supported through tuition alone and raises the expectations we have for ourselves. One example of their generosity is last year's gym floor renovation, which was more than half paid for with private funds.

We are grateful as well to our students, families, and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and legacy that adheres to what we

know is right and good for our young people and aids them in constructing a sturdy start for adulthood. Graduates do not leave us without having an academic and a personal success story to tell.

Thank you, China residents, for sustaining high school choice for your young people and families, an opportunity for learning that is available to only 3% of Maine students, despite two-thirds of Maine voters agreeing that school choice programs should be open to all. Those families who have exercised that choice to attend

Erskine Academy—entrusting us with the intellectual and personal development of their children—inspire and honor us and motivate us to make an excellent school even better. In partnership with you, we look forward to new challenges and accomplishments in the year ahead.

More good things to come!

Michael McQuarrie
Headmaster



(L-R) Ryan, Lori, Lauren and Rodney Tyler attended the 2018 Bicentennial Monument time capsule burying

Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

The Albert Church Brown Memorial Library welcomes area residents for two different purposes, to enjoy our community events series and to borrow books from our ever-expanding collection. Community events are usually on a Sunday afternoon once or sometimes twice a month and vary widely; during the 2017-18 fiscal year (August 1, 2017, to July 31, 2018) we offered a candidates' night before China's November local elections, advice on consumer affairs (scams, warranties and related topics), presentations by Maine writers, outdoor topics, a Southeast Asia travelogue and music. Two repeat programs are the China Library Association annual meeting, with a guest speaker, and the holiday open house early in December; the late October candidates' night is likely to become another routine event whenever there are contests for town offices.

Programs are advertised in local media and on our sandwich board

out front (except when the sandwich board is covered in snow). Information is always available by calling the library at 968-2926 during library hours, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Schoonover Community Room, which seats up to 50 people and has audio-visual equipment suitable for slideshows, videos and similar uses, is available for area organizations' meetings or public programs. Any group interested in using the library for meetings or other activities is welcome to get in touch through the telephone number above or via email, chinalibraryacb@gmail.com.

In addition to community programs, the library continues to offer a variety of books and magazines to borrow. In the past year we have emphasized keeping series books up to date, especially the mysteries and suspense novels of authors like Lee

Child (Jack Reacher), Paul Doiron (Maine game warden Mike Bowditch), Steve Hamilton (Alex McKnight), Sam Hawken (Camaro Espinosa), Michael McGarrity (Kevin Kearney), Archer Mayor (Joe Gunther) and Louise Penny (Inspector Armand Gamache). There is no charge for a borrower's card, in-town or out-of-town. Computers and a printer are available for public use; our wifi is accessible indoors or outdoors from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Friendly dogs are welcome at the library and likely to find new human friends inside. The knitting group, which meets at 4 p.m. almost every Tuesday, and the book group, which meets one Monday afternoon a month in September, October, November, May and June, are always glad to have new members.

The library's Board of Trustees and the librarian are grateful to the voters of China who support our



The local choral group Mainely Harmony provides a holiday atmosphere during the annual open house at the China Village Library

request for town funds at the annual town business meeting; to the members of the informal craft group who sell a variety of hand-made items to raise money for the library; and to area residents who donate money and books. We hope we

reciprocate by providing services you find useful and enjoyable.

For more information about library activities, please call 968-2926 during library hours; email us at chinalibraryacb@gmail.com; or visit

us on line at www.chinalibrary.org.

Respectfully,

Mary Grow
Librarian



The lodge at Killdeer shortly before it was demolished in 2018 due to disrepair

South China Library

The South China Library is free, open to all, and operated by volunteers. Our collection includes Maine books, how-to books, large-print books, hundreds of audiobooks and movies for all ages, and the newest popular fiction. Our lively children's room has everything from picture books to chapter books to resources for school projects. If you have not visited the library recently, please stop by for a visit.

Progress on our new building has been a little slower than expected. Construction will start soon. We look forward to providing programs and library services in our new location.

In 2017-2018 the library had 1,377 patron visits and 391 households

had library cards. We have over 10,000 books in our collection. Our patrons have access to the Maine Download Library and can choose from thousands of e-books and audiobooks. If we do not have a book you want, we can request it through interlibrary loan. In addition, we continue to provide 24/7 wireless internet access for the community.

Katie Bailey coordinated the 2018 Summer Reading Program, serving 20 – 35 children per week. Children and adults come to learn and to be entertained by musicians, authors, educators, and performers. After the program, children choose their books for the week. Thank you, Katie, for your energy and creativity!

This popular program is supported in part by our funding from the Town of China.

Special thanks to Librarian Cheryl Baker and our dedicated volunteers for making every library visit enjoyable. If you would like to volunteer for two or more hours per month, please contact the library.

Respectfully,
Jean Dempster, President
South China Public Library



Outdoor activities capture the attention of children

Local youth are participating in the summer events at the library



Library Hours

Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. – Noon
and 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Phone: 445-3094

Located at 247 Village St.

in South China

www.southchinalibrary.org

Animal Control

State Law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months be registered. You must provide a current rabies certificate when licensing your dog. If your pet has been spayed or neutered, a copy of the certificate must be provided to the clerk when registering. The fee for altered animals is \$6.00 and unaltered is \$11.00.

Proper ID can prevent your pet from going to the pound! The Town of China has a contract with Kennebec Valley Humane Society in

Augusta to take our stray animals. Numerous dogs are taken to the Humane Society because of lack of identification. If a dog is at large and is wearing their tag, the clerk at the town office can look up the tag number and the Animal Control Officer will be able to return the dog directly to its owner. If your pet is lost, please notify the town office or ACO.

Our ACO also will provide Have-a-Heart traps to our residents if needed.

To report a lost or found animal in China, please call ACO and/or the Town Office at 445-2014.

ACO Contact Number:
Kimberly Bolduc-Bartlett
(H) 993-2052
(C) 242-2346

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chamberlain
Deputy Clerk

Complaints – 2018

Dogs at Large	11
Stray Cats	13
Dog Bites	1
Nuisance Dogs	5
Summons	1
Dogs Surrendered	5
Unlicensed dogs	20
Stray Chickens	12
Horse hit by a car	1
Cows at Large	2



China Police

Dear Residents,

On the following page is the complete review of all activities of the China Police Department for 2018. Overall Officers of the China Police handled 579 calls or incidents in the 2018 calendar year. This is an increase from the 440 calls or incidents in 2017, Traffic Stops increased from 93 to 159. Business Checks increased from 117 to 178. Overall we were much busier in 2018.

Policing the community is a great privilege. We strive to increase our services each year. This year we have added a house check program for citizens who are going on vacation or headed to warmer climates for winter. Applications can be found at the town office.

The range of calls we experience can vary widely. During one 20 minute period Officer Johnson went from a traffic stop, to assisting rescue in the delivery of a baby to being confronted by a large Bull in the middle of the road. We assisted

with DHHS investigations, comforted suicidal people, visited our schools and monitored the school speed zones. Construction at the end of summer posed a unique challenge with traffic being re-routed and traffic complaints skyrocketing. We tried as hard as we could to be in those areas and stop violations. Officers are also making a greater effort to assist rescue and the fire departments when we can, and to get out of the cruiser and talk to citizens and business owners.

This year I have broken the numbers down into a format that I think will be easier for people to understand. Traffic related calls, criminal complaints and calls for public service are all individually listed. The department strives to be as transparent as possible and I think these numbers provide the taxpayers of China an idea of the services we provide.

It's important for our citizens to understand that the State Police and Sheriff's Office are the primary law enforcement agencies in town

and together responded to over 1200 calls in China during 2017. Both agencies are responsible for a large patrol area and the China Police try hard to fill those gaps that KSO and S.P. just don't have the time and manpower to handle. Our focus is on the quality of life issues that are so important to a community's sense of well being. Despite being a part time agency, I feel like we provide a lot of services to our community

If citizens in town have an emergency, they should always dial 911. If you require an officer to respond, please call Dispatch at 624-7076. If you have a question or want to make us aware of an issue feel free to contact us at chinamainepolice@gmail.com. This goes directly to my phone and I will respond back as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Tracey R. Frost



Sergeant Frost visits our Primary and Middle schools often

Annual China Police Statistics

Motor Vehicle Incidents

Traffic Stops	159
Traffic Complaints.....	28
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Stolen M/V	1
School Zone Patrol.....	3
Permit to Operate	1
Parking Complaint	1
M/V Crash.....	5
Debris in Roadway.....	2
Assist Motorist	14
Total Incidents:	216

Public Service Incidents

Assist Fire	4
Assist Rescue	19
Business Checks.....	178
Community Policing	16
Deliver Holiday Packages.....	5
DHHS Investigations	2
Directed Patrol	18
Election Detail	1
Fireworks Detail.....	2
Halloween Detail	1
Mental Health Incident	3
Parade Detail	1
Pill disposal	1
Property Check	51
Recovered Property.....	6
Refrigerator Complaint.....	1
School Visits.....	5
Suspicious Odor.....	1
Welfare Check	1
Total Incidents.....	316

Criminal Incidents

Aggressive Dog	1
Alarm	1
Animal Complaint	3
Assist Other Agency.....	7
Attempted Burglary	1
ATV Complaint.....	4
Bad Check Complaints	2
Bank Robbery	1
Civil Complaint.....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	1
Drinking in Public.....	1
Fraud.....	2
Harassment by Internet.....	3
Harassment.....	2
Illegal Dumping.....	1
Lost Dog	2
Obstructing Public Way	1
Noise Complaint	1
Report of Explosion	1
Request to Locate Person.....	1
Serve Paperwork.....	2
Theft	2
Trespass by M/V	2
Trespass by Person	3
Warrant Check.....	1
Total Incidents:.....	47

Kennebec County Sheriff

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2018. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2018 Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands of calls for service. As a result deputies made 682 arrests, issued 759 traffic summonses, and responded to 628 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 407 alarms, 161 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 746 times. Deputies and Detectives made 80 drug seizures, 26 of which were opiate related.

Sergeant Jacob Pierce resigned his position as a patrol sergeant and will be working with the Oakland Police

Department. His professionalism will be missed at Kennebec. Deputy Aaron Moody resigned his position within the patrol division, taking a position with the U.S. Secret Service.

Deputies Ivano Stefanizzi, Devon Polizzotti and Keith Madore were hired to fill those open positions within the patrol division. We welcome them and their families to the Sheriff's Office family.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, loan and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2018, the four civil deputies received over 9,031 requests for service in Kennebec County.

Danny Boivin, a retired Augusta Police Sergeant, filled the vacant Civil Deputy position and has made a great addition to the civil team.

In 2018, our Correctional Facility managed 2,744 inmates, 211 less than in 2017. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from burglaries to

homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns.

Our correctional facility has also been helping out our fellow counties that have had serious overcrowding issues. Overcrowding can create an unsafe working environment for the corrections officers as well as inmates.

The CARA Program (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) continues and we have added two weeks to the program. The last two weeks of the program involve the participants working at area businesses. Upon their release, the participants have steady employment and a brighter future. Our program not only benefits Kennebec County inmates, it benefits all 16 counties who have individuals who meet the criteria.

Qualifying inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside

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or
tipshotline@kennebecso.com

the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised by our programs officers on outside projects.

The outside work crews have partnered with local municipalities providing snow removal to those individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Programs Officers Gagnon and Matthews and their work crews raised 16,847 pounds of produce and gleaned 4,930 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2018.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

Highway fatalities and serious injuries continue to soar as a result of individuals using electronic

devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness.

As your Sheriff, in 2019, my focus will remain on my staff, risk management and professional services to the residents of Kennebec County.

Ken Mason, Sheriff



China holds its elections in the portable building located on the Town Office Complex

China Village Volunteer Fire Department



Sparky is participating in Trunk or Treat with Firefighters Richard Prescott & Misha Littlefield. The Sparky costume was purchased using the CVVFD Memorial Fund

During the past year, the China Village Volunteer Fire Department responded to 82 calls that included ten structure fires in town, four wild land/brush fires, two vehicle fires, twenty two vehicle accidents, seven downed wires or trees, eleven fire or carbon monoxide alarms, and eleven miscellaneous service calls. In addition, the Department provided five assists to China Rescue and responded to ten mutual aid requests in neighboring towns.

Our members continue to support the town in many other ways than emergency calls. We had another successful year participating with South China and Weeks Mills Fire Department at China Primary School's 3rd grade Fire Prevention Day. We also had two other fire prevention sessions with school aged children in town. We also supported the efforts of China Community Days, the China Winter Community Fest, the Halloween Trunk or Treat, and

the Memorial Day Parade on the Causeway.

If you have any interest in possibly becoming a firefighter, I encourage you to visit with us at any of our meetings that are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M in the Village Station at 30 Causeway Road. You can also learn more about us by visiting our China Village Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

As always, we want to point out your tax monies continue to pay our normal operating expenses and we greatly appreciate all your past support. We have always relied on our fundraising efforts to cover special projects but we have come to the realization that costs for new buildings or trucks have skyrocketed to the point where it is no longer feasible to raise the necessary funds through raffles and barbecues. In the future, we will likely be seeking assistance in writing grants and also asking the Town to provide more financial support.

We will still be conducting our major fundraising activity which is our annual chicken barbecue that is usually held the first Saturday of July. We especially want to thank everyone who turned out this past year when we sold over 450 meals in just an hour and a half. We look forward to being as successful again this year, and hope you will keep this exceptional noon-time meal in mind as we continue to replenish our department fund that is used for special projects and unexpected expenses not covered by our town operating account.

I want to close by offering my sincere thanks to all our members for their dedicated service to the Town, and to the members of China Police, China Rescue, and the South China and Weeks Mills Fire Departments who work so closely with us on emergency responses and fire prevention activities. I also want to acknowledge that we greatly appreciate our neighboring departments who provide mutual aid whenever we call them to assist with major fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy S. Theriault
Fire Chief



Chief Tim Theriault with Firefighters Haley Norris & Joel Cloutier at Graduation from the Waterville Regional Firefighter Academy on August 19, 2018

South China Volunteer Fire Department

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the South China Volunteer Fire Department responded to 88 alarms. This is 9 more than last year. They break down by type as follows: 16 Structure, 19 downed wires/trees in road, 1 vehicle fire, 25 auto accidents, 4 assist to rescue, 7 unfounded/false alarms, 7 smoke/odor investigation, 3 unpermitted burn, 1 set up LZ for Lifelight helicopter, 2 forest/brush/grass, 3 CO alarm, and one oil spill. 6 of the above were mutual aid to neighboring towns for structure fires and other incidents, and one was an arson.

We currently have 24 active members, and are pleased to report that we recently added 3 young people as new recruits. They are all children or grandchildren of existing members, and as we all know, firefighting tends to run in families. Consequently these young people have a good understanding of what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. They are currently working hard to get the necessary training to be trained firefighters. It is exciting to see their energy and enthusiasm, and we hope that they will stay active with us for the long term.

China is a large town geographically and we are very fortunate that we have 3 separate fire departments that can cover this far flung territory. In addition, and even more importantly, it gives us a much larger personnel and apparatus resource to draw from when needed. To use a sports analogy, we have a much deeper bench than most towns. The automatic mutual aid response

policy we have among all 3 departments works very well and makes less impactful an individual department's recruiting/staffing/resource problems. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, 69% of Emergency responders are volunteers saving localities across the nation \$140 billion each year, over the paid, full time, municipal, alternative.



On July 1, 2017, as a result of a Town Meeting vote, the Town started a program of paying stipends to our volunteers. We are in our second year of the program, and while it is much appreciated by the members, there are indications but no solid evidence that it will serve its intended purpose of encouraging membership and participation. We know it can't hurt, and we remain hopeful that it will prove to be helpful.

A major expense this year is the replacement of all the mobile radios in our apparatus (they are all 20 years old and no longer have the channel capacity that we need. In addition we will be replacing several officer's mobiles and our older portable radios and pagers for the same reason.

Somerset County's PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) answers our 911 calls, and the Waterville Communications Center provides dispatching services. This partnership continues to run very smoothly, and we are very happy with the service we receive.

As I have reported to you for many years, Maine Department of Labor regulations make it difficult for small town volunteer fire departments such as ours to stay in business and provide for the needs of our citizens. There are huge differences between small, volunteer, departments like ours and those in the larger towns and cities that are paid, and often have at least some full time staff. However, most of the rules and attendant paperwork requirements that the State requires us to meet, do not recognize that difference. Please keep this in mind as you talk with our elected representatives.

Our monthly in-house training program continues to be well attended and is working well. Many thanks to our volunteer instructors. We held several hands-on training sessions and participated in joint training with China Village, and Weeks Mills.

We again conducted a very successful fire prevention program at the China Schools during Fire Prevention Week (our 31th annual). Thanks to Cindy Senkbiel for her leadership and to all the volunteers from the Town's three fire departments and China Rescue who helped make this a success. Thanks also to the staff at the school for

their support of this program. We feel it helps to prevent fires.

We continued the practice of joint meetings with the China Village, Weeks Mills, and China Rescue departments. At our meetings we discuss current issues, joint operations, training, and equipment purchases. These meetings help us to provide better and more coordinated fire protection services to the town.

We held our 39th annual Fireman's Auction in July and we thank the townspeople for their donations of goods and money and their bids at this fun event and fund raiser. We save up and use these funds for projects such as our recent purchase of the standby generator at the station, and to support unexpected expenses that are not covered in our regular operational budget. Again this year instead of hand delivery of our auction flyers, we did a direct mail campaign. It

was very successful and we will be doing it again next year. It saved our volunteers many miles and hours and it provided more thorough coverage.

I am also the Town Forest Fire Warden for China. Fire permits are required for **all open burning year round**. In 2016, we instituted a free online burning permit issuing system. To obtain a permit simply type **www.wardensreport.com** into your browser, and follow the simple instructions. It will let you get a permit after 9:00 AM (that is the time that the fire danger class is first available) on any day that the fire danger is less than Class 3 (HIGH). If you have a "smartphone" you can use it to get a permit. Don't worry that you can't get a printed copy this way. As long as you can produce the permit on your phone you will be fine. If you do not have a computer or a "smartphone" you can go to the Town office, and the girls will use

the system for you. You can still contact me as well.

Any member of the community that would like to join us should contact any department member concerning sponsorship. If you are unable to give your time as an active member you may be able to help us in other ways with your particular skill set, and you can still help a great deal by bidding at our annual auction or simply making a cash donation at any time.

I would like to close by expressing my thanks to all the members of the Department for the countless hours they volunteer every year to help their neighbors and keep our community safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard E. Morse, Fire Chief

China Rescue

Last year, China Rescue responded to 263 calls which is down by 57 calls from the prior year. We have added one new member, George Weber. With the addition of George, we miss very few calls.

The rescue rig was purchased in 2005 and is holding up well. We also have an ice rescue trailer which holds our gumby suits and cold water equipment. Our rescue board is still an effective tool and was

used 3 times. Storage for our equipment is very limited. We need more room for storage and for lockers for supplies.

In the next fiscal year, we will need to replace 9 AED batteries at the cost of \$1200 each. Each has a 4 year life span. Due to the opiate epidemic, we use a great quantity of Narcan.

Even though our number of

members might be small, we make every effort to respond to each and every call no matter the time of day or night.

I want to thank all of the members for their dedication to the town of China.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Herard, Chief

Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department

The members of the Weeks Mills Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the Town of China for their support of all three Fire Departments and China Rescue. As volunteers we all have the same goal, to work as a team to get the job done in the safest and most efficient way possible. All the members thank you for your continued support in making sure we have the proper equipment to keep us safe and assure we go home to our families.

Last year we responded to 56 calls, the breakdown is as follows: 10 structure fires, 21 auto accidents, 4

chimney fires, 4 false alarms, 5 rescue assists, 4 brush fires, 5 mutual aid, 8 other. I would like to thank all the members of the Weeks Mills V.F.D for their commitment and dedication to the department and town. I would also like to thank the families of all the Firefighters and Rescue members for your understanding and support.

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year, the best way to remember this is to change the batteries when you set your clocks ahead in the spring and back in the fall. If you have a fire, remember to get out, stay out, have a

meeting place, make sure everyone is accounted for, and dial 911.

Weeks Mills V.F.D. meets on the first Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm. Our door is always open for new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Van Wickler, Chief



Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department Station

Town Clerk

China's Town Clerk Rebecca Hapgood and Deputy Clerks Kelly Grotton, Jennifer Chamberlain, Julie Finley, Kayla Krause and Tracy Cunningham are responsible for the care and preservation of municipal records. The clerks record the births, deaths and marriages for the town. Most of these records are kept electronically via the state DAVE system. Older records are stored in our vault for perpetuity.

If one of the parties looking to get married reside in China, you may

obtain a marriage license through the town office. Please call ahead to make an appointment. The license process takes about 30 minutes.

Other duties include the issuance of dog licenses, hunting and fishing and other recreational licenses, registration of ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, motor vehicles and trailers, genealogy requests, conducting elections, voter registration, administering and recording oaths, notary services and numerous other roles as they arise.

The following pages contain the records of deaths and marriages from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Since State Law does not allow for the printing of names of children born during this time period, I can only report that 33 babies were born.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Hapgood
Town Clerk



Local residents Heather Houghton and Kayla Krause shown enjoying the trails this winter

Marriages

Karen Heavey	Alfred Morin	July 7, 2017
Deborah Chabot	Gaetan Chabot	July 8, 2017
Tyler Reynolds	Brittany Cunningham	August 5, 2017
Sarah McGuire	Katrina O'Connor	August 12, 2017
Renee Moody	Lawrence Libby, Jr	August 19, 2017
Jenna Hendershot	Tyler Barnes	August 19, 2017
Heaven Austin	Hunter Roberts	August 26, 2017
Lori LaCombe	Daniel Benson	August 26, 2017
Andrew Dechaine	Denyse Gurette	September 2, 2017
Elizabeth Miller	Jesse Remillard	September 6, 2017
Emily Smithson	Caleb McGuire	September 9, 2017
Angela Goodrich	Jeffrey Bickford	September 23, 2017
Ann McNulty	Scott Casey	September 23, 2017
Kristin Lamontagne	Phillip Poulin	September 30, 2017
Michael Bailey	Jessica Cranford	September 30, 2017
Laramie Shorey	Dustin Warren	October 7, 2017
Lindsey Liberatore	William Rockett	October 7, 2017
Jonathn Strieff	Dalziel Lewis	October 8, 2017
Michelle Watson	Edward Ruiz	October 14, 2017
Danielle Alexander	Dustin Vigue	October 14, 2017
Marie Severance	Justin Arsenault	October 21, 2017
Allison Patterson	John Beeckel	October 21, 2017
Tristan Obremski	Christine Kirby	December 17, 2017
Diane Wing	Rene Smith	December 23, 2017
Meaghan Williams	Robert Robinson, III	January 17, 2018
Jennifer McKinney	Cory Collamore	February 16, 2018
Susan Formanski	Donald Reilly	April 29, 2018
Kaitlyn Hayward	Kyle Perry	May 5, 2018
Patricia Chapin	Leonard Wetmore	May 5, 2018
Cassandra Ballard	Peter Leach, III	May 19, 2018
Harley Murray	Shawn Brann	June 16, 2018
Lacey Merrifield	Jeremy Cunningham	June 30, 2018

Deaths

George William Studley, Jr	August 18, 2017
William H. Bickford	August 19, 2017
Brian G. Ayer	August 30, 2017
Hope Louise Spitzer	September 8, 2017
Lawrence Dean French	September 21, 2017
James H. Parsons, Sr	October 2, 2017
David Paul Gallant, Sr	October 21, 2017
Kim S. Main	October 26, 2017
Leslie P. LeBlanc Jr	November 19, 2017
Pamela Jean Smith	December 6, 2017
George Ernest Oliver	December 8, 2017
Lona Louise Newcomb	December 24, 2017
Harland E. Young	December 30, 2017
William Henry Duley, III	January 1, 2018
Barry Harlan Clowes	January 3, 2018
James Robert Dutil	January 7, 2018
Ruth Elizabeth Reigle	January 8, 2018
John E. Creamer	January 16, 2018
Bernard E. Davis	January 17, 2018
Carol Lee Rice	January 20, 2018
Philip Q. Mather	January 23, 2018
Hattie E. Bumps	February 12, 2018
Audrey Alberta Lawson	February 21, 2018
Barbara Ann Tounge	March 3, 2018
Charlotte Louise Page	March 9, 2018
Joan K. Barrett	April 3, 2018
Neil Edward McLean, Sr	April 9, 2018
David Lee Lovering, Sr	April 12, 2018
Priscilla Mae Hatch	April 23, 2018
Frances Gelo Wilson	May 22, 2018
Annette Marie Boland	May 24, 2018
Alma Taylor Brown	June 9, 2018
Nancy Louise Perkins	June 11, 2018
Francis Delmore Manock	June 19, 2018

Cemetery Committee

There are 31 cemeteries in the town of China. Although there are a few private cemeteries, most are maintained by the town. Cemetery lots are for sale in the China Village Extension, Branch Mills, Dirigo Friends, Deer Hill, and Pleasant View Ridge Cemeteries. All purchases must be made through the Town Office. Contact Julie Finley at julie@chinamaine.org for information.

All lots are priced at \$500.00. Some lots are double lots and must be purchased that way.

Chadwick Hill Cemetery is not a Town Cemetery. For information on

this cemetery please call Richard Grimshaw at (207) 441-5019.

The wooden fence at the Dirigo Friends Cemetery was replaced in the fall with a new chain link fence. Several stones were repaired and cleaned this year.

If you have any question or concerns about the cemeteries in China, please contact one of the members of the Cemetery committee or the town office.

If you are interested in genealogy you may contact Kelly Grotton at the Town Office or at kelly@chinamaine.org.

Visit www.china.govoffice.com to find a copy of the Cemetery Ordinance and a map of cemetery locations.

Respectfully,

Julie Finley
Deputy Clerk

China Cemetery Committee

Members:

Horace Stevens
Richard Norton
Julie Finley
Elwood Ellis
Harold Charles
Adam Ellis- Superintendent



September 2018 culvert replacement on the Pleasant View Ridge Road

China Lake Association

The China Lake Association held its annual summer meeting on July 28, 2018 at the China Primary School. More than 70 people were in attendance.

China Lake Association Director Elaine Philbrook presented awards for the annual Poster Contest held for the fifth and sixth graders at the China Middle School. There were some amazing posters created upon the theme of *"The Year of the Buffer"*. The top award winners were 5th grader Chase Larrabee and 6th grader Stephanie Kumnick.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Whitney King from Colby College, made an excellent presentation with information about the condition and treatment of East Pond in the Belgrade Lakes region. His talk was entitled *"Saving East Pond: A Cautionary Tale"*. During the summer of 2018 a team of participants and scientists undertook the task of introducing alum, also known as *Aluminum Sulfate*, into East Pond. The project took 20 days to complete. In proper concentrations, this process is believed to reduce ("lock up") the phosphorus concentration in the water-body thereby limiting the availability of phosphorus to produce algae blooms. Dr. King's report also included information about the historical condition of China Lake. There were many interesting questions, and Dr. King was very dynamic and knowledgeable in his presentation.

China Lake Association Director Elaine Philbrook then talked about the Invasive Plant Paddle Program

she organized and participated in, including a scheduled Plant Paddle session which took place on August 21, 2018 at the Four Seasons Club. More than a dozen paddlers participated in the event. To find more information about the Invasive Plant Paddle Program, go to: <https://www.mainevlmp.org/invasive-plant-patrol-workshops/>

China Lake Association Director Marie Michaud updated everyone on the progress being made through the China LakeSmart Program. She reported that China LakeSmart was in full swing during 2018 with nearly two dozen new shorefront buffers scheduled for installation. The China LakeSmart work is completed by the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) operated under the guidance of the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA). People are encouraged to join the team of volunteers who assess the shoreline of China Lake property owners interested in having a vegetated buffer planted on their shore lot. The assessment is a free service to China Lake property owners. Anyone interested can e-mail



Resident Katy McCormac (left) is receiving a China Lake Smart Award from Director Marie Michaud

chinalakesmart@gmail.com Finally, Director Marie Michaud recognized Katy and Scott McCormac for achieving their LakeSmart Award for 2018.

In addition, the Kennebec Water District was recognized for its contributions, once again donating considerable funds to support China LakeSmart projects. Also, the Kennebec Water District helped financially support the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program on China Lake. CBI inspectors can be seen at the Head of China Lake on the weekends during the summertime. The CBI Program's goal is to inspect boats and their trailers to look for fragments of invasive aquatic plants. The Kennebec Water District's representative, Matt Zetterman, also made a great presentation and reported that China Lake had incredibly good water quality for the second year in a row based on lake monitoring data. He stated that water quality in the West Basin of China Lake was the best it has been in decades!

Nate Gray of the Maine Department of Marine Resources gave an excellent update on the Alewife Restoration Initiative (ARI). He spoke on the progress being made on the ARI project, including the removal of barriers along the Outlet Stream in Vassalboro, including the Masse Dam in 2017, and the removal of the Lombard Dam which was accomplished in 2018. He commented that conceptual fish passage designs continue to be developed for the Ladd and Box Mill Dams in North Vassalboro, along

with an engineered design of a fish passage at the Outlet Dam on China Lake in East Vassalboro.

China Lake Association Director Bob O'Connor wrapped up the annual meeting with the 2018 loon count for China Lake. He reported a decrease in the number of loons observed. The count was 20 adult loons but only one new loon chick was seen. This loon count is conducted early in the morning the Saturday before the annual meeting for a very short period of time, and in specific locations around the lake. This is the established way in which the loon count takes place;

however, other local reports set the number of observed new loon chicks to be four in number.

Finally, Registered Agent Jamie Pitney conducted the business of renewing some of the China Lake Association Director's terms, and the slate of Officers remained the same until the next annual meeting in 2019. These include Scott Pierz (President), David Preston (Secretary), Tim Axelson (Treasurer) and James Pitney (Registered Agent).

For additional information about the China Lake Association or for anyone

interested in becoming a member please go to the China Lake Association's website at <http://chinalakeassociation.org/> or check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/China-Lake-Association>.

On behalf of the China Lake Association and China Lake, thank you for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Pierz, President
China Lake Association



The Larrabees are greeted by Tom Michaud (far right) at the CLA annual meeting. Chase Larrabee center won first place for his poster titled: #SaveChinaLake!

LakeSmart

What is LakeSmart?

LakeSmart is an education and reward program for lakefront property owners who maintain their properties in ways that protect lake water quality and property values.

What does it cost?

LakeSmart is the most cost-effective strategy that homeowners can use to protect their lake, their property's value and their recreational activities. We currently provide this invaluable service for FREE, but welcome you to join Maine Lakes or make a gift to the program.

How long does it take?

The LakeSmart visit takes less than an hour. You will be told right away whether you qualify for an Award or Commendation and you'll also receive information about lake-friendly land practices and relevant web links.

How can I participate?

Contact Marie Michaud (207) 242-0240 or by email at chinalakesmart@gmail.com. Marie or one of the trained volunteers will assess your property. A volunteer will come to your property, evaluate its ability to prevent runoff and pollution, and report the findings back to you. During the evaluation you will be able to walk the property with the volunteer, and you'll be given information on how to capture and infiltrate stormwater. LakeSmart is entirely voluntary, so you are free to take some of the recommended actions or not—it's completely up to you!

China Region Lakes Alliance

The China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) was established in 1995 by George Lord in anticipation of the need to protect the regional lake resources for Town's within the China Lakes Region. Currently, the Towns of China and Vassalboro receive assistance from the CRLA. These services include operating a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to perform environmental protection projects, and a Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program for the boat launches serving China Lake, Three Mile Pond and Webber Pond.

In 2018 the YCC was involved with the China LakeSmart program. Based upon a LakeSmart initiative at the State level, the China Lake Association has a group of volunteers who, upon request, visit shorefront properties on China Lake to discuss installing vegetative buffers along the lake's shoreline. These vegetated buffers are intended to intercept and mitigate storm water that would ordinarily simply flow directly into the water body. This storm water affects the amount of nutrient entering the lake from locations within the China Lake watershed and is called "nonpoint source pollution". The strongest component of this pollution is phosphorus; this nutrient creates algae blooms. Over the course of the last two years the China LakeSmart program and the YCC have installed nearly 50 shorefront vegetative buffers around China Lake. In fact, there is some science to illustrate how effective these vegetated buffers can actually be. This information is gleaned in a scientific manner by calculating the dimensions of the vegetative buffer (and given the vegetation within

that buffer), resulting in calculating amounts of both tons of sediment and pounds of phosphorus that theoretically are removed by the buffer prior to the storm water entering the water body. These shorefront buffers make it clear that the China LakeSmart Program is a factor at reducing sediment and phosphorus nutrient from gaining access directly into China Lake. In fact, in the last two years China Lake has experienced the best water quality it is had in over 30 years.

In addition to the work of the YCC,

the CRLA operates the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program or CBI as it is commonly known. This CBI Program has been operating for many years at the four boat launches associated with the region's lake resources. There are two boat launches on China Lake, one at the Head-of-Lake off the Causeway Road with the other at the boat launch in East Vassalboro, as well as two other launches at Webber Pond and Three Mile Pond. The CBI Program is operated with funds from the towns of China and Vassalboro, and from contributions



China's YCC members : (L-R) Maddy Boynton, Leanna Laws, Cody Daigneault, Tony Jacobs, YCC Crew Leader Sean Zubrod, and Sage Hapgood-Belanger; kneeling is Garrett Keezer

from the Kennebec Water District (that also financially supports China LakeSmart), and also includes grants from the Department of Environmental Protection. Like the YCC, the CBI Program offers employment to local young adults who are the personnel hired every summer under the guidance of the CRLA. The CBI staff is tasked with examining boat hulls (and boat trailers) prior to entering and after returning from the respective water bodies. The CBI Program's mission is to look for plant fragments, especially for invasive aquatic plant species such as hydrilla and the notorious milfoil. These invasive plants may be introduced into our region's water bodies from another lake or pond in the State of Maine already infested with an invasive plant, or from out-of-state sources. The CBI staff has done an excellent job identifying plant fragments and so far no invasive aquatic plant species have been found in the region.

The CRLA is also a strong supporter of the Alewife Restoration Initiative (called ARI) to promote the Maine Department of Marine Resources' (DMR's) initiative to re-introduce the anadromous alewife fish back into China Lake. DMR has inserted about 25,000 alewife fish into China Lake each year since 2014. The alewives grow and mature, and in that process they ingest phytoplankton (which fuels algae blooms) thereby reducing the opportunity for algae blooms to occur. As the alewives mature they follow a life cycle that causes them to exit the lake, carrying in their

bodies amounts of phosphorus harmful to the lake. After completing their run to the sea, years later they return to their natural habitat to spawn. In the last few years people have reported large swarms of alewives observable in the lake, and some believe the alewives have been instrumental in helping to improve China Lake's water quality. To re-establish the alewives migration back to China Lake, Maine Rivers is the organization responsible for overseeing the removal of physical barriers along the Outlet Stream in Vassalboro. There are six (6) dams along this pathway, and while two have already been removed (the Masse Dam and the Lombard Dam) there still remain others that require "fish passages" to be installed. This includes the Outlet Dam on China Lake. There is a great deal of technical and financial support needed to accomplish this mission, and Maine Rivers has been working very hard to achieve the goal of helping the alewives return to China Lake.

As the CRLA moves forward, its Executive Board of Directors has submitted its request for funding to continue providing money for projects involving the YCC and the work of the CBI. In addition, funds are also needed for special projects which require larger costs to abate nuisances involving storm water protection and the removal of nonpoint source pollutants that affect the water quality and integrity of our lakes. By way of example, the CRLA is currently looking for local funds to

commission a study of gravel camp roads adjacent to Three Mile Pond. Gravel camp roads are a significant contributor of untreated storm water runoff entering our lakes.

In closing, the CRLA would like to thank past President James Hart who has served in that position for many years, volunteering his time and energy to do an excellent job managing the CRLA's projects. For further information about the scope of the CRLA programs or how you can help protect water quality, or volunteer to help with the CBI Program, please contact the China Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Pierz, CRLA President



The YCC crew is installing a buffer by China Lake

Thurston Park Committee

Thurston Park has become quite a popular destination among town residents and visitors alike. We have seen increased usage of the park likely due to improved access and amenities. Hiking, walking, running, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding, riding ATVs, snowmobiling and hunting are all popular in the park. We have had enormously positive feedback on the repairs and projects and the park is attracting the attention of the townspeople including Erskine students, China Middle School students, and Boy Scouts as well as local sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts. It is advertised on the Maine Trail Finder and attracts people from out of town who may

patronize China businesses that they pass enroute. It provides for much-needed recreational opportunities that enhance our quality of life.

This past spring work was done on Trail 1 improving drainage, cutting back trees and branches, and adding gravel to eliminate mudholes and washouts. This has made the trail surface safer and more easily traversed by all. This work was carried out using the TIF monies previously designated for improving the south access road which could not be done because of conflict with an abutter. Hopefully, we will be able to come to a resolution with this abutter so that the south entrance can be improved in the

future.

Further work was carried out on the north entrance to the park as well this year. Reclaim was added to the hill to stabilize the gravel and make a more resistant to erosion. This should be beneficial for several years with just some grading to keep it in good shape. More trees were cut to improve exposure to the sun for drying it out as well.

Two dehydrating/composting toilets were installed in the park this past fall. One is located in the parking area. The other is located at the junction of the Rufus Jones Trail and the Yorktown Road near the picnic area. These outhouses were



Thurston Park and the new privy installed in 2018

designed and built by Alan Lowberg of Fort Hope Trading Company in Hope, Maine and look great. They are a spacious 4' x 4' with ship-lap construction, square pitch roof, and cedar shingles giving it the typical New England look! The dehydrating fans and heater are run by solar power! The combination of solar electricity and a passive solar heater make these toilets odorless with no visible wastes. These toilets meet or exceed all the subsurface wastewater disposal rules of the State of Maine (Chapter 241 Sections 10-144). Check them out on your next visit to the park!!

The committee held a calendar photo contest and designed the first annual Thurston Park Calendar for 2019! The calendar consists of photos taken in Thurston Park. Calendars are still available for sale at the Town Office for \$9.00. Winning photo entries were awarded prizes and their photos in

the calendar! We plan to do this annually so get to the park and take photos!! Submit your photos online at thurstonpark@gmail.com.

Thurston Park does have a Facebook page. Check this page for updates and information about the park. You will also see photos from the park and its inhabitants and visitors!

Trail work is a continuous project at the park. We are always looking for volunteers to help clear trails of blow downs and debris, cut back tree branches, and develop improved trails and access to interesting features in the park. It's a great opportunity to work in the outdoors, explore the park, and meet some great people! Look for announcements about upcoming trail work days on our Facebook page, the Town website, and in the Town Line newspaper.

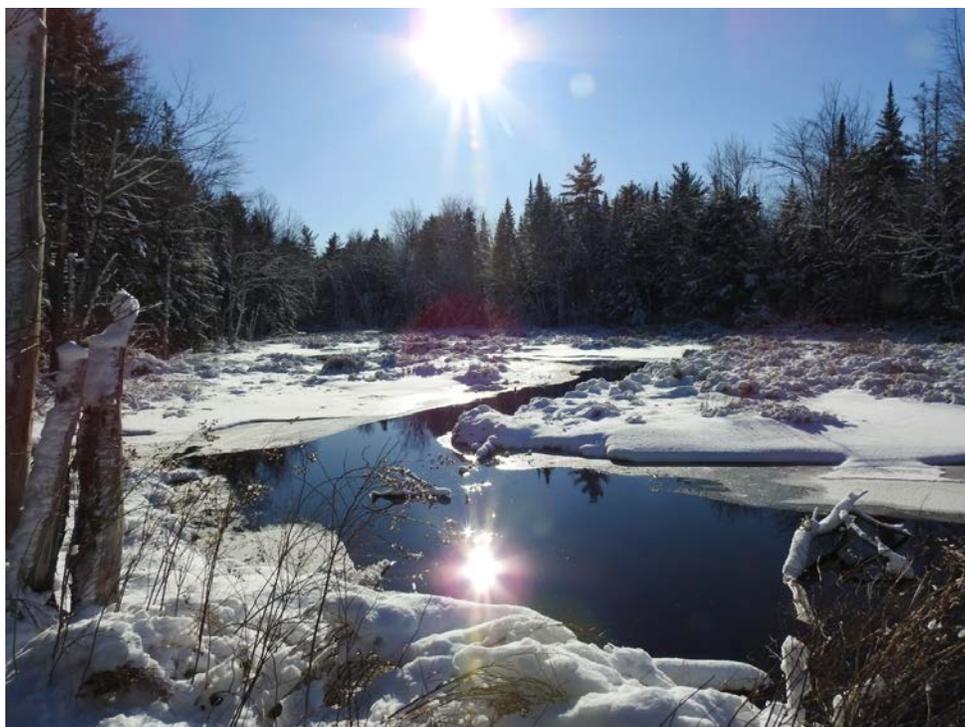
The committee has put in an application for more TIF monies for

the 2019-2020 fiscal year for further development in the park. These monies will be used to finish improvements on Trail 1, improve Trail 2, enlarge the parking area at the north entrance and develop a parking area at the south entrance. We will also add two more composting toilets, one at the south end of the park and one at an area that we plan to develop as a group campsite for use by the boy scouts and girl scouts from the area. We will also be adding sign in stations and kiosks as a way to measure park usage and provide information.

We are currently working on plans for an event at the park for China Community Days. Look for more information soon!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Smith, Secretary, Thurston Park Committee



Winter view of the bog at Thurston Park

Recreation Committee

We are pleased to report we had another successful year for our sports programs and much considerable positive feedback from parents. The outdoor programs included youth baseball, softball, football and soccer. During the winter months, we also supported a youth basketball program at the China Schools. We want to point out that the success of these programs is the result of all the dedicated coaches and other volunteers who freely provide their services to make these sporting activities available. We certainly think they make our community a more friendly and healthy place to live.

The largest portion of our budget is devoted to the maintenance and operation of the two ball fields. Contractors are engaged for most of the duties that include pest control, mowing, brush hogging and aerating. Other costs include the lights and portable toilet rentals. In addition, we are paying labor costs of a part time town employee to operate the irrigation system. Again, we received many positive comments on the improved condition of the ball fields. We also want to recognize members of the public works crew who have been routinely emptying the trash barrels, re-shingling the storage building and other projects as they arise.

In closing, I want to thank the Select Board for their guidance and support as well as the dedicated service of our seven-member committee which includes Todd Dunn, Scott McCormac, Raigan Messier, Becky Theriault and Martha Wentworth. You will see there is currently a vacancy on the committee and invite anyone interested in serving to contact the Town Manager.

Respectfully,

Dolly Batteese
Chair



China's 3rd & 4th grade girls rec basketball won the championship for their division

Code Enforcement

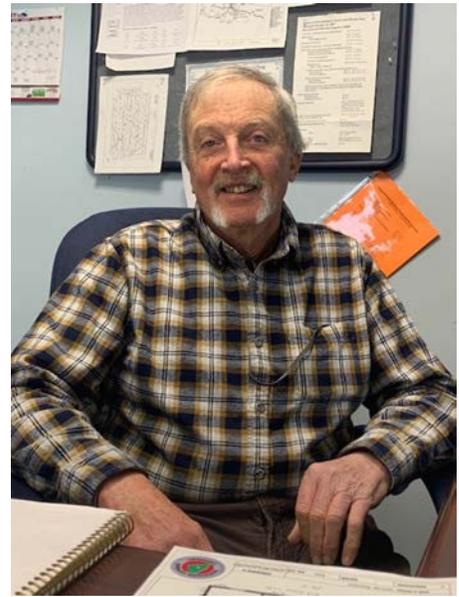
As I enter my fourth year working for the wonderful Town of China, I regret to inform you that I will be leaving this position by the end of 2019. I plan to pursue part time work that is outside of code enforcement or maybe retire from work altogether. The Town will be hiring a new full time Code Enforcement Officer, plumbing and building inspector, and health officer to take my place. Due to the apparent shortage of experienced code enforcement officers statewide, you may end up with someone with little or no experience in this area. I hope to stay around long enough to provide training to the new person. In general, I did enjoy working for the Town of China, but look forward to entering another chapter of my life.

2018 was a rather busy building season as indicated by the summary of permits during my tenure below. Please refer to the table at the bottom of this page.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) is mandated statewide for towns with a population of over 4000. China is required to enforce MUBEC. This year the state updated the international code books from 2009 editions to 2015. MUBEC is required for new homes and garages, decks,

and additions but typically not sheds. As the town's Building Inspector, I am required to implement plan review for each building project of significance and undertake inspections for code compliance throughout construction. I have created forms that you or your builder must fill out to let me know how your project is being constructed. I did this so that you will not have to spend lots of money hiring a building professional to do this. This becomes the building agreement that we both sign and as long as it is followed, the inspections should be routine. Typically for a new home I inspect the foundation footings, foundation wall, slab, framing, insulation, and a final occupancy prior to your residency in the home.

Please remember to completely fill out your building permit application and to include a site plan with each application demonstrating that all setbacks will be met. I can do this for you, but your turn around time for getting the permit will be shortened if you do the work. Your permit will also be obtained quicker if you make an appointment with me rather than just showing up at the town office and hoping that I will be here. Likewise the inspections will go quicker if I am given one day's notice than if you



China's Code Enforcement Officer
Paul Mitnik

call for an inspection and expect an immediate response.

Please remember to call me for any project that you are undertaking, particularly in the shoreland district. If your property has water frontage you should call me before doing any clearing or earth moving. Activities are more strictly regulated to protect water quality in the shoreland district and you may also need a permit from DEP. Asking me first will keep you out of trouble. If you are planning to undertake an operation in China that will result in income for you, you may need Planning Board review and approval prior to undertaking this activity. I

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Building Permits	127	158	130	158
Plumbing / Septic	66	80	95	81
CEO Permits	32	40	16	24
Timber Harvest	13	13	11	9
Total	238	291	252	272

can help you through this process and will even sit down and help you fill out your application, if necessary.

In closing, I will once again express my gratitude for the opportunity to work for this beautiful town. I will miss the Town Office staff the most whom have been instrumental in helping me perform my duties and

being friendly and dedicated to their jobs. You are lucky to have them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Mitnik
Codes Officer, Local Plumbing
Inspector, Building Inspector, and
Local Health Officer
ceo@chinamaine.org
(207) 445-3540

Work schedule
Tuesdays 7AM to 4 PM
Thursdays 7AM to 4 PM
Fridays 7AM to 2 PM

If you need a building, CEO, and/or internal plumbing application, please go to www.china.govoffice.com under Code Enforcement.

This section on the website contains a tremendous amount of helpful information when looking to build or start a business in China.



(L-R) Pauline Turner, Pat Varney and Dolly Batteese are preparing for the Annual Town Business Meeting

Planning Board

In the fiscal year 2017/2018 the Planning Board approved conditional use permits on two new businesses (a beauty salon and a commercial storage building), one new church, the relocation of the South China Library, and a residential camp for teenagers (permit pending State Fire Marshal approval). No permits were denied. The Board held 18 regular meetings, 1 public hearing, and 1 site visit. Members of the public are always welcome to attend all meetings.

- ◆ In late 2017 the Board reverted to the old way of issuing conditional use decisions. These decisions are now issued in a written Findings of Fact.
- ◆ The Board drafted improvements and clarifications to town ordinances and intends to send these items to the

townspeople for consideration in 2019.

- ◆ The Board initiated an update to the China Comprehensive Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan's state finding of consistency expires in 2020. We established the Comprehensive Planning Committee and our Comprehensive Plan funding request had strong support at the 2018 Town Meeting. We welcome your involvement and participation in this process.

During the fiscal year Tom Michaud and Paul MacDonald resigned, Ralph Howe's term ended and he did not seek reelection. The Board appreciates their service to the town. Kevin Michaud joined the board via election and the Select Board appointed Ron Breton and

Milton Dudley. However Milton recently resigned leaving the board with two vacancies. [The Board is grateful for the presence of Town Line contributor, Mary Grow and the role she plays keeping the residents of China informed of our work.](#)

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Miragliuolo, Planning Board Chair

Planning Board Members

District 1 - Kevin Michaud

District 2 - Toni Wall

District 3 - Vacant

District 4 - Thomas Miragliuolo

At-Large - James Wilkens

Alternate At-Large – Vacant

"It is the mission of the China Planning Board to balance public and private needs while promoting development which integrates environmental protection and community economic goals."

Adopted May 23, 2017

China for a Lifetime Committee

During 2018 the committee assessed the results of the community survey that we conducted in the fall of 2017 and developed a plan for how we would use the information gained from the survey to guide us in the activities for 2018.

Two issues in particular caught our attention due to the fact that they were mentioned in a great number of the survey responses and we felt that we could make a difference in regard to both. There seems to be a need for more effective communication within the town at many different levels: town government to the public, citizen to citizen, community organizations to the public. With that in mind we have partnered with the Town Line to develop a more comprehensive community calendar in both their print and online editions. The town

has made several tweaks to how they communicate with us to address this issue as well.

The second issue we have chosen to focus on is the need for volunteers for a variety of needs within the town. Many survey respondents expressed the need for volunteer help or offered to volunteer. To that end we launched our China Volunteer Program in early November. Starting with a public meeting held at the China Conference Center we both listened to those in attendance with additional ideas of volunteer needs and we developed a list of teams to address some of the identified needs. The list of teams is as follows:

- ⇒ Drivers Team
- ⇒ Library Support Team
- ⇒ Substance Support Team
- ⇒ Litter Clean Up Team

- ⇒ Firewood Team
- ⇒ Chore Help Team
- ⇒ Tutoring/Mentoring
- ⇒ Senior Center Team
- ⇒ Home Repair Team
- ⇒ Shopping Help Team
- ⇒ Shut-in Check Team
- ⇒ Welcome Wagon Team

If you have any interest in participating contact chinaforalifetime@gmail.com.

Our goal for 2019 is to develop our teams and roll up our sleeves and begin to help our neighbors. Projects we imagine may be in the more distant future are support of a Community Center and affordable housing for more of our town members.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Hahn



This chain saw carved bear was donated by Ron Carlson of China for the China Community Days raffle

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

The Transfer Station is located at 191 Alder Park Road. It is managed by Tim Grotton and is staffed by Ashley Farrington, Kevin Rhoades, Edward Brownell, and Gary McCarty.

Recycling markets are constantly changing here at the transfer station. We do all that we can to find the best market value for all materials. We want to extend our gratitude to those of you who have and continue to support our recycling efforts in China.

At the Transfer station we require all residents and camp owners to have a transfer station sticker. Stickers expire annually and are free, new ones can be picked up at the Town Office.

Please remember that recycling cardboard is mandatory. Staff is always available to help assist you and answer any questions you may have. Metal is free to drop off, but please consult with an attendant before dumping in any other bays. We are currently accepting CLEAN waste oil (no antifreeze, gas, water, etc.). We also accept food waste, manure, lawn clippings and leaves

in our compost pile. Please keep in mind that leaves left in PAPER bags are fine, plastic bags are not acceptable. Compost is ready every spring and is free for the taking. To avoid contamination and keep our recycling center successful, please remember to clean out all glass and can materials as well as remove the labels.

This year we have introduced an Apparel Impact bin, this bin is for any good used clothes, shoes, belts, or purses. This year alone we have collected 1.3 ton of materials to be recycled through Apparel Impact. We are still allowing these materials in the free for taking building as well but ask that you leave only clean materials and that you leave the free for taking neat. If you have any questions about whether or not an item you have can be put in free for taking, please stop and talk to an attendant.

We had two successful drug take back days this year, collecting 92 pounds. This year for paper shredding there was 1.45 tons of paper shredded. Unfortunately our

household hazardous waste day had a poor turnout. We will be suspending this for the next 2 years. Please keep in mind that although paint is considered a hazardous material we are still accepting it here through our paint care program. We accept all oil and latex based paints, except for aerosol cans.

We want to remind you that we have three express cans for your convenience; these are for two bags or less. For those using the hopper, we would like to remind you not to block the hopper area as many residents will be using it at the same time as you.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the Transfer Station Committee: Mark Davis, Francis Soares III, Irene Belanger, Robert Kurek, Lawrence Sikora, Cheryl York, and Paul Lucas for their hard work and dedication to our Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Grotton
Transfer Station Manager



(L-R) Transfer Station Attendants Kevin Rhoades, Gary McCarty, Kevin Brownell, Transfer Station Manager Tim Grotton and Transfer Station Attendant Ashley Farrington

Recycling totals	
Paint	1,076 gallons
Metal	64.72 tons
Cardboard	86.19 tons
Mixed Paper	10.79 tons
Newspaper	40.88 tons
#3-7 plastics	2.39 tons
#2 plastic	4.59 tons
Tin cans	7.26 tons
Aluminum	0.88 ton
Waste oil	1,400 gallons
Compost	39.54 tons
Freon Units	155 units
Brush	564.66 tons
Crushed & Recycled glass, asphalt, cement, and porcelain	15.62 tons
Vassalboro Transfer Station Cardboard	27.30 tons
Apparel Impact Bin (textiles)	1.3 tons
Schools	
RSU #18	6.06 tons
Universal Waste Electronics	
TVs & Monitors	6.17 tons
PCB Ballasts	0.06 ton
Computers & peripherals	0.46 ton
Miscellaneous Electronics	0.28 ton
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Transferred out	
PERC	282.69 tons
Coastal Resources of Maine LLC	898.45 tons
Commercially Hauled Trash	165.54 tons
Mixed CDD (Construction Demolition Debris) Transferred out	
Waste Management	615.24 tons

Transfer Station Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	6:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Historical Society

Our Historical Society has an obligation to preserve China's history. Over the past 21 years, there has been very little involvement in updating our past.

Last year we started our bicentennial with fireworks on February 5th which in 1818 was the official request to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be incorporated as the Town of China. It was later ratified by vote in June 1818. The town only included land north of the Town Office until 1822 when Harlem dissolved and the south end was united with China. The town gained the Branch Mills portion in 1830 which

completed China's current boundaries.

A monument was erected on June 9, 2018 in front of the original town house. It identifies the three villages and when they were joined together. Buried under the monument is a time capsule with notes from China Schools' children inside. It will be unearthed and opened on June 9, 2118.

We have also digitizing our bicentennial book to provide an on-line access to our history. This can be used for genealogy research as well as finding historic structures and landmarks.

Please be a part of China's future by helping preserve its history. Volunteers are desperately needed by China's historical society. If you have family roots here and/or want future generations to remember our little community contact the town office at (207) 445-2014 or by email at info@chinamaine.org.

Thank you,

Neil Farrington
President



Bicentennial Coordinator Neil Farrington explains to the crowd what has been placed in the time capsule and that it is to be unearthed and opened on June 9, 2118

China Public Works

The China Public Works Department is located at 211 Alder Park Road, next door to the transfer station. The China Public Works Department currently has two full time employees Shawn Reed and Jason Finley, and one part-time employee Kevin Rhoades. Together we take care of the roads during the summer and winter months. We are on call from November until April, twenty-four hours a day, and seven days a week ready to plow snow and maintain the roads during the winter season.

The Town of China is in its third year of transitioning to a salt priority program and having great success. The roads are safer traveling during and after the storm. The cost of spring cleanup has decreased tremendously. We are also no longer putting 4,500 yards of sand in our ditches, which we have to retrieve at a later date. We are in hopes of taking over the last contracted snow plowing route for the winter of 2019-2020.

The Town of China's road structure consists of 43.66 miles of town owned roads and 9 miles of state aid roads, in which we maintain in the winter months.

During the past year we did routine overlays on Rockwood Drive, Branch Mills Road, and Western Ridge Road, **also the last mile of the Dirigo Road was finally reconstructed and paved.** There was also some large culvert

replacement done in town by private contractors. The culvert on the Lane Road, Bog Brook Road, and Pleasant View Ridge Road were all replaced. The bridge on the Causeway Road was also replaced as part of Phase I of the TIF Committee Causeway Project.

The Town of China is falling behind on its overlay program, some roads

road a year. We are planning on splitting the town into four quadrants. This will help keep the cost of mobilization down when preparing the roads for overlay and during the overlay process, in doing this each quadrant of the town will have work being done in their area every four years. All the roads in town will be paved on an 8 year cycle.



2018 Kubota Ventrac

are creeping up on 14 and 15 years since they have had any maintenance. We at the Public Works along with dedicated group on the Road Committee are striving to get all the roads back on an eight year cycle. To accomplish this we need to engage in an extensive ditching program as well as overlaying approximately 6 miles of

The tentative schedule for the 2019 paving season is as follows: 1.5 miles of Parmenter Hill Road, 1.06 miles of Pleasant View Ridge Road, .27 miles of Bog Brook Road, .53 miles of Hanson Road, Mann Road, Cross Road, Killdeer Point, and Lane Road for a total of 5.94 miles of road. The projected cost of this is \$368,280.00. A large portion of the Public Works budget is funded by \$850,000.00 from excise tax, and an additional \$50,000.00 is received from the Local Road Assistance Program.

The Public Works department has purchased a new Ventrac to replace the snow blower we were using for the sidewalks. This new piece of equipment will also allow us to do some of our own bush hogging, and sweeping.

We also intend to provide more updated information on our town website, so please stay tuned in the future, and thanks for all your support.

The China Public Works Department is

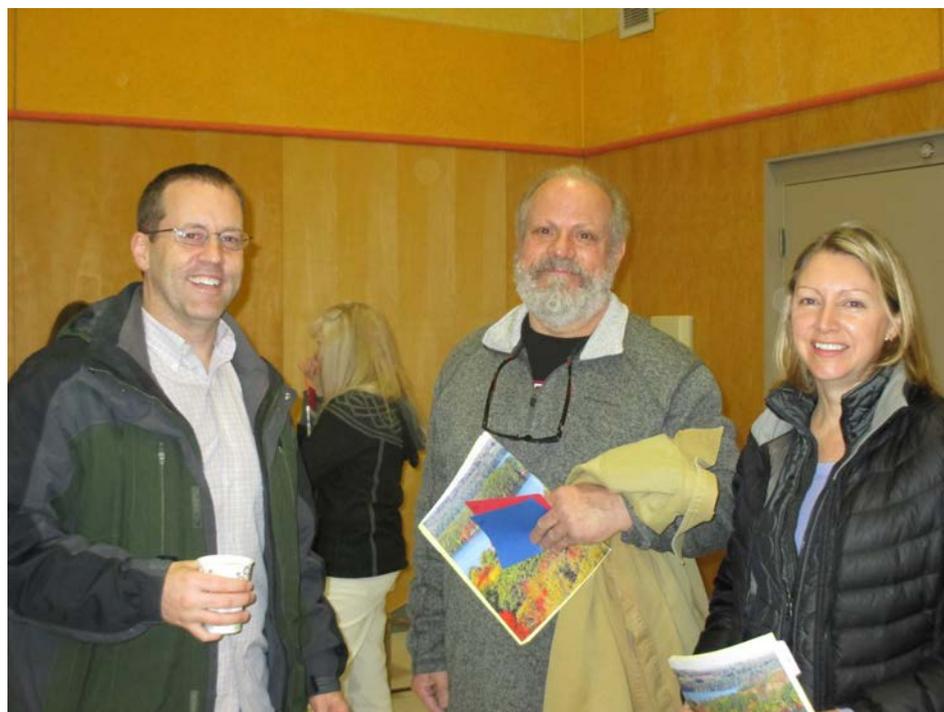
committed to providing a high quality and level of service to our residents. The China Public Works Department strives to maintain and improve China's infrastructure in a safe, efficient, respectful, and competent manner while being sensitive of the cost and concerns of the residents of our community.

Respectfully,

Shawn Reed
China Public Works Department
Manager



2018 International



Community Members (L-R) Tom Miragliuolo, Scott Pierz and Valerie Baker at the 2018 Annual Town Business Meeting

Unpaid Taxes

Acct	Name	Year	Amount	
			Due	Due
3020	3 Guys Properties, LLC	2017	\$807.21	
2519	36 McCaslin Road Realty Trust	2017	\$775.58 **	
2504	512, LLC	2017	\$455.55	
367	Adams, Barbara, Heirs of	2017	\$518.88	
2977	Althenn, Daniel H	2017	\$862.93 *	2016 \$63.93
728	Arp, Hans & Tamara	2017	\$685.10	
2843	Bard, John	2017	\$411.69	2016 \$426.26
3185	Batista, Suzete	2017	\$792.69 *	
3653	Bickford, William, Heirs of	2017	\$178.03	
549	Bickford, Annette M	2017	\$4,763.85 *	2016 \$3,117.50
3621	Bickford, Annette M	2017	\$1,371.89 *	
2573	Boivin, Ferne, Heirs of	2017	\$562.90 **	
545	Bond, Steven L	2017	\$186.77 *	
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr & Melanie J	2017	\$406.90	
359	Boynton, Peter H & Pauline A	2017	\$467.76	2016 \$484.25
2154	Bragg, Michelle L, PR Brewster, Dorothy J, Estate of	2017	\$1,841.17	2016 \$1,650.07
293	Brann, Priscilla P	2017	\$586.08 **	
1720	Bryant, Melynda Anne	2017	\$935.47 *	2016 \$957.86
3733	Carney, Marjorie E & Gallant, Jean	2017	\$358.82 *	
2145	Casey, Sara M	2017	\$364.01 *	
3563	Casey, Sara M	2017	\$138.43 *	
2482	Castle CFD Group LLC	2017	\$681.20 *	
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2017	\$1,676.25	2016 \$1,523.25
1047	Clowes, Bernie C, Personal Representative Clowes, Barry H - Estate of	2017	\$495.82 *	2016 \$585.74
2912	Conary, Craig	2017	\$505.87	2016 \$519.68
612	Cook, Steven P & Paula E	2017	\$1,045.86 *	2016 \$612.09
1546	Coombs, Stephen & Christine	2017	\$85.83	2016 \$86.12
1568	Coombs, Stephen H & Christine	2017	\$2,015.61	
69	Cox, David & Mary A & Mary I	2017	\$823.56	
26	Cox, David, Mary A & Mary I	2017	\$484.13	
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2017	\$500.69	2016 \$603.42

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Acct	Name	Year	Amount		Year	Amount	
			Due			Due	
1011	Crommett, Clayton H & Tammy R	2017	\$261.93				
1012	Crommett, Clayton & Tammy	2017	\$1,572.94		2016	\$1,530.00	*
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J & Angela Mae	2017	\$661.96		2016	\$779.52	*
2857	Cunningham, Shawn D & Patty J	2017	\$1,125.64	**			
2517	Curtis, Fred & Terry	2017	\$998.04		2016	\$103.22	*
1716	Cushman, Robert F & Colin & Ryan	2017	\$406.90		2016	\$433.62	*
824	DeMaio, Janice D	2017	\$1,514.78	**			
286	Dennison, Betty Jo	2017	\$599.39		2016	\$94.65	*
215	Derosier, Freeman	2017	\$1,030.89		2016	\$896.19	*
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2017	\$2,535.86		2016	\$2,713.77	*
1833	Dillon, Joseph P & Tamara J	2017	\$1,258.56	**			
1580	Downie, Jon M & Franklin A	2017	\$1,538.03		2016	\$97.07	*
646	DSV SPV3 LLC	2017	\$1,543.05				
572	Dupont, David Jr	2017	\$813.53	*	2016	\$231.08	*
2971	Elian, Mark	2017	\$1,559.60	**			
454	Estes, Duane C & Tina M	2017	\$1,437.59		2016	\$1,487.45	*
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2017	\$1,650.08		2016	\$1,715.22	*
3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2017	\$531.98		2016	\$551.15	*
3716	Feyler, Melanie	2016	\$215.33	*			
2882	Fletcher, John L Sr & Alice M	2017	\$981.65		2016	\$1,090.73	*
619	Fletcher, Rosemary & Brown, Sherwin	2017	\$1,335.50	*	2016	\$390.14	*
3497	Fortin, Chelsea	2017	\$390.28	*			
2115	Fortin, Dylan	2017	\$632.41	*	2016	\$35.46	*
2883	French, Vicki S	2017	\$731.54		2016	\$975.23	*
2689	Gallant, Heather	2017	\$1,622.08	**	2016	\$1,686.08	*
348	Gallant, Jean E	2017	\$906.88	*			
3215	Glidden, Avery	2017	\$247.03				
1377	Glidden, Avery & Lisa	2017	\$273.73				
3263	Glidden, Avery	2017	\$404.82				
1375	Glidden, Avery K & Lisa	2017	\$266.45				
1376	Glidden, Avery K & Lisa	2017	\$202.51				
1547	Glidden, Avery K & Lisa	2017	\$63.33				

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			Due	Due
1554	Glidden, Avery K & Lisa	2017	\$64.94	
1558	Glidden, Avery K & Lisa	2017	\$128.89	
1084	Glidden, George N	2017	\$1,635.26	
3580	Glidden, Jesse N	2017	\$235.50	2016 \$242.76 *
828	Glidden, Lisa Baker & Avery & Baker, Dewey R	2017	\$1,643.94	
1332	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$390.36	2016 \$410.22 *
2811	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$67.54 *	2016 \$67.85 *
2812	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$65.90 *	2016 \$66.14 *
1712	Grant, Scott A	2013	\$674.97 **	
485	Grotton, Joel W SR	2017	\$846.63	
1461	Hall, Marcia A Hall, Jeffery L, Heirs of	2017	\$3,349.17	2016 \$712.04 *
1460	Hall, Marcia A Hall, Jeffrey L, Heirs of	2017	\$1,251.44	
1005	Haskell, Gary L & Katherine	2017	\$1,250.87 **	
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2017	\$383.51 *	
594	Hisler, Colleen E & Randolph A	2017	\$798.63	2016 \$914.99 *
595	Hisler, Colleen E & Randolph A	2017	\$395.21	2016 \$350.81 *
3072	Holyoke, James A	2017	\$1,234.98 *	2016 \$1,283.69 *
2609	Hotham, Judith A	2017	\$1,613.68	2016 \$1,765.56 *
2347	Howes, Erin L	2017	\$89.20 *	
2045	Johnson, Donna	2017	\$5,260.94 *	
2046	Johnson, Donna	2017	\$370.61 *	
3003	Kincaid, Tammy	2017	\$617.43 *	
3323	Labelle, Tina M	2017	\$148.22	
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2017	\$1,477.02	2016 \$1,778.74 *
2697	Leclerc, Michelle M	2017	\$263.49	2016 \$207.30 *
1514	Lee, Barry & Melinda	2017	\$854.14	
2887	Lemar, Peter & Grace	2017	\$1,855.82	
1085	Letourneau, A Lorraine & J Alfred	2017	\$1,484.32 **	
1639	Levesque, William & Kathy	2017	\$675.22	
1681	Luczko, Kevin L & C Tiffany	2017	\$1,658.23	
2171	MacDonald, Bruce F	2017	\$1,839.61 *	2016 \$2,024.69 *
3425	Mayo, Jeramy J	2017	\$706.42	2016 \$572.51 *
2523	McKeil, Carl C	2017	\$2,170.31	2016 \$2,336.83 *
2641	McPhee, Vicki J	2017	\$641.45 *	
871	Meader, Sandra Jean	2017	\$890.95 **	

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1332	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$390.36	2016	\$410.22 *
2811	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$67.54 *	2016	\$67.85 *
2812	Glidden, Mahlon S Heirs of	2017	\$65.90 *	2016	\$66.14 *
1712	Grant, Scott A	2013	\$674.97 **		
485	Grotton, Joel W SR	2017	\$846.63		
1461	Hall, Marcia A Hall, Jeffery L, Heirs of	2017	\$3,349.17	2016	\$712.04 *
1460	Hall, Marcia A Hall, Jeffrey L, Heirs of	2017	\$1,251.44		
1005	Haskell, Gary L & Katherine	2017	\$1,250.87 **		
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2017	\$383.51 *		
594	Hisler, Colleen E & Randolph A	2017	\$798.63	2016	\$914.99 *
595	Hisler, Colleen E & Randolph A	2017	\$395.21	2016	\$350.81 *
3072	Holyoke, James A	2017	\$1,234.98 *	2016	\$1,283.69 *
2609	Hotham, Judith A	2017	\$1,613.68	2016	\$1,765.56 *
2347	Howes, Erin L	2017	\$89.20 *		
2045	Johnson, Donna	2017	\$5,260.94 *		
2046	Johnson, Donna	2017	\$370.61 *		
3003	Kincaid, Tammy	2017	\$617.43 *		
3323	Labelle, Tina M	2017	\$148.22		
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2017	\$1,477.02	2016	\$1,778.74 *
2697	Leclerc, Michelle M	2017	\$263.49	2016	\$207.30 *
1514	Lee, Barry & Melinda	2017	\$854.14		
2887	Lemar, Peter & Grace	2017	\$1,855.82		
1085	Letourneau, A Lorraine & J Alfred	2017	\$1,484.32 **		
1639	Levesque, William & Kathy	2017	\$675.22		
1681	Luczko, Kevin L & C Tiffany	2017	\$1,658.23		
2171	MacDonald, Bruce F	2017	\$1,839.61 *	2016	\$2,024.69 *
3425	Mayo, Jeremy J	2017	\$706.42	2016	\$572.51 *

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			Due		Due
2523	McKeil, Carl C	2017	\$2,170.31	2016	\$2,336.83 *
2641	McPhee, Vicki J	2017	\$641.45 *		
871	Meador, Sandra Jean	2017	\$890.95 **		
2483	Michaud, Debra Jane & McKeil, Carl Chester & Quirion, Mary	2017	\$198.05		
3673	Miller, Sandra	2017	\$268.44 **	2016	\$277.06 *
40	Moore, Daniel L & Dwayne L	2017	\$522.08	2016	\$984.70 *
2335	Morton, Amy Life Estate Bovio, Carlaine B Per Rep	2017	\$1,910.15		
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A Norton, Samuel O, Life Estate	2017	\$98.00		
2704	Ortega, Leeann -Personal Repre- sentative Estate of Dean Skinner	2017	\$429.96		
562	Ouellette, Daniel E	2017	\$905.65	2016	\$931.71 *
563	Ouellette, Daniel E	2017	\$477.63	2016	\$456.82 *
717	Ouellette, Daniel E	2017	\$281.69	2016	\$290.48 *
2756	Ouellette, Daniel E	2017	\$467.67		
1002	Page, Keith A & Dorothy	2017	\$434.83	2016	\$534.05 *
638	Parisien, Karen	2017	\$568.11		
2301	Parisien, Karen A	2017	\$214.09		
1357	Parsons, Marcus & Diana	2017	\$484.21	2016	\$507.97 *
1059	Parsons, Marcus M & Diana M	2017	\$773.82 *		
1176	Parsons, Marcus M & Diana M	2017	\$175.81 *		
2709	Pellerin, Daniel B	2017	\$337.59	2016	\$349.09 *
472	Quimby, Janet	2017	\$1,415.89		
2521	Quirion, Mary, Personal Repre- sentative	2017	\$167.99	2016	\$172.46
		2015	\$184.12	2014	\$180.37
		2013	\$172.87	2012	\$332.20
		2011	\$345.15		
268	Reed, Diane	2017	\$1,330.64	2016	\$1,461.73 *
212	Reed, William R	2017	\$409.12 *		
1276	Rice, Donald Kevin	2017	\$2,535.77	2016	\$2,631.73 *
3104	Risbara, Candita M	2017	\$43.91 *	2015	\$597.14 *
318	Rocque, Michael A Sr	2017	\$2,628.14 *		

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Acct	Name	Year	Amount	
			Due	Due
1363	Rountree, Gail	2017	\$800.28	
1927	Rumpf, Thomas & Laurie	2017	\$140.46 *	
3400	Saucier, Scott G & Amanda S	2017	\$578.05	
3526	Sears, David	2017	\$1,541.24	
477	Severance, Alice	2017	\$2,423.88 **	2016 \$2,263.47 *
3094	Shaw, Ann T	2017	\$54.95 *	
3525	Sherwood, Kurt & Lisa	2017	\$131.76	
1727	Snow, Jennifer	2017	\$2,382.81	2016 \$430.30 *
3729	St Amand, Heather Strout & Mark	2017	\$390.08 *	
3515	St. Laurent, Leon A, Heirs of	2017	\$848.11 *	2016 \$877.50 *
98	Strout, Gloria E & Arthur C	2017	\$4,699.37	2016 \$4,891.75 *
99	Strout, Gloria E & Arthur C	2017	\$2,972.11	
3432	Strout, Lenwood	2017	\$347.47	2016 \$359.37 *
1828	Tenney, Rhonda J	2017	\$62.04 *	
2692	Therault, Norma J	2017	\$1,094.83 **	
2560	Velez, Marcos, Personal Representative Estate of Elizabeth Velez	2017	\$1,884.12	
			*	
1858	Venuti, James J	2017	\$2,646.17	2016 \$2,770.17 *
1859	Venuti, James J	2017	\$214.19 **	2016 \$201.61 *
2718	W W Properties, Inc	2017	\$5,242.92	
3762	W W Properties, INC	2017	\$289.92	
2829	Watts, Benjamin	2017	\$153.17	
592	Willey, Marion a/k/a Deresioer, Marion	2017	\$1,111.57	
3312	York, Chris & Renee	2017	\$396.95	2016 \$153.30 *

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Personal Property Taxes Outstanding

Acct Name	Year	Amount Due		Amount Due
630 Absolute Auto	2017	\$164.66		
129 B & P Garage	2017	\$413.29		
393 Baker Machine	2017	\$809.22 *		
514 Birch-Knoll Enterprises, LLC	2017	\$32.93	2016	\$34.29 **
	2015	\$36.74 *		
236 Blinds by Design	2017	\$16.46		
244 Buckshot Powersports	2017	\$82.33		
224 Central Machine Inc	2017	\$1,765.14	2016	\$320.99 **
358 China Dolls Daycare	2017	\$24.70 *		
431 Comprehensive Land Technologies	2017	\$2,038.47	2016	\$75,200.28 **
435 Diesel Dan's Auto Srvc & Truck Repair	2017	\$237.10 **		
499 Dollar Deals	2015	\$459.20	2014	\$232.31 **
305 Downeast Surveying & Dev Inc	2016	\$89.92 **		
564 EJ Holt Consulting	2017	\$16.46	2016	\$17.15
548 Fletcher, John - Handyman	2017	\$123.50	2016	\$128.61
203 French, Leslie H	2017	\$4,939.74	2016	\$4,814.56
	2015	\$2,157.59		
566 Girard Builders	2017	\$41.17	2016	\$42.87
526 Hamilton, George	2017	\$87.20		
536 Howe, Linda / Bio Renewable Fuels	2017	\$197.59	2016	\$186.16
	2015	\$431.52		
294 Innovative Workspace Solutions	2016	\$27.28	2015	\$32.79
593 JB Builders	2017	\$65.86	2016	\$66.80
351 Labelle Family Daycare	2017	\$24.67		
248 Legacy Home Improvements	2017	\$24.67 *		
379 Levesque Construction Company	2017	\$41.17		
563 Mannke, Edward - business services	2017	\$16.46 *	2016	\$17.15
567 Marlett, Gregory - Voc Rehab Svcs	2017	\$16.46		
293 Nelson Farris Building Const.	2017	\$20.23 *		
63 Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2017	\$1,347.64 **		
586 Oxley Express	2017	\$164.66		

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Acct Name	Year	Amount Due	Year	Amount Due
430 Pierce, Kyle	2015	\$43.15	2014	\$44.46 **
425 Primiano Tile Company	2017	\$41.17		
617 Sears, Joseph	2017	\$164.66	2016	\$337.49
475 SM Custom Fabrication	2017	\$164.66		
234 South China Auto Detailing	2017	\$14.82		
572 Stevens, Kirby L	2017	\$164.66 *		
298 Strout Builders	2017	\$82.33	2016	\$85.75
382 Tropical Sunsatons 2 Tanning Salon	2017	\$289.79 *	2016	\$306.96 *
	2015	\$123.06 *	2014	\$22.24 *
412 Willette, Dick	2014	\$188.53		

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Information from our Assessors' Agent

For most of the following programs, the application must be submitted to the Assessors' Agent by April 1st. Applications and additional information are available at the town office or at www.china.govoffice.com in *Assessing* under the *Town Departments* section of the website.

2019 Homestead Exemption – If you did not file for the Homestead Exemption in 2018 or prior years, you must apply prior to April 1, 2019 to be eligible in 2019. If you have been receiving the homestead application in the past, you **do not** need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

Veteran Exemption for Real Estate Taxes – If you are aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2019; you or your deceased spouse served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for total disability, and you have a primary residence in China, you may be eligible for the veteran's exemption

Landowner Tax Relief Programs – There are three programs for which you might be eligible. The programs are: The Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, Farm Classification Law, and The Open Space Tax Law. As the laws for these programs are quite detailed, please contact the assessors' agent at 445-2014 for more information.

Ownership and Address Updates Requested – To avoid errors in tax billing, please notify the Town Office when selling or transferring any property. Also, please notify the staff of any change in your mailing address.

Abatements

Real Estate

Name	Acct	Amount
Boyle, Gerard & Mary	2377	\$251.10
Farrington, Neil & Doreen	1038	\$550.25
Roy, Helen	956	\$368.90
Dow, Carolyn	2228	\$318.00
South China Public Library	906	\$1,780.80
Wentworth, Faith, Heirs of	3277	\$2.40
Grace Academy	689	\$3,885.96
Spiller, Howard & Spiller, Dwight & Webber, Rhonda	32	\$477.40
Epick, Alexander 2011	2324	\$7.14
Epick, Alexander 2012	2324	\$7.38
Epick, Alexander 2013	2324	\$7.05
Town of China	2896	\$290.97

Personal Property

Name	Acct	Amount
Baxter Healthcare Corporation	626	\$31.80
Primo Water Corporation	487	\$10.43
Russell, Kevin - Trucking	546	\$636.00
Michaud Farms Broad Acres LLC	361	\$1,116.00

Did you know...

You can now view all meetings held in the Town Office Meeting Room.

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/china_me

Disbursements and Reimbursements

The following list contains payments to vendors and reimbursements during
July 1 2017—June 30, 2018.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
32 General Store	\$38.35	Central Maine Fire Attack	\$750.00
4 Guys Fire Trucks	\$164.00	Central Maine Fire Chiefs	\$75.00
A H Harris & Sons, Inc	\$1,748.13	Central Maine Power Company	\$25,370.73
A. E. Hodsdon	\$18,527.18	Chadwick, Wayne D	\$225.00
AAA Portable Toilet Rental	\$2,099.00	Chamberlain, Jennifer	\$71.99
Acme Scale Company	\$1,382.96	Chamberlain, Mallory	\$1,569.27
Adams, Scott	\$500.00	Children's Center	\$1,500.00
Admiral Fire & Safety, Inc	\$5,347.65	Childs, Stephen S	\$62.50
Advance 1 Cleaning Services, Inc	\$1,903.15	China Four Seasons Club	\$1,306.82
Advance Auto Parts	\$865.88	China Lake Association	\$270.00
Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc	\$3,550.00	China Lake Automotive	\$79.11
Aggressive Cuts LLC	\$5,075.00	China Recreation Basketball & Soccer	\$1,500.00
Agway Inc-Winslow Farm Center	\$426.00	China Rescue	\$9,190.00
Albert Church Brown Memorial Library	\$4,500.00	China School PTO	\$93.30
Alfieri, Thomas	\$38.85	China Village Volunteer Fire	\$10,890.00
American Legion Post #179	\$1,675.00	Cintas Corporation #65H	\$4,340.53
American Legion Post 195	\$475.00	Circle K	\$4,404.89
American Red Cross	\$1,000.00	City Of Waterville	\$11,531.42
Androscoggin & Kennebec County		Clifford, Alexander	\$400.00
Clerks Assoc.	\$20.00	CMD Power Systems Inc	\$2,157.80
Ashley, Gabriel	\$80.07	Coastal Resources Of Maine LLC	\$18,330.20
Augusta Fuel Company	\$520.48	Comprehensive Land Technologies Inc	\$4,216.31
Avenet, LLC	\$700.00	Consolidated Communications	\$2,826.87
B & B Battery	\$525.16	Cornerstone Energy Services, Inc	\$200.00
B & B Paving Inc	\$316,924.66	Coston, Timothy C	\$100.00
Bailey, Caroline	\$13.54	Cowing, Paul A.	\$1,202.50
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$1,173.22	Creative Imaging Group	\$840.30
Basham Tree Service Inc	\$37,334.00	Cummings, Gary	\$1,523.30
Before & After Photo	\$130.00	D.R. Baker Forestry & Supply, LLC	\$78.50
Belanger, Irene	\$700.67	Daigle & Houghton	\$134,624.23
Bickford, Annette M	\$33,948.17	Danforth, William	\$42,132.50
Big Tex Trailer World Store # 463	\$539.94	Dead River Company	\$30.79
Black, Norman	\$1,001.78	Delta Ambulance	\$55.00
Bolster, Michael D.	\$34,175.00	Demerchant, Bryce	\$38,461.50
Branch Pond Flowers & Gifts	\$211.99	Dennis K. Burke Inc	\$20,295.74
Breton, Ronald	\$184.62	Dennison Lubricants Of Maine	\$1,006.27
Bromar, Inc	\$4,291.00	Dion, Matthew	\$4,250.00
Brownell, Edward	\$208.74	Dirigo Waste Oil	\$2,331.00
Burts Security Center	\$85.25	Downeast Monitors Inc	\$195.13
C & J Trailer Repair And Towing Inc	\$375.00	Eagle Rental	\$5,234.75
C.B. Haskell Fuel Co.	\$404.85	East Coast Emergency Outfitter	\$1,996.50
CAI Technologies	\$2,400.00	Election Systems & Software Inc	\$2,219.74
Cardio Partners	\$99.00	Elias, Zhongling	\$2,395.00
Carlson, Ronald	\$88.50	Ellis & Meader, Attorneys At Law LLC	\$7,904.25
Catholic Charities Maine	\$500.00	Emergency Medical Products, Inc	\$3,383.26

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Emergency Safety Supply LLC	\$2,276.44	Kennebec Federal Savings	\$319.84
Fahey, Richard F Jr.	\$2,589.00	Kennebec Fire Equipment Inc	\$579.10
Fair Point New England	\$5,556.92	Kennebec Registry Of Deeds	\$6,450.86
Family Violence Project	\$2,000.00	Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$5,161.14
Farrington, Ashley	\$38.25	Kim's Garage	\$65.00
Farrington, Neil	\$300.73	Knight's Farm Supply	\$899.50
Fastenal	\$2,345.41	Knowles Mechanical, Inc	\$170.00
Fieldstone Quick Stop	\$509.91	Krause, Kayla	\$44.88
Fine Line Paving & Grading LLC	\$24,044.00	KRDA (Firstpark)	\$37,283.79
Finley, Dan	\$15,673.47	KVCAP-Demand Response	\$1,545.00
Finley, Julie	\$94.13	KVCOG	\$8,142.56
Fire Tech & Safety Of Ne	\$6,303.00	Lacroix, Mary	\$1,116.00
Fleetscreen, Ltd	\$85.00	Lakeview Lumber Company	\$4,736.30
Fort Hope Trading Company	\$5,500.00	Lapointe Lumber	\$183.94
Franklin County SWCD	\$276.00	Lee Baxter Enterprises Inc	\$440.00
Future Agency, LLC	\$15,323.50	L'Heureux, Daniel J	\$417.83
GHM Agency	\$45,608.00	Lifeflight Foundation	\$750.00
Grotton, Kelly	\$331.61	Lisle, Laurence II	\$2,500.00
Grotton, Timothy	\$142.33	Lombardi, John J Sr	\$1,117.28
Group Dynamics	\$25,780.00	Lucas Striping LLC	\$13,846.64
Growsmart Maine	\$60.00	Lucas, Paul	\$87.72
Hamlin's Marine Waterville	\$1,234.65	Lyman's Farm Store & Amish Furniture	\$419.00
Hammond Tractor Company	\$1,055.31	Lynn Card Company	\$177.50
Hanover Computer Co. LLC	\$8,432.60	M A Haskell Fuel Co LLC	\$8,958.09
Hapgood, Rebecca J	\$162.82	MAAO	\$50.00
Harcros Chemicals Inc	\$7,352.40	MacFarland, Robert A	\$36,985.00
Harris Computer Systems	\$13,946.96	Maine Association Of Area Agencies on Aging	\$2,895.21
Harry J Smith Co	\$567.60	Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Assoc.	\$75.00
Haskell Farm LLC	\$2,000.00	Maine Commercial Tire Inc	\$2,817.94
Healthy Hearts/CLCC	\$500.00	Maine Custom Woodlands	\$500.00
Higgins, Daniel	\$5,000.00	Maine Employers' Mutual	\$577.75
High Pressure Mobile Wash	\$400.00	Maine General Medical Center	\$329.43
Hospice Volunteers Of Waterville Area	\$1,650.00	Maine Municipal Association	\$24,059.80
Howard P Fairfield, LLC	\$141,882.19	Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust	\$261,194.93
Howard, Shirley	\$900.00	Maine Municipal Tax Collector & Treasurer Assoc.	\$175.00
Hussey Communications, Inc	\$3,685.00	Maine Oxy	\$287.07
Hussey's General Store	\$432.51	Maine Quality Counts	\$275.00
Hydraulic Solutions Of Maine	\$3,143.00	Maine Rivers	\$11,740.00
Hygrade Business Group, Inc	\$4,221.95	Maine Secretary Of State	\$639.00
ICC	\$222.00	Maine Today Media	\$2,406.68
Ideal Electric Inc	\$518.00	Maine Town & City Clerks Assoc.	\$60.00
Innovative Workspace Solutions	\$241.00	Maine Water Works Supply Corp	\$539.40
Jeff Laverdiere Enterprises	\$19,425.90	Mainly Metals Mailswing	\$369.98
Jimar Construction Products LLC	\$6,117.70	Malley, Ruel Michael	\$1,902.50
John Boivin's Plumbing	\$438.68	Marden, Dubord, Bernier and Stevens	\$41,107.24
Jordan Lumber Company, Inc	\$4,624.00	Maritime Energy	\$8,577.80
K & T Environmental Equipment, Inc	\$1,187.00	Marks Printing House	\$50.00
K&K Insurance Group, Inc	\$1,527.49	Mark's Saw Shop	\$38.75
Kaplan Electrical Construction Inc	\$255.00	Martin & Ware Inc	\$6,500.00
Kempton Tobey & Son, Inc	\$5,953.04		
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,000.00		
Kennebec County Soil & Water	\$597.88		
Kennebec County Treasurer	\$396,461.75		
Kennebec Equipment Rental	\$660.00		

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
MCAPWA	\$90.00	Somerset County	\$9,521.60
Med-Tech Resource LLC	\$385.31	South China Library	\$4,500.00
Michaud, Nicholas	\$580.00	South China Vol Fire Dept	\$13,620.51
Mid-Maine Chamber Of Commerce	\$415.00	Southworth-Milton, Inc	\$3,469.92
Mitnik, Paul	\$1,826.31	Spectrum Business	\$771.21
MLGHRA	\$10.00	Spectrum Generations	\$2,276.00
Modern Pest Services Inc	\$2,511.00	Spiller's	\$85.25
Modern Screenprint	\$1,320.35	Stadium Graphics	\$120.00
Morrison & Sylvester Inc	\$52.70	Staples, Inc	\$4,924.70
Morton Salt	\$63,222.88	Stephen Nelson Forest Products	\$2,832.94
MPX	\$1,470.00	Stevens, Horace F	\$2,850.00
MRRRA Marketing Cooperative	\$7,314.55	Stripe-A-Lot Safety Lines	\$975.00
MTCCA	\$220.00	Taylor, Joan	\$1,000.00
Municipal Review Committee Inc	\$1,572.92	The First Signs Of Fire	\$112.45
Nada Appraisal Guides	\$219.00	The Town Line, Inc.	\$13,156.25
Napa Auto Parts	\$625.05	The Valley Company	\$4,385.81
Nelson, Todd L	\$47,358.00	Tire Warehouse	\$1,280.52
Neofunds By Neopost	\$9,500.18	TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc	\$75.00
Nerber, Peter E	\$945.03	Tobey's Grocery	\$1,874.47
North Coast Services LLC	\$222.77	Tower Publishing	\$92.00
Northcenter Foods	\$690.50	Town Of China	\$136.79
Northeast Coffee Company	\$903.00	Town Of Vassalboro	\$183.05
Northeast Laboratory Services	\$285.00	Traction Augusta	\$76.77
Northland Industrial Truck Co	\$2,339.77	Transco Business Technologies	\$6,669.71
O'Connor	\$1,542.89	Treasurer, State Of Maine - D Court	\$165.00
P.D.Q. Door	\$9,526.85	Treasurer, State Of Maine - Dep	\$255.00
Paris Farmers Union	\$7,057.75	Treasurer, State Of Maine - Fuel	\$1,505.16
Penobscot Energy Recovery Co	\$82,696.23	Treasurer, State Of Maine - IF&W	\$75,466.05
Pierz, Scott	\$17.90	Treasurer, State Of Maine (Dogs)	\$4,447.00
Pike Industries, Inc	\$510.25	Treasurer, State Of Maine (Dsptch)	\$25,413.00
Plummer, Zachary	\$780.00	Treasurer, State Of Maine (HE)	\$2,247.50
Pomelow, Richard T	\$90.00	Treasurer, State Of Maine (Vitals)	\$393.60
Pottle, Randy	\$3,825.00	Treasurer, State Of Maine-DEP	\$466.00
Proseal, LLC	\$13,907.00	Treasurer, State Of Maine-Misc	\$8,925.00
Purdy Powers & Company	\$14,450.00	Treasurer, State Of Maine-MVD	\$302,238.78
Quirk Ford Of Augusta	\$119.00	Unifirst	\$1,557.45
RCM - Augusta	\$6,631.63	University Of Maine	\$495.00
Reliable Cleaning Systems	\$196.84	Van Tuinen, William E	\$25,471.65
Reliance Equipment	\$4,124.84	Van Wickler, William	\$15.80
Rockingham Electrical Supply Co Inc.	\$59.62	Varney, Patricia A	\$2,447.64
Roki Repair Shop	\$3,635.71	Verizon Wireless	\$1,125.04
Roura Material Handling	\$18,049.92	Viking Inc	\$12,346.80
RSU #18	\$4,735,073.04	W.D. Matthews Machinery Company	\$960.17
S.D. Childs & Sons Excavation, LLC	\$33,350.00	Wadleigh, Craig	\$330.00
Sam's Club Discover	\$11,485.95	Ware Butler	\$447.77
Sandcastle Entertainment LLC	\$2,460.00	Waste Management-Norridgewock	\$36,387.58
Satellite & Security Systems	\$544.00	Waste Zero, Inc	\$4,800.00
Scarborough Fire Department	\$275.00	Weeks & Sons Well Drilling	\$3,530.00
Seacoast Security, Inc	\$662.00	Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Dep	\$3,770.00
Searsport Flag	\$234.00	White Sign	\$2,152.71
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$1,515.00	Whitt's Garment Works	\$1,873.65
Sherwin Williams	\$535.16	Wilkens, Christian	\$45.00
Shredding On Site, Inc.	\$750.00	Wilkinson, Norma	\$115.00
Sikora, Larry	\$43.86	Windsor Volunteer Fire Department	\$50.00

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Winslow Supply Inc	\$155.04	Wright-Pierce	\$23,221.96
Witmer Public Safety Group	\$855.75	Yankee C T Inc	\$1,530.00
Woo Hoo Inc	\$1,505.80	Yankee Trophy	\$20.00



Harold Charles patiently waits to insert his ballots into the voting machine

Remuneration

With this annual town report, we are reintroducing the printing of monies received through payroll from the Town of China. Please note this list includes board members receiving

stipends, election clerks plus the CRLA Youth Conservation Corps and Certified Boat Inspectors as well as regular town employees.

Tanya Allen	\$75.96	Sage Hapgood-Belanger	\$1,722.50	Hunter St Jarre	\$389.97
Maggie Anderson	\$706.50	Jerry Haynes	\$649.88	Trishea Story	\$93.00
Gabriel Ashey	\$1,288.87	Dennis Heath	\$13,384.64	Charles Stubbart	\$472.64
Isaac Baker	\$80.00	Antonio Jacobs	\$1,230.25	Richard Thompson	\$200.00
Cruz Barajas	\$1,395.00	Craig Johnson	\$2,692.36	Gail Tilton	\$135.96
Rosalie Batteese	\$372.96	Steven Keaten	\$99.96	Mary Kay Tisdale	\$21,507.81
Irene Belanger	\$1,000.00	Kayla Krause	\$9,303.40	Michael Tracy	\$151.92
Madison Boynton	\$724.50	Riley Kunesh	\$85.00	Toni Wall	\$375.00
Ronald Breton	\$150.00	Jeffrey LaVerdiere	\$1,000.00	Martha Wentworth	\$386.04
Traci Britten	\$172.92	Cole Leclerc	\$566.25	Pauline Whitley	\$340.00
Edward Brownell	\$17,943.15	Diane Lennon-Danforth	\$378.00	James Wilkens	\$375.00
Caden Turcotte	\$184.50	Michael Levesque	\$779.00	Austin Williams	\$292.50
Jennifer Chamberlain	\$34,726.55	Daniel L'Heureux	\$139,250.71	Sean Zubord	\$405.00
Marissa Chamberlain	\$489.00	Paul MacDonald	\$50.00		
Mallory Chamberlain	\$4,728.50	Robert MacFarland	\$1,000.00		
Christian Wilkens	\$4,332.25	Riley Mayo	\$360.00		
Mia Cobourn	\$604.50	Lydia McCann	\$418.50		
Abigail Cordts	\$75.00	Gary McCarty	\$14,411.27		
Gary Cummings	\$54,932.73	Kevin Michaud	\$275.00		
Tracy Cunningham	\$3,414.13	Thomas Michaud	\$225.00		
Cody Daigneault	\$1,695.75	Donna Mills-Stevens	\$1,000.00		
Evan Dart	\$1,723.50	Thomas Miragliuolo	\$425.00		
Milton Dudley	\$225.00	Paul Mitnik	\$45,656.24		
Madeline Durant	\$517.75	Peter Nerber	\$1,252.68		
Dominic Durant	\$828.50	Myles Nored	\$35.00		
Ashley Farrington	\$11,946.25	Linda OConnor	\$318.00		
Hannah Farrington	\$2,166.00	Conner Paine	\$282.63		
Neil Farrington	\$1,000.00	Aileen Pelkey	\$246.96		
Julie Finley	\$34,155.97	Elek Pelletier	\$85.00		
Jason Finley	\$41,080.06	James Poulin	\$1,557.00		
Tracey Frost	\$4,771.65	Roger Putnam	\$183.00		
Ethan Furlong	\$251.75	Harry Rabideau	\$85.00		
Richard Gauthier	\$8,826.08	Grace Redwine	\$577.53		
Joshua Gower	\$747.75	Shawn Reed	\$47,159.86		
Timothy Grotton	\$37,431.74	Kevin Rhoades	\$33,492.56		
Kelly Grotton	\$39,309.93	Hunter Rushing	\$1,473.75		
Patricia Haiss	\$81.96	Cameron Shenett	\$453.75		
Angel Hall-Stuart	\$115.00	Adam Sirois	\$1,240.68		
Rebecca Hapgood	\$50,855.96	Dawn Spoden	\$384.96		

Budget Committee

The China Budget Committee was created by action taken on a warrant article during the 1947 Town Meeting. At that time, the residents voted to formalize a seven-member committee that would be elected annually at future town meetings. In June 2006, the ordinance was amended to require elections during the November written ballot. A listing of the districts and current membership is provided later in this report.

The Budget Committee originally reviewed the recommendations of both the Select Board and the China School Committee. However, the 2007 School Administrative Reorganization Law changed the process for approving what is now the RSU #18 budget so the committee only reviews the municipal revenues and expenditures. This has greatly

reduced the committee's workload.

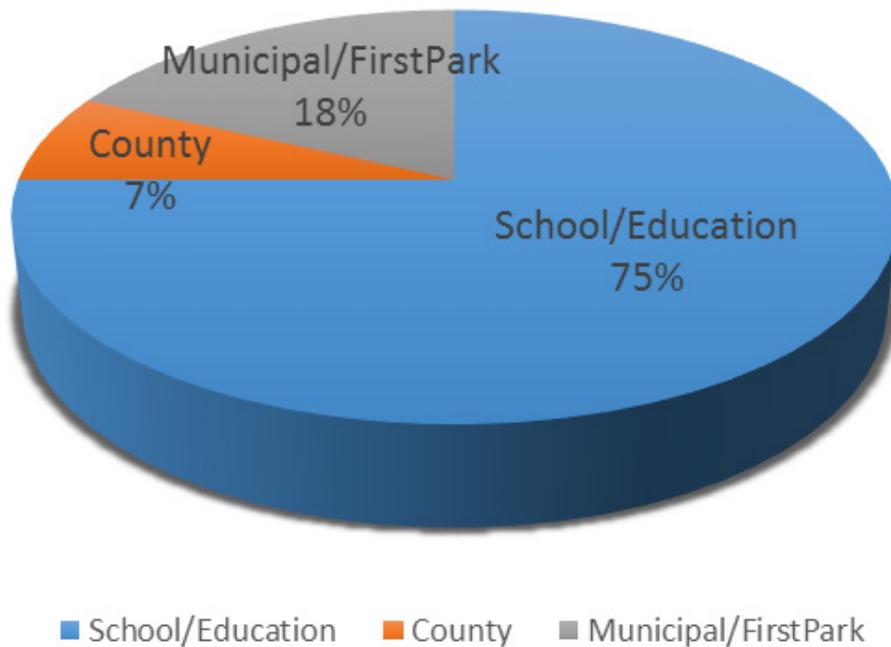
All meetings are open to the public and anyone with suggestions is welcome to attend or make their feelings known to individual members. While the members of the committee are generally not financial experts, they come from a wide range of professions to volunteer their experience for the benefit of the entire town. During their deliberations, the group examines past year expenditures, anticipates trends for both the coming year and the long term future, looks at projected revenues and then relies on a healthy dose of common sense to make recommendations on the next year's spending requests.

The Budget Committee met three times during 2018 and met four more times during January and February to review and make

recommendations on the entire 2019-2020 Municipal Budget. The members were pleased to see that there was still a healthy Unassigned Fund Balance and no debt at the present time. They also noted that the Select Board had been quite diligent in trying to identify reductions in expenditures whenever possible. The members therefore felt comfortable in supporting the Select Board's position on all but two of the monetary warrant articles for the April 6th Business Meeting.

On Article 9 for Fire and Rescue Services the Select Board initially accepted the Town Manager's recommendation of \$181,499.00. However, at a subsequent meeting they reduced the amount designated for stipends from \$33,000 to \$22,700. They also stated they wanted to change the way the money was allotted so that each

2017-2018 Property Tax Distribution



responder would get an equal share of the money. Department members in attendance at our Budget Committee meeting pointed out that the stipends were intended to encourage recruitment and retainment of volunteers. They also noted that giving equal shares did not create any incentive for members to obtain training and respond to more emergencies. The six Budget Committee members present agreed and voted unanimously to recommend the originally proposed \$33,000.00 for a total of \$181,499.00.

On Article 23 the Select Board recommended their annual stipend for serving as a member of the Select Board be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,800.00. Although

the increased amount would still be slightly lower than the average for towns of similar size, five of the six budget committee members present opposed an increase at this time.

The revised Budget Committee Ordinance established four districts from which four members must be selected while the Chairperson, Secretary and one additional member must be elected from the town at-large. Each member serves a two-year term and current membership is as follows:

Chairperson: From the town at-large:
Robert Batteese Term expires 2019

Secretary: From the town at-large:
Jean Conway Term expires 2020

Member at-large: **Jeffrey Furlong**

Term expires 2020

District 1: **Kevin Maroon** Term Expires 2019

District 2: **Thomas Rumpf** Term Expires 2020

District 3: **Wayne Chadwick** Term Expires 2019

District 4: **Timothy Basham** Term Expires 2020

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to all the members for their dedicated service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert I. Batteese, Jr.
Chairperson



Former resident Patrick Welch is enjoying the great skating while home over the Christmas holiday

Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine

June 30, 2018

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Town of China, Maine

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Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Board of Selectmen
Town of China
China, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China, Maine, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 3, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 41, the Schedule of Town Contributions on page 42, and the Notes to the Schedules on page 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of China, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor financial statements and other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.


Professional Association

**Portland, Maine
September 10, 2018**

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Town of China, Maine

As management of the Town of China, Maine, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded liabilities by approximately \$6.7 million as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance was \$2.2 million as of June 30, 2018, compared to \$2.5 million as of June 30, 2017.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present both a long-term and short-term view of the Town's finances. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health requires other non-financial factors, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's roads, as well as many others.

The Statement of Activities reports the current year change in net position. This statement includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

- Governmental activities: Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including public works, general administration, public safety and solid waste operations. Taxes, fees, fines, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Town's most significant funds rather than the Town as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The Town has the following fund types:

- Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is different with fund statements reporting short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of net position for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 4,375,732	\$ 4,516,041	\$ (140,309)
Capital assets	<u>2,851,900</u>	<u>2,763,478</u>	<u>88,422</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,227,632</u>	<u>7,279,519</u>	<u>(51,887)</u>
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>95,504</u>	<u>121,302</u>	<u>(25,798)</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>95,504</u>	<u>121,302</u>	<u>(25,798)</u>
Long-term liabilities	284,268	407,992	(123,724)
Other liabilities	<u>218,633</u>	<u>204,117</u>	<u>14,516</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>502,901</u>	<u>612,109</u>	<u>(109,208)</u>
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>79,050</u>	<u>67,493</u>	<u>11,557</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>79,050</u>	<u>67,493</u>	<u>11,557</u>
Net investment in capital assets	2,727,191	2,566,491	160,700
Restricted	1,748,358	1,493,112	255,246
Unrestricted	<u>2,265,636</u>	<u>2,661,616</u>	<u>(395,980)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 6,741,185</u>	<u>\$ 6,721,219</u>	<u>\$ 19,966</u>

The town’s financial position continues its positive direction as indicated in the above summary. While Total Assets declined by just over \$50 thousand, Total Liabilities decreased by almost \$110 thousand. Overall, our Net Position showed a slight improvement.

Long Term liabilities are a residual obligation from when the town was part of School Union #52, and this liability was assumed by the new RSU #18. The town does not have any indebtedness, and there is no foreseeable need to incur any debt.

Capital Reserves, Investments, and the Tax Increment Financing plan contribute significantly to the town’s healthy financial condition.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 182,817	\$ 170,898	\$ 11,919
Operating grants and contributions	61,467	62,697	(1,230)
General revenues			
Taxes	7,310,702	7,150,552	160,150
Intergovernmental	443,880	333,822	110,058
Investment	43,868	90,071	(46,203)
All others	31,184	166,792	(135,608)
Total Revenues	<u>8,073,918</u>	<u>7,974,832</u>	<u>99,086</u>
Expenses:			
Administration	986,585	891,420	95,165
Protection	239,614	182,138	57,476
Public works	1,063,585	707,317	356,268
Solid waste operations	388,445	344,306	44,139
Community services	117,903	120,045	(2,142)
Education	4,741,164	4,471,590	269,574
Recreation	24,590	26,067	(1,477)
County tax	396,462	400,830	(4,368)
Economic development	98,790	-	98,790
Interest on long-term debt	(2,000)	(1,900)	(100)
Capital outlay	(1,186)	107,644	(108,830)
Total Expenses	<u>8,053,952</u>	<u>7,249,457</u>	<u>804,495</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 19,966</u>	<u>\$ 725,375</u>	<u>\$ (705,409)</u>

The extended winter season stands as the greatest contributor to the added expense in the last fiscal year. The commitment to keeping roads fully cleared and safe for our residents and travelers through the area comes at a significant cost worth bearing. Our fiscal discipline over the years positioned us to endure the added cost.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town of China, Maine's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of China, Maine governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2018 of \$4.0 million. Approximately 32% of this total constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The town has undertaken an approach to prepare for lean times in the times of plenty. Capital reserves, investments and a healthy unassigned fund balance show this determination.

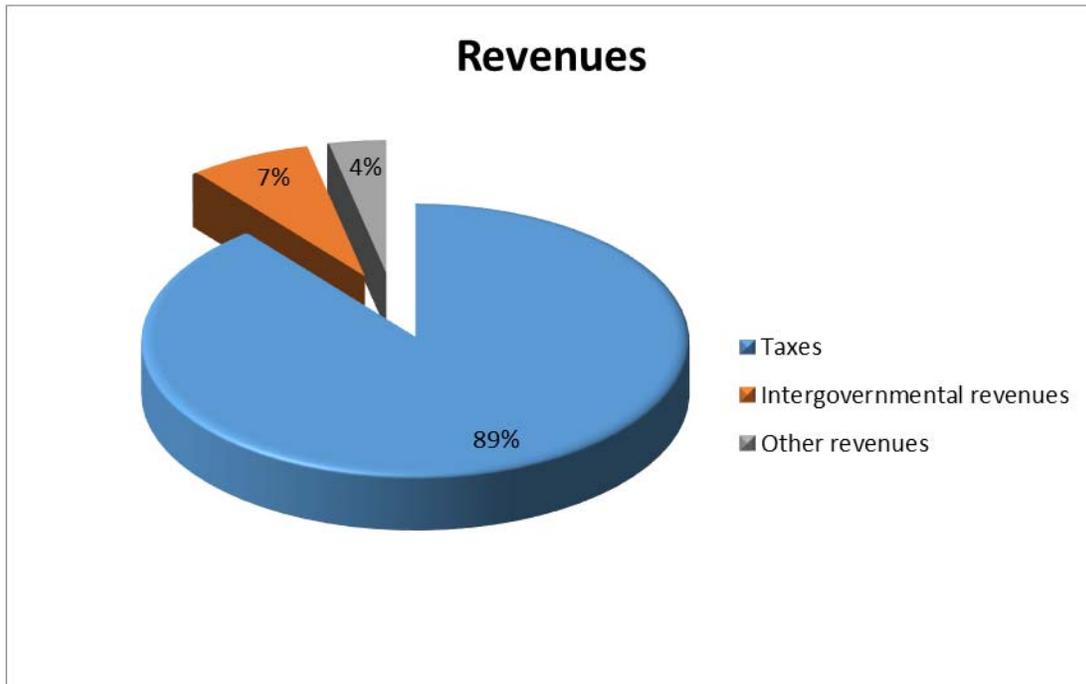
The general fund is the central operating fund of the Town of China, Maine. At the end of the current fiscal year the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,249,505. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

As noted earlier, the health of the town's unassigned fund balance provides a measure of liquidity that allows the town to respond to unforeseen expenditures without incurring unnecessary indebtedness. However, while remaining responsive and sensitive to the demands of the town's residents, management continually provides a tempered approach to planned expenditures.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

The Town's general fund operating fund revenues were as follows:

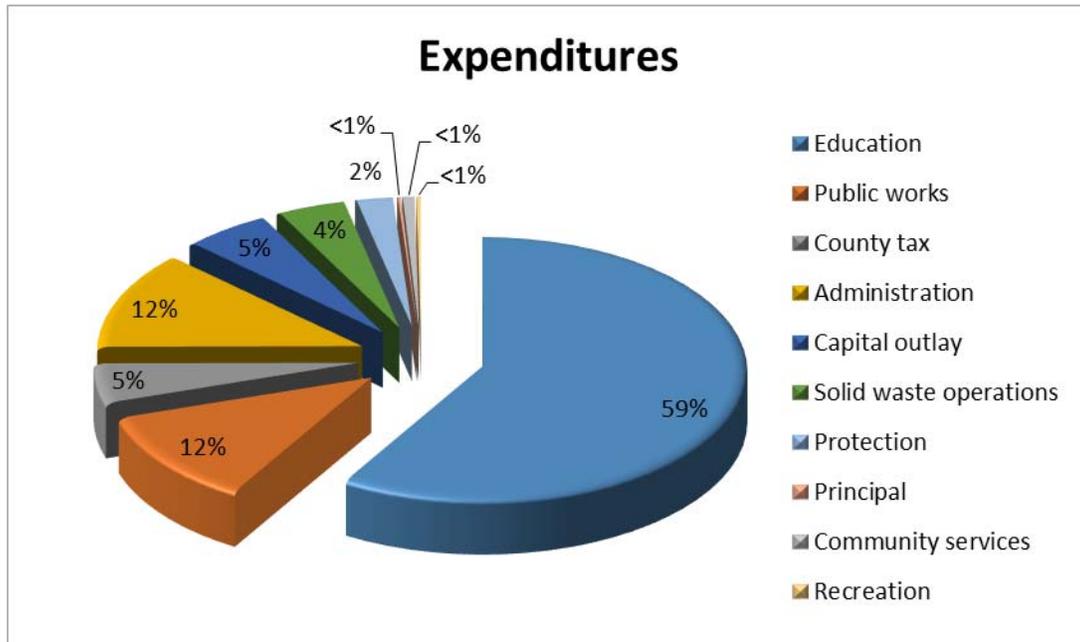


Taxes (real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise) continue to represent the largest source of revenue for the town. While State revenue sharing increased by 1 percent from the prior year, the burden for providing town services, including the maintenance of local roads, falls almost entirely on local residents and businesses. For the foreseeable future, this revenue arrangement is not expected to change.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

The Town's general fund operating fund expenditures were as follows:



The town's share of the RSU #18 public education budget continues to represent the largest expense area of the budget. While its percentage of the town's overall expense declined by 5 percent, the added tax impact on residents was almost \$260 thousand (0.96 mil). The public works expense increased 30 percent (from 8 to 12 percent), and that was attributable primarily to the extended winter. Other expense areas remained largely stable.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Expenses exceeded budgeted amounts by more than \$187 thousand, and that can be seen primarily in Public Works, and to a lesser degree in Administration and Solid Waste Operations. Revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by nearly \$288 thousand, resulting in a net increase over expenses of just over \$100 thousand. Overall, the town remains in a good position with respect to its fund balances, showing an unassigned fund balance exceeding \$1.2 million.

Capital Assets

The town continues to show a healthy report on capital assets. A continuing measured approach to capital expenditures is advised, but careful attention to replacement of aged and declining equipment should be given to avoid unnecessary emergencies.

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Long Term Liabilities

The town has no long-term liabilities or indebtedness. However, the RSU #18 does carry indebtedness, and the town's residents carry the tax burden for eliminating that indebtedness.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The RSU #18 and Kennebec County assessments together constitute about 64 percent of the total tax burden for China residents and businesses. China's municipal officials have no involvement in the preparation or recommendations of these two budgets.

With the expert assistance of the Assessors' Agent, the town was able to realize a slight decrease in the mil rate for the following fiscal year from 15.9 to 15.8 mils. China residents and businesses may discover this to be only a slight impact to their tax bills as this was driven by some increases in valuation.

Contacting the Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Office at 445-2014 and ask for the Town Manager. Citizens are welcome to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

Statement of Net Position

Town of China, Maine

As of June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash	\$ 2,920,564
Investments	976,128
Accounts receivable	72,491
Taxes receivable	94,960
Tax liens receivable	186,880
Receivable for long-term obligations from RSU #18	124,709
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,851,900
Total Assets	<u>7,227,632</u>
Deferred Outflows	
Deferred outflows related to pension	95,504
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>95,504</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	36,760
Prepaid taxes	42,935
Accrued interest payable	3,600
Amounts held in escrow	25,000
Long-term liabilities:	
Portion due or payable within one year:	
Capital lease obligations	60,338
Accrued compensated absences	50,000
Portion due or payable after one year:	
Capital lease obligations	64,371
Accrued compensated absences	57,408
Net pension liability	162,489
Total Liabilities	<u>502,901</u>
Deferred Inflows	
Deferred inflows related to pension	79,050
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>79,050</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	2,727,191
Restricted	1,748,358
Unrestricted	2,265,636
Net Position	<u>\$ 6,741,185</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

<u>Function/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
			<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Administration	\$ 986,585	\$ 59,388	\$ -	\$ (927,197)
Protection	239,614	-	-	(239,614)
Public works	1,055,493	-	55,376	(1,000,117)
Solid waste operations	388,445	123,429	-	(265,016)
Community services	117,903	-	-	(117,903)
Education	4,739,164	-	6,091	(4,733,073)
Recreation	24,590	-	-	(24,590)
County tax	396,462	-	-	(396,462)
Economic development	98,790	-	-	(98,790)
Capital outlay - special projects	6,906	-	-	(6,906)
Total Governmental Activities	8,053,952	182,817	61,467	(7,809,668)
General revenues:				
				7,310,702
Taxes				443,880
Intergovernmental				33,788
Miscellaneous				14,640
Interest income				43,868
Change in investment value				(17,244)
Loss on disposal of capital assets				
			Total General Revenues	7,829,634
			Change in Net Position	19,966
			Net position at beginning of year	6,721,219
			Net Position at End of Year	\$ 6,741,185

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

Town of China, Maine

As of June 30, 2018

	General	D.L. Young Scholarship	TIF Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash	\$ 2,904,566	\$ 15,998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,920,564
Investments	-	976,128	-	-	976,128
Accounts receivable	72,491	-	-	-	72,491
Taxes receivable	94,960	-	-	-	94,960
Tax liens receivable	186,880	-	-	-	186,880
Due from other funds	42,034	-	660,298	169,303	871,635
	<u>3,300,931</u>	<u>992,126</u>	<u>660,298</u>	<u>169,303</u>	<u>5,122,658</u>
Total Assets	\$ 3,300,931	\$ 992,126	\$ 660,298	\$ 169,303	\$ 5,122,658
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 36,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,760
Prepaid taxes	42,935	-	-	-	42,935
Amounts held in escrow	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Due to other funds	796,137	11,000	33,464	31,034	871,635
	<u>900,832</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>33,464</u>	<u>31,034</u>	<u>976,330</u>
Total Liabilities	900,832	11,000	33,464	31,034	976,330
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	230,000	-	-	-	230,000
	<u>230,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,000</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	230,000	-	-	-	230,000
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable					
Permanent funds	-	649,736	-	73,085	722,821
Restricted					
General fund	2,129	-	-	-	2,129
Permanent funds	-	331,390	-	46,667	378,057
Special revenue funds	-	-	626,834	18,517	645,351
Assigned					
General fund	918,465	-	-	-	918,465
Unassigned					
General fund	1,249,505	-	-	-	1,249,505
	<u>2,170,099</u>	<u>981,126</u>	<u>626,834</u>	<u>138,269</u>	<u>3,916,328</u>
Total Fund Balances	2,170,099	981,126	626,834	138,269	3,916,328
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances					
	\$ 3,300,931	\$ 992,126	\$ 660,298	\$ 169,303	\$ 5,122,658

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

Town of China, Maine

As of June 30, 2018

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 3,916,328

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:

Long-term assets are not available in the current period and therefore are not reported as assets in the funds. The receivable for long-term obligations from RSU #18 at year-end was: 124,709

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is: 2,851,900

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method. The balance in unavailable revenue - property taxes in the governmental funds as a deferred inflow is: 230,000

The following deferred outflows below are not current assets or financial resources and the following deferred inflows are not current liabilities due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the Balance Sheet:

Deferred outflows related to pension	\$ 95,504	
Deferred inflows related to pension	<u>(79,050)</u>	
		16,454

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term and related liabilities at year-end consist of:

Capital lease obligations	(124,709)	
Accrued interest payable	(3,600)	
Accrued compensated absences	(107,408)	
Net pension liability	<u>(162,489)</u>	
		<u>(398,206)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 6,741,185

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General	D.L. Young Scholarship	TIF District	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 6,996,978	\$ -	\$ 368,724	\$ -	\$ 7,365,702
Intergovernmental revenues	577,625	-	-	-	577,625
Other revenues	271,656	16,551	-	11,338	299,545
Total Revenues	<u>7,846,259</u>	<u>16,551</u>	<u>368,724</u>	<u>11,338</u>	<u>8,242,872</u>
Expenditures					
Current					
Administration	986,486	-	-	2,394	988,880
Protection	185,824	-	-	-	185,824
Public works	939,761	-	-	-	939,761
Solid waste operations	345,152	-	-	-	345,152
Community services	59,706	18,941	-	39,256	117,903
Education	4,797,677	-	-	-	4,797,677
Recreation	21,377	-	-	-	21,377
County tax	396,462	-	-	-	396,462
Economic development	-	-	98,790	-	98,790
Debt service - principal	15,765	-	-	-	15,765
Capital outlay - special projects	437,636	-	-	-	437,636
Total Expenditures	<u>8,185,846</u>	<u>18,941</u>	<u>98,790</u>	<u>41,650</u>	<u>8,345,227</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(339,587)	(2,390)	269,934	(30,312)	(102,355)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers in	40,746	-	-	30,000	70,746
Operating transfers out	(15,000)	-	(55,746)	-	(70,746)
Change in investment value	-	43,868	-	-	43,868
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>25,746</u>	<u>43,868</u>	<u>(55,746)</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>43,868</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(313,841)	41,478	214,188	(312)	(58,487)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>2,483,940</u>	<u>939,648</u>	<u>412,646</u>	<u>138,581</u>	<u>3,974,815</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,170,099</u>	<u>\$ 981,126</u>	<u>\$ 626,834</u>	<u>\$ 138,269</u>	<u>\$ 3,916,328</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Town of China, Maine

As of June 30, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (58,487)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method. The current year change in unavailable revenue - property tax revenue reported in the governmental funds and not in the statement of activities is: (55,000)

Governmental funds report capital asset additions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense and capital asset additions were different in the current period:

Capital asset additions	\$ 482,256	
Depreciation expense	<u>(308,290)</u>	
		173,966

Governmental funds report the long-term obligation payments made by RSU #18 on behalf of the Town as revenues. However, in the Statement of Activities, these amounts are reported as a reduction of the receivable from RSU #18 . (72,278)

Governmental funds report the sale of capital assets as revenues. However, in the Statement of Activities, the sale of those assets is recognized as a gain or loss, depending on the sale and accumulated depreciation amounts. This is the amount by which the loss on sale of capital assets differed from capital asset sale proceeds in the current period:

Capital asset sale proceeds	(68,300)	
Loss on sale of capital assets	<u>(17,244)</u>	
		(85,544)

Bond proceeds, issuance of long-term debt and entering into capital lease obligations provide current resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of debt and capital lease obligation principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. This is the amount by which repayments differed from proceeds and additions to debt and capital lease obligations in the current period:

Principal portion of debt service payments	15,765	
Reductions in capital lease obligations	<u>56,513</u>	
		72,278

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Change in accrued compensated absences	36,533	
Change in accrued interest payable	2,000	
Adjustment to pension expense	<u>6,498</u>	
		<u>45,031</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 19,966

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 7,203,513	\$ 7,203,513	\$ 7,365,702	\$ 162,189
Intergovernmental revenues	530,251	530,251	577,625	47,374
Other revenues	172,350	172,350	250,585	78,235
Total Revenues	7,906,114	7,906,114	8,193,912	287,798
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	901,828	901,828	946,593	(44,765)
Protection	237,479	237,479	205,241	32,238
Public works	776,773	776,773	935,809	(159,036)
Solid waste operations	307,591	307,591	345,152	(37,561)
Community services	53,273	53,273	59,706	(6,433)
Education	4,797,677	4,797,677	4,797,677	-
Recreation	26,000	26,000	16,341	9,659
County tax	396,462	396,462	396,462	-
Debt service - principal	15,766	15,766	15,765	1
Capital outlay - special projects	461,213	469,713	451,596	18,117
Total Expenditures	7,974,062	7,982,562	8,170,342	(187,780)
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(67,948)	(76,448)	23,570	100,018
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	40,746	40,746	40,746	-
Operating transfers out	(373,984)	(373,984)	(383,724)	(9,740)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	282,700	282,700	-	(282,700)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	142,418	150,918	-	(150,918)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	91,880	100,380	(342,978)	(443,358)
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 23,932	\$ 23,932	(319,408)	\$ (343,340)
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>1,913,445</u>	
Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year			<u>\$ 1,594,037</u>	

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of China, Maine operates under a Selectboard - Town Manager form of government. The accounting policies of the Town of China, Maine, conform to United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Town applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in GAAP include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town of China has no component units.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services for support. Currently, the Town has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Governmental Activities

Governmental funds are identified as either general, special revenue, capital projects, or permanent funds based upon the following guidelines.

The *General Fund* is the operating fund of the Town and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than major capital projects or expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Permanent Funds are used to account for resources legally held in trust. All resources of the fund, including any earnings on invested resources, may be used to support the organization as stipulated by the specific trust instrument.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is related to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Modified Accrual

Governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments

The Town follows GASBS No. 31, Accounting and Reporting of Certain Investments and External Investment Pools. Under GASBS No. 31, certain investments held by governments are reported at their fair value in the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.

Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$3,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows: land improvements, 15 to 20 years; buildings and improvements, 20 to 50 years; infrastructure, 5 to 60 years; and vehicles and equipment, 3 to 25 years.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Vacation and Sick Leave

Under the terms of personnel policies, vacation leave is granted in varying amounts according to length of service. Sick leave is granted in equal amounts to all employees. In some cases, employees are entitled to payment for unused vacation upon termination or retirement.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Budget

The Town of China's policy is to adopt an annual budget for operations. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

The following procedures are followed in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Early in the second half of the last fiscal year the Town prepared a budget for this fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- A vote of the inhabitants of the Town was then taken for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after public notice of the vote was given.
- The budget was adopted subsequent to passage by the inhabitants of the Town.

The Town does not adopt budgets for special revenue funds.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as loans, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund loan receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation in the government-wide presentation. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related costs as a reimbursement. Since not all funds maintain a separate cash account, cash is pooled in the General Fund cash account and activity for individual funds are recorded through the General Fund and each respective individual fund through the recognition of a "due to/due from" as appropriate. The due to/from other funds balances are subject to elimination upon consolidation in the government-wide presentation. All interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are reported as an expense in the period incurred.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Long-Term Obligations - Continued

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until that time. The Town has one item that meets this criterion, deferred pensions, which is reported in the statement of financial position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has one type of item, unavailable revenue, which results from property taxes, which arises under the modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category and is reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. The Town also has one type of item, deferred pensions, which is reported in the statement of financial position.

Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied August 21, 2017, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2017, for all real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due September 29, 2017, and March 30, 2018. Interest on unpaid taxes commenced on September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2018, at 7% per annum.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. The remaining receivables have been recorded as unavailable revenue from property taxes.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, and amounted to \$23,932 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town went to lien on June 6, 2018. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

At June 30, 2018, 25% of the taxes receivable balance was due from one company.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Pensions

In government-wide financial statements, retirement plans (pensions) are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note H and the required supplementary information beginning on page 41), regardless of the amount recognized as pension expenditures on the governmental fund statements, which use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

In general, the Town recognizes a net pension liability, which represents the Town's proportionate share of the excess of the total pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the pension reflected in the actuarial report provided by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS). The net pension liability is measured as of the Town's prior fiscal year-end. Changes in the net pension liability are recorded, in the period incurred, as pension expense or as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources depending on the nature of the change. The changes in net pension liability that are recorded as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources (that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience) are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective pension plan and are recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Participating Local District (PLD) Consolidation Plan and additions to/deductions from PLD Consolidation Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PLD Consolidation Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Projected earnings on pension investments are recognized as a component of pension expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources and amortized as a component of pension expense on a closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred. Each subsequent year will incorporate an additional closed basis five-year period of recognition.

Government-wide Fund Net Position

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

Net investment in capital assets - consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.

Restricted net position - consist of net asset position that is restricted by the Town's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Government-wide Fund Net Position - Continued

Unrestricted - All other net asset positions are reported in this category.

Governmental Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - resources which cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or; b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - resources with constraints placed on the use of resources are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - resources which are subject to limitations the government imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision making, and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner.

Assigned - resources neither restricted nor committed for which a government has a stated intended use as established by the Selectboard or a body or official to which the Selectboard has designated the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned - resources which cannot be properly classified in one of the other four categories.

Use of Restricted Resources

The Town has no formal fund balance policy. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

Note B - Cash and Investments

The Town conducts all its banking and investment transactions with depository banks and investment firms.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

At June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$2,920,564 and the bank balance was \$3,037,175. The difference between these balances relates to deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy on custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2018, \$730,883 of the Town's bank balance of \$3,037,175 was exposed to credit risk as follows:

Uncollateralized	\$ 74,220
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution	\$ 656,663

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note B - Cash and Investments - Continued

Investments

Maine statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements, certain corporate stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town does not have an investment policy on interest rate risk. At June 30, 2018, the Town had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Types</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>	<u>Maturity</u>		
			<u>Less than 1 Year</u>	<u>1-5 years</u>	<u>More than 5 years</u>
Corporate bonds	\$ 282,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,386	\$ 44,435
Common stock	597,562	597,562	-	-	-
Mutual funds	95,745	95,745	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 976,128</u>	<u>\$ 693,307</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 238,386</u>	<u>\$ 44,435</u>

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have an investment policy on custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2018, the Town had no investments subject to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Town does not have an investment policy on credit risk. At June 30, 2018, the Town had the following credit quality distribution in debt securities:

<u>Standard & Poor Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
AA	\$ 14,786
A	203,593
BBB	64,442
Total debt securities	<u>\$ 282,821</u>

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note C - Capital Assets

A summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended June 30, 2018, follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 392,489	\$ 23,076	\$ -	\$ 415,565
Construction in progress	11,342	52,002	11,342	52,002
Depreciable Assets:				
Buildings	1,442,612	41,268	-	1,483,880
Equipment	1,076,593	36,659	-	1,113,252
Improvements	231,167	9,100	-	240,267
Land improvements	995,888	-	-	995,888
Vehicles	<u>1,232,552</u>	<u>331,493</u>	<u>245,479</u>	<u>1,318,566</u>
Totals at historical cost	5,382,643	493,598	256,821	5,619,420
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	670,636	48,318	-	718,954
Equipment	775,666	59,067	-	834,733
Improvements	115,402	12,502	-	127,904
Land improvements	390,442	87,837	-	478,279
Vehicles	<u>667,019</u>	<u>100,566</u>	<u>159,935</u>	<u>607,650</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,619,165</u>	<u>308,290</u>	<u>159,935</u>	<u>2,767,520</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,763,478</u>	<u>\$ 185,308</u>	<u>\$ 96,886</u>	<u>\$ 2,851,900</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental Activities:	
Administration	\$ 36,944
Protection	57,510
Public works	156,776
Solid waste operations	53,847
Recreation	<u>3,213</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 308,290</u>

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note D - Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund balances at June 30, 2018, consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:	<u>Due from</u>	<u>Due to</u>	
<i>General Fund:</i>			
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>			
Major Special Revenue Fund: TIF Fund	\$ -	\$ (660,298)	
Non-major Special Revenue Funds	31,034	(16,087)	
<u>Permanent Funds:</u>			
Major Permanent Fund: D.L. Young Scholarship	11,000	-	
Non-major Permanent Funds	-	(119,752)	
	<u>42,034</u>	<u>(796,137)</u>	\$ (754,103)
 <i>Major Special Revenue Fund:</i>			
General Fund	660,298	-	
Non-major Special Revenue Funds -	-	(33,464)	
	<u>660,298</u>	<u>(33,464)</u>	626,834
 <i>Non-major Special Revenue Funds:</i>			
General Fund	16,087	(31,034)	
Major Special Revenue Fund: TIF Fund	33,464	-	
	<u>49,551</u>	<u>(31,034)</u>	18,517
 <i>Major Permanent Fund: D.L. Young Scholarship:</i>			
General Fund	-	(11,000)	(11,000)
 <i>Non-major Permanent Funds:</i>			
General Fund	119,752	-	119,752
Net Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 871,635</u>	<u>\$ 871,635</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

All interfund balances resulted from (1) the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system and (3) payments between funds are made.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note E - Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2018 consisted of the following amounts:

Governmental Activities:	<u>Transfers in</u>	<u>Transfers out</u>	
<i>General Fund:</i>			
Major Special Revenue Fund - TIF Fund	\$ 40,746	\$ -	
Non-major Special Revenue Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	
	40,746	(15,000)	\$ 25,746
 <i>Major Special Revenue Fund - TIF Fund:</i>			
General Fund	-	(40,746)	
Special Revenue Fund - CRLA	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	
	-	(55,746)	(55,746)
 <i>Non-major Special Revenue Funds (CRLA):</i>			
General Fund	15,000	-	
Major Special Revenue Fund - TIF Fund	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	
	30,000	-	30,000
Net Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 70,746</u>	<u>\$ (70,746)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Transfers are used to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note F - Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2018, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due within One Year</u>
General obligation debt	\$ 15,765	\$ -	\$ 15,765	\$ -	\$ -
Capital lease obligations	181,222	-	56,513	124,709	60,338
Net pension liability	206,342	-	43,853	162,489	-
Compensated absences	<u>143,941</u>	<u>58,085</u>	<u>94,618</u>	<u>107,408</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Governmental	<u>\$ 547,270</u>	<u>\$ 58,085</u>	<u>\$ 210,749</u>	<u>\$ 394,606</u>	<u>\$ 110,338</u>

The following is a summary of debt outstanding at June 30, 2018:

School Renovation Revolving loan payable to Maine Municipal Bond Bank from 2008, due in annual installments of \$15,766, paid off in March 2018. Interest was stated at 0%.

\$ -

Capital Lease Obligations:

The present value of capital lease obligations and future years' minimum lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	
2019	\$ 64,198
2020	<u>65,848</u>
	130,046
Less amount representing interest (various rates)	<u>5,337</u>
Obligations under capital leases	<u>\$ 124,709</u>

The lease obligations represent fixed assets owned by the school department. The Town is obligated to make these lease payments. These obligations are included in a receivable for long-term obligations from RSU #18.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note G - Joint Venture (Interlocal Solid Waste Agreement)

The Town is a member of an interlocal solid waste agreement with 114 other participating municipalities. The Municipal Review Committee, Inc. (MRC) is a quasi-municipal non-profit, non-capital stock corporation established to own and operate a solid waste system to service its member municipalities. China joined MRC in 1991 and signed an agreement in the Spring of 2018 to stay in the joint venture until April 2033. MRC's Board of Directors annually considers distributing cash in excess of Board designated reserves back to the member municipalities. China's pro rata share determined by the amount of solid waste delivered to the plant since 2018 did not result in a receipt for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Town's proportionate interest in the net assets of MRC on December 31, 2017, the date of MRC's most recent audited financial statements, was approximately \$331,000 (1.05%). Complete financial statements may be obtained from MRC at 395 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine 04605.

Note H - Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Town provides pension benefits to eligible employees through cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans (pension plans) administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) and is part of the Participating Local District (PLD) Consolidation Plan. Permanent Town employees working full time are included in the pension plan. MainePERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained on the MainePERS website. There are currently four active participants from the Town.

Benefits Provided

MainePERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits are vested after five years of services. Employees who retire at or after age sixty or sixty-five (depending on their normal retirement age) with one year of credited service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to two percent of the average of their highest three years earnings per year of service. Cost of living increases are available for services rendered after July 1, 2008. The maximum annual increase is 3%.

Disability benefits may be available if an employee participating in the plan becomes mentally or physically disabled while in MainePERS-covered service and is permanently unable to perform the duties of his/her position. The amount of the disability benefit is either 66 2/3% or 59% of the average final compensation, depending on the date the employee was hired.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note H - Pension Plan - Continued

Benefits Provided - Continued

Ordinary death benefits are available if death occurs before retirement. Beneficiaries can receive either a lump-sum refund of the employee's contributions and interest or a monthly benefit. If death occurs as a result of an injury while working or while the employee is working, accidental death benefits are also available

Contributions

Contribution requirements are set by the MainePERS Board of Trustees. Participants were required to contribute 8.0% of their annual gross salary to the plan and the Town is required to contribute 9.6% for the year ended June 30, 2018. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town were \$23,480 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2018, the Town reported a liability of \$162,489 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all PLDs, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the Town's proportion was 0.039686% which was an increase of 0.000851% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Town recognized pension expense of \$16,891. Pension expense represents the change in the net pension liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits. At June 30, 2018, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 7,807
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	55,998	60,467
Changes of assumptions	13,827	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,199	10,776
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	23,480	-
	<u>\$ 95,504</u>	<u>\$ 79,050</u>

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note H - Pension Plan - Continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources on the previous page represents the unamortized portion of changes to net pension liability to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner.

Of the amount reported as a deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date, \$23,480 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2018	\$ (12,382)
2019	15,330
2020	1,090
2021	(11,064)

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>2017</u>
Inflation	3.5%
Salary increases	3.5% plus merit component based on employee's years of service
Investment rate of return	6.875%
COLA	2.20%

Mortality rates were based on the sex distinct RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actual experience study for the period June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note H - Pension Plan - Continued

Actuarial assumptions - Continued

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Public equity	30%	6.0%
Private equity	15%	7.6%
Traditional credit	7.5%	3.0%
Alternative credit	5%	4.2%
Real estate	10%	5.2%
Infrastructure	10%	5.3%
Natural resources	5%	5.0%
U.S. Government	7.5%	2.3%
Risk Diversifiers	<u>10%</u>	5.9%
	<u>100%</u>	

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.875%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from Towns will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note H - Pension Plan - Continued

Sensitivity of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.875%, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.875%) or one percentage point higher (7.875%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.875%)	Discount Rate (6.875%)	1% Increase (7.875%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 326,003	\$ 162,489	\$ 39,388

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MainePERS financial statements. The plan's fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis as that used by the plan.

Note I - Deferred Compensation Plan

For employees who do not qualify for the PLD Consolidation Plan through MainePERS, the Town offers a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code section 457. The plan permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The plan offers a matching contribution equal to the greater of the MainePERS contribution for the PLD Consolidation Plan (9.7% for the year ended June 30, 2018) or 7%.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plans, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights are solely the property and rights of the participants. All assets are protected from any claims on the Town and from any use by the Town other than paying benefits to employees and their beneficiaries in accordance with the plans.

The Town's contribution to the retirement plan was \$19,160 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Note J - Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town either carries commercial insurance, or is effectively self-insured. Currently, the Town carries commercial insurance for any risks of loss to which it may be exposed.

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note J - Risk Management - Continued

Based on the coverage provided by commercial insurance purchased, the Town is not aware of any material actual or potential claim liabilities which should be recorded at June 30, 2018.

Note K - Budget to Actual Reconciliation

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles follows:

Budgetary Basis:

Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (319,408)
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Sources/inflows of resources reconciling items:

The Town budgets property taxes on a gross basis but a portion of the property taxes levied are recognized in special revenue funds under generally accepted accounting principles.	(368,724)
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Interest income allocated to assigned balances not included in general fund operating budget	3,446
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Miscellaneous income allocated to assigned balances not included in general fund operating budget	17,625
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Uses/outflows of resources reconciling items:

The Town does not budget to use assigned fund balance amounts which have been expended during the current year (See Note L):

Reserve expenditures	(68,968)
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Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	<u>422,188</u>
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Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Basis:

Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (313,841)</u>
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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note L - Fund Balances

At June 30, 2018, the nonspendable fund balance consisted of the following:

	Permanent <u>Funds</u>
Dinsmore Assistance	\$ 500
Cemetery Care	72,585
D.L. Young Scholarship	<u>649,736</u>
	<u>\$ 722,821</u>

At June 30, 2018, the restricted fund balance consisted of the following:

	General <u>Fund</u>	Permanent <u>Funds</u>	Special <u>Revenues</u>
Holiday Giving	\$ 2,129	\$ -	\$ -
Dinsmore Assistance	-	258	-
Cemetery Care	-	46,409	-
D.L. Young Scholarship	-	331,390	-
CMP/China Lake TIF	-	-	626,834
CRLA	-	-	2,430
Fuel Assistance Fund	-	-	<u>16,087</u>
	<u>\$ 2,129</u>	<u>\$ 378,057</u>	<u>\$ 645,351</u>

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note L - Fund Balances - Continued

At June 30, 2018, the assigned general fund balance consisted of the following:

	Balance at				Balance at
	<u>7/1/2017</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>6/30/2018</u>
<i>Carryforwards:</i>					
State revenue sharing	\$ 199,334	\$ (150,000)	\$ 196,356	\$ -	\$ 245,690
Road assistance	316	-	-	-	316
Cemeteries purchase	2,224	-	1,200	-	3,424
Emergency services supplies	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Bulk storage tank	11,461	-	-	-	11,461
Transfer station furnace	2,700	-	-	-	2,700
Box trailers	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Revaluation	10,530	-	-	-	10,530
Project Learning Tree	8,265	-	-	-	8,265
Community Needs Assessment	3,800	-	-	3,800	-
Land purchases	34,000	-	-	24,000	10,000
Emergency shelter septic and well	25,000	-	-	11,962	13,038
Trail maintenance and bridge	48,668	(48,668)	-	-	-
Police services	6,000	(1,000)	-	-	5,000
Transfer station capital equipment	<u>18,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,888</u>	<u>14,909</u>	<u>16,979</u>
Total carryforwards	385,298	(199,668)	211,444	54,671	342,403

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note L - Fund Balances - Continued

	Balance at <u>7/1/2017</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2018</u>
<i>Other Reserves:</i>					
China Village Volunteer FD	309	-	2	-	311
Equipment reserve	67,659	-	406	3,952	64,113
Compactor reserve	39,633	-	245	-	39,878
Boat launch reserve	1,693	-	10	-	1,703
Growth management reserve	9,326	-	57	-	9,383
Fire Department reserve	63,154	20,000	4,457	2,540	85,071
Sand/salt shed	22,452	-	139	-	22,591
Lake access	124,459	-	770	-	125,229
Weeks Mills FD building	9,943	200	62	-	10,205
Recreation reserve	12,315	2,601	84	-	15,000
Legal reserve	36,324	-	225	-	36,549
Community days	9,774	-	11,526	7,637	13,663
Rescue reserve	34,820	8,269	241	-	43,330
Planning Board	8,000	(49)	49	-	8,000
Dispatching	56,094	3,692	359	-	60,145
PSAP e911	11,672	6,026	91	-	17,789
South China VFD	5,267	177	33	-	5,477
2018 Bi-Centennial	11,405	-	2,172	3,500	10,077
Accrued compensation reserve	46,196	5,000	143	51,339	-
Unemployment claims	-	7,548	-	-	7,548
Total other reserves	<u>570,495</u>	<u>53,464</u>	<u>21,071</u>	<u>68,968</u>	<u>576,062</u>
	<u>\$ 955,793</u>	<u>\$ (146,204)</u>	<u>\$ 232,515</u>	<u>\$ 123,639</u>	<u>\$ 918,465</u>

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Town of China, Maine

Note M - Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following appropriations were exceeded by actual expenditures:

		<u>Excess</u>
Administration	\$	20,583
Unfunded accrued compensated balance reserve		5,076
Legal services		19,406
China Historical Society		2,894
One Room School House		1,678
Municipal capital and equipment		116,993
Bicentennial		7,677

Note N - Related Party Transactions

One of the Town's selectman, through his company, provides gravel and sand for the Town. A second selectman performs construction work for the Town. The amount paid for these services was approximately \$56,000 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (1 of 4)
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,365,013	\$ 6,365,013	\$ 6,410,203	\$ 45,190
Excise taxes	813,500	813,500	922,167	108,667
Interest and costs on taxes	25,000	25,000	33,332	8,332
Total Taxes	<u>7,203,513</u>	<u>7,203,513</u>	<u>7,365,702</u>	<u>162,189</u>
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	150,000	150,000	196,356	46,356
Road assistance	54,200	54,200	55,376	1,176
Homestead reimbursement	198,766	198,766	198,766	-
Tax reimbursements and relief	45,915	45,915	48,757	2,842
General assistance	3,000	3,000	-	(3,000)
RSU debt and capital lease funding	78,370	78,370	78,370	-
Total Intergovernmental	<u>530,251</u>	<u>530,251</u>	<u>577,625</u>	<u>47,374</u>
Other Revenues:				
Interest on investments	16,500	16,500	14,640	(1,860)
Permits and fees	54,500	54,500	59,388	4,888
Miscellaneous revenues	14,450	14,450	53,129	38,679
Solid waste revenues	86,900	86,900	123,428	36,528
Total Other Revenues	<u>172,350</u>	<u>172,350</u>	<u>250,585</u>	<u>78,235</u>
Total Revenues	<u>7,906,114</u>	<u>7,906,114</u>	<u>8,193,912</u>	<u>287,798</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (2 of 4)
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Expenditures				
Administration:				
Administrative payroll costs	\$ 381,261	\$ 381,261	\$ 455,097	\$ (73,836)
Administrative expenses	105,800	105,800	60,460	45,340
Planning Board expenses	2,363	2,363	1,459	904
Association dues	11,717	11,717	11,714	3
Assessing	47,500	47,500	45,711	1,789
Computer costs	24,000	24,000	23,559	441
Legal services	10,000	10,000	29,406	(19,406)
Insurance and benefits	319,187	319,187	319,187	-
Total Administration	901,828	901,828	946,593	(44,765)
Protection:				
Constable services	39,980	39,980	15,528	24,452
Fire departments	100,370	100,370	93,705	6,665
China rescue squad	20,950	20,950	20,950	-
Health officer	1,121	1,121	-	1,121
E-911	27,079	27,079	27,079	-
Dispatching	29,105	29,105	29,105	-
Emergency services insurance	18,874	18,874	18,874	-
Total Protection	237,479	237,479	205,241	32,238
Public Works:				
Road maintenance	741,473	741,473	903,283	(161,810)
Street signs	2,500	2,500	1,529	971
Street lights	7,200	7,200	7,189	11
Cemeteries	25,600	25,600	23,808	1,792
Total Public Works	776,773	776,773	935,809	(159,036)
Solid Waste Operations	307,591	307,591	345,152	(37,561)

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (3 of 4)
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Expenditures - continued				
Community Services:				
General assistance	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 19,745	\$ (3,745)
Social service agencies	14,236	14,236	14,236	-
China Historical Society	6,000	6,000	8,894	(2,894)
South China Library	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Albert Church Brown Library	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
K.V. Humane Society	7,087	7,087	6,881	206
Memorial Day/Veteran's markers	950	950	950	-
Total Community Services	53,273	53,273	59,706	(6,433)
Education:				
RSU Assessment	4,735,073	4,735,073	4,735,073	-
Capital lease obligations	62,604	62,604	62,604	-
Total Education	4,797,677	4,797,677	4,797,677	-
Total Recreation	26,000	26,000	16,341	9,659
Total County Tax	396,462	396,462	396,462	-
Total Debt Service	15,766	15,766	15,765	1

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (4 of 4)
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Expenditures - continued				
Special Projects:				
Equipment replacement	\$ 240,800	\$ 240,800	\$ 344,401	\$ (103,601)
One Room School House	1,000	1,000	2,678	(1,678)
Contingency	55,000	55,000	36,492	18,508
Docks	-	-	98	(98)
Town line	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Fire Pond Neck Road	-	8,500	8,500	-
Bicentennial	5,000	5,000	13,680	(8,680)
Development Program	99,413	99,413	40,747	58,666
Red Storage Barn	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Grant expenses	55,000	55,000	-	55,000
Total Special Projects	<u>461,213</u>	<u>469,713</u>	<u>451,596</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>7,974,062</u>	<u>7,982,562</u>	<u>8,170,342</u>	<u>(187,780)</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(67,948)	(76,448)	23,570	100,018
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	40,746	40,746	40,746	-
Operating transfers out	(373,984)	(373,984)	(383,724)	(9,740)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	282,700	282,700	-	(282,700)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	142,418	150,918	-	(150,918)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>91,880</u>	<u>100,380</u>	<u>(342,978)</u>	<u>(443,358)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 23,932	\$ 23,932	(319,408)	\$ (343,340)
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>1,913,445</u>	
Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year			<u>\$ 1,594,037</u>	

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**Combining Balance Sheet
Other Governmental Funds**

Town of China, Maine

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Permanent Funds</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Total Other Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	-	-	-
Due from other funds	<u>119,752</u>	<u>49,551</u>	<u>169,303</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 119,752</u>	<u>\$ 49,551</u>	<u>\$ 169,303</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Due to other funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,034</u>	<u>\$ 31,034</u>
Total Liabilities	-	31,034	31,034
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	73,085	-	73,085
Restricted	<u>46,667</u>	<u>18,517</u>	<u>65,184</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>119,752</u>	<u>18,517</u>	<u>138,269</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 119,752</u>	<u>\$ 49,551</u>	<u>\$ 169,303</u>

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**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Special Revenue Funds**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>CRLA</u>	<u>Fuel Assistance Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	8	8
Other income	<u>10,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>10,500</u>
Total Revenues	10,000	508	10,508
Expenditures			
Current			
Approved municipal expenses	-	-	-
Other expenditures	<u>39,256</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>41,650</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>39,256</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>41,650</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(29,256)	(1,886)	(31,142)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating transfers in	30,000	-	30,000
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	744	(1,886)	(1,142)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,686</u>	<u>17,973</u>	<u>19,659</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,430</u>	<u>\$ 16,087</u>	<u>\$ 18,517</u>

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**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
Permanent Funds - Trust Funds**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Dinsmore Assistance</u>	<u>Cemetery Care</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Principal additions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	830	830
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>830</u>
Expenses			
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues Over Expenses	-	830	830
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenses and Other Uses	-	830	830
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>758</u>	<u>118,164</u>	<u>118,922</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 758</u>	<u>\$ 118,994</u>	<u>\$ 119,752</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule of Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Valuation

Real estate	\$	392,849,500
Personal property		<u>7,465,800</u>
Total Valuation	\$	<u><u>400,315,300</u></u>

Assessment

Valuation x Rate - \$400,315,300 x 0.015900	\$	6,365,013
Supplemental taxes		<u>-</u>
Total Assessment Charged to Collector	\$	6,365,013

Collections and Credits

Cash collections	\$	6,216,187
Tax abatements and adjustments		<u>6,956</u>
Total Collections and Credits		<u><u>6,223,143</u></u>

2018 Taxes and Liens Receivable - June 30, 2018 **\$ 141,870**

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Town of China, Maine

Last ten fiscal years*

	<u>6/30/2018</u>	<u>6/30/2017</u>	<u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>6/30/2015</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0397%	0.0388%	0.0393%	0.0525%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 162,489</u>	<u>\$ 206,342</u>	<u>\$ 125,468</u>	<u>\$ 80,771</u>
Town's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 226,194</u>	<u>\$ 204,755</u>	<u>\$ 202,956</u>	<u>\$ 261,056</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	71.836%	100.775%	61.820%	30.940%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.400%	81.600%	88.300%	94.100%

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year. The first year of implementation was June 30, 2015. Therefore, only four years are shown.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule of Town Contributions

Town of China, Maine

Last ten fiscal years*

	<u>6/30/2018</u>	<u>6/30/2017</u>	<u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>6/30/2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 20,341	\$ 18,223	\$ 16,075	\$ 18,196
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>20,341</u>	<u>18,223</u>	<u>16,075</u>	<u>18,196</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 226,194</u>	<u>\$ 204,755</u>	<u>\$ 202,956</u>	<u>\$ 261,056</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.993%	8.900%	7.920%	6.970%

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceeding fiscal year. The first year of implementation was June 30, 2015. Therefore, only four years are shown.

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Notes to the Required Supplemental Information

Town of China, Maine

Notes to the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Town Contributions

The information presented in the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Town Contributions was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the dates indicated.

The information presented relates solely to the Town of China and not to the System as a whole.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

TOWN OF CHINA



ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020



Prepared by Dennis L. Heath, Town Manager

In Compliance with 30-A M.R.S. § 2636 (12)

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PREFACE

This budget will appear very new to most, using a “cost center” presentation of expenses. When you see the section for Administration, you will see the actual costs for providing administrative services to the Town. The same will be true for Public Works, the Transfer Station, Fire/Rescue, etc. Additionally, you will see a section focused on the many boards and committees that provide either oversight or advisory input.

Work began in October 2018, determining to deliver to the Select Board and Budget Committee a fully-prepared budget proposal that not only shows numbers, but gives meaningful explanation for the numbers. Oftentimes, questions can be answered within the narrative of the proposal, so that is why you see this budget presented in a narrative format.

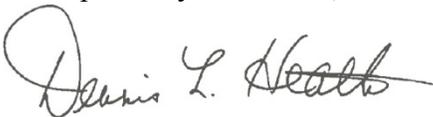
While it is typical for the town manager to prepare the annual budget, working alone may result in missing vital input. For that reason, a staff budget group was formed, pulling together representatives for each of the major town departments (cost centers). Meeting every Wednesday morning for about nine weeks, the group hammered out the budget seen here. It was an eye-opener for the participants, realizing the impact on taxpayers as each expense was considered. The overarching goal of the group was to keep as close to the current mill rate as possible, while realizing the Education and County assessments are outside the group’s control.

The table below shows a comparison of this budget to the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget. It is clear that the staff budget group, the Budget Committee and the Select Board all succeeded in reducing the municipal budget.

	Budget Committee	Select Board
Municipal Budget (including TIF)	\$ 3,566,860.48	\$ 3,556,560.48
FY 18/19 Municipal Budget (including TIF)	\$ 3,801,718.43	\$ 3,801,718.43
Proposal vs. FY2018/2019 Mun. Appr.	\$ (234,857.95)	\$ (245,157.95)

All in all, it is anticipated this budget will give a better insight to what it costs to provide the services China residents receive. Please take time to carefully read through the budget, take advantage of opportunities to ask questions at the public meetings ahead of the annual Town Business Meeting, and prepare to cast a fully-informed vote when the time comes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis L. Heath
Town Manager

BUDGET SUMMARY

The following summary of the municipal budget presents both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommendations. While it is desirable to present the former budget numbers in comparison to the new numbers, the significant differences in format preclude its usefulness. However, succeeding years can show that comparison. Nonetheless, the FY 2018/2019 summary budget numbers are provided for reference. Since we can't possibly know the required appropriations for Education and County at this time, this budget will only present the municipal budget and the TIF budget, which are calculated separately in determining the annual tax commitment.

FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET		PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET
MUNICIPAL	3,008,424.00	32.65%
TIF	793,294.43	8.61%
MAINE DOT GRANT	95,000.00	1.03%
MAINE LOCAL ROADS ASSISTANCE	55,000.00	0.60%
OVERLAY	40,616.19	0.44%
EDUCATION	4,796,059.00	52.05%
COUNTY	425,302.00	4.62%
TOTAL	\$9,213,695.62	100.00%

NOTE: The combined Municipal and TIF is \$3,801,718.43. This total is relevant to the presentation of the FY19/20 budget below.

FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET	Select Board	Budget Committee
ADMINISTRATION	473,081.00	473,081.00
ADMINISTRATIVE, OTHER	213,126.00	213,126.00
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES	44,163.00	44,163.00
ASSOCIATION DUES	14,517.00	14,517.00
ASSESSING FEES	115,965.75	115,965.75
LEGAL SERVICES	20,000.00	20,000.00
POLICE/ANIMAL CONTROL	91,498.00	91,498.00
FIRE/RESCUE	171,199.00	181,499.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	498,705.00	498,705.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE	1,196,746.00	1,196,746.00
WELFARE ASSISTANCE	16,000.00	16,000.00
SOCIAL SERVICES	12,808.00	12,808.00
COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS	67,500.00	67,500.00
CEMETERY CARE	21,000.00	21,000.00
CONTINGENCY	55,000.00	55,000.00
FIRSTPARK	38,169.00	38,169.00
ACCRUED COMPENSATION	50,000.00	50,000.00
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUND (TIF)	457,082.73	457,082.73
TOTAL	\$3,556,560.48	\$3,566,860.48

Each of the budget lines above is presented separately in the succeeding sections, providing the relevant details and narrative explanations where appropriate. It is important to note that for presentations of staff compensation, the numbers represent the full cost to the town, including wages, health insurance, workers compensation premiums, Social Security, Medicare, and employer match to retirement. These numbers were not reflected in the same way in prior budgets. For this budget, no raises are calculated, although there is a separate article in the town warrant to consider a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for eligible employees, and if approved, that amount would be added to this budget.

ADMINISTRATION

With the anticipated retirement of the Code Enforcement Officer at the end of 2019, transitioning the new hire to full time is planned in this budget. Also, 75% of the compensation for one of the Deputy Clerks has been shifted to Assessing, since that is the bulk of the work for that position. Money is included in the budget to reward exceptional performance and provide holiday bonuses at the end of the year. A comprehensive workload study is planned to better gauge staffing needs for all departments. In addition, the town manager is expected to establish an employee classification and wage-scale system. Much of the work is already underway, but it is anticipated to be completed in the new fiscal year.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
TRAVEL	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOWN MEETING MODERATOR	200.00	200.00
ELECTION CLERKS	4,000.00	4,000.00
ELECTION JANITORS	300.00	300.00
TOWN MANAGER	86,256.00	86,256.00
TOWN MANAGER'S TRAVEL EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN CLERK (BH)	79,875.00	79,875.00
DEPUTY CLERK 1 (KG)	15,322.00	15,322.00
DEPUTY CLERK 2 (JF)	63,884.00	63,884.00
CODE ENFORC. OFFICER WAGES	26,163.00	26,163.00
CODE ENFORC. OFFICER EXPENSES	2,700.00	2,700.00
PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY INS.	3,641.00	3,641.00
BONDS	1,000.00	1,000.00
OVERTIME	4,000.00	4,000.00
CEO ASSISTANT	59,942.00	59,942.00
DEPUTY CLERK 3 (JC)	69,281.00	69,281.00
DEPUTY CLERK 5 (TC)	2,500.00	2,500.00
DEPUTY CLERK 4 (KK)	32,629.00	32,629.00
EMPLOYEE BONUSES	3,000.00	3,000.00
AUGMENTEE	14,388.00	14,388.00
HEALTH OFFICER	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$473,081.00	\$473,081.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
FIRSTPARK DIVIDEND		20,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FEES		28,000.00
BANK INTEREST		20,000.00
LIEN INTEREST		24,000.00
LIEN FEES		10,000.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT		3,000.00
VETERAN EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT		3,000.00
TOWN FEES		8,000.00
CLERK FEES		8,000.00
RV REGISTRATION FEES		8,500.00
STATE REVENUE SHARING		170,000.00
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT		145,000.00
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		20,000.00
PROPERTY TAXES		5,581.00
TOTAL		\$473,081.00

ADMINISTRATION, OTHER

Aside from moving appropriate items either in from or out to other areas of the budget, the amounts below are mostly unchanged from the prior year. The Info Technology line was formerly in the Computer account, and now reflects the anticipated expense for just the Town Office. Each of the other departments will now have their own Info Technology line. The one addition here is for the Mass Communication System that was introduced earlier in 2018. For this modest expense, the town will have the ability to directly communicate with all participating residents on a host of important topics, including emergency notifications, cancellations, meeting announcements, etc.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
PRINTING & BINDING	6,500.00	6,500.00
HEAT & LIGHT	7,500.00	7,500.00
TELEPHONE	7,000.00	7,000.00
EQUIP/BLDG REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00
POSTAGE	11,000.00	11,000.00
AUDITING SERVICES	16,000.00	16,000.00
TRAINING/SEMINARS/DUES/ETC	5,000.00	5,000.00
SUPPLIES	18,500.00	18,500.00
TOWN HEARING NOTICES & ADS	10,180.00	10,180.00
PUBLICATIONS	1,000.00	1,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	3,000.00	3,000.00
ELECTION COSTS-PRINT, CODE ETC	4,200.00	4,200.00
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	11,311.00	11,311.00
PAVING/STRIPING PARKING LOT	3,000.00	3,000.00
INFO TECHNOLOGY	17,750.00	17,750.00
911 E SYSTEM	2,500.00	2,500.00
MASS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM	4,000.00	4,000.00
HISTORICAL RECORDS PRESERVATION	2,500.00	2,500.00
MULTI-PERIL LIAB PROPERTY INS	2,185.00	2,185.00
ABATEMENTS	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN MATCH FOR GRANTS	55,000.00	55,000.00
TOTAL	\$213,126.00	\$213,126.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSE		100,000.00
PROPERTY TAXES OVERLAY		15,000.00
PROPERTY TAXES		98,126.00
TOTAL		\$213,126.00

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Bringing all boards and committees under one section of the budget promises to show in a more simplified presentation the costs associated with their respective activities. This budget combines the Thurston Park and Town Forest into one expense line as Parks. A successful application for a Project Canopy Grant will fund sorely-needed updates and repairs to the learning locations at the Town Forest (aka China School Forest).

	Select Board	Budget Committee
APPEALS BOARD	300.00	300.00
BROADBAND COMMITTEE		
CHINA FOR A LIFETIME COMMITTEE	200.00	200.00
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	6,000.00	6,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	4,363.00	4,363.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE		
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW		
CEMETERY COMMITTEE		
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE		
FORESTRY COMMITTEE		
RECREATION COMMITTEE	24,000.00	24,000.00
TRANSFER STATION COMMITTEE		
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMITTEE		
ROAD COMMITTEE		
PARKS (Thurston Park & Town Forest)	4,300.00	4,300.00
SELECT BOARD	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$44,163.00	\$44,163.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		33,863.00
TREE GROWTH		6,000.00
PROJECT CANOPY GRANT		4,300.00
TOTAL		\$44,163.00

ASSOCIATION DUES

	Select Board	Budget Committee
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	5,013.00	5,013.00
KV COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	7,004.00	7,004.00
MID-ME CHMBR OF COMMERCE	500.00	500.00
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,517.00	\$14,517.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES		14,517.00
TOTAL		\$14,517.00

ASSESSING

In this budget year, the share of the work done in support of the assessors by one of our staff members is shown. We are working with our assessors' agent to position for our staff specialist to take on more of the work, thereby reducing the amount of work required by the agent. Additionally, the amount for mapping and revaluation is included. These two costs occur at different intervals, but not annually. By reserving an annual amount that reflects the appropriate share of the total, we minimize the impact in a single year.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
ASSESSOR AGENT	35,000.00	35,000.00
ASSESSING ASSISTANT	45,965.75	45,965.75
MAPPING, ORTHO-IMAGING, ETC.	10,000.00	10,000.00
REVALUATION	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$115,965.75	\$115,965.75
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES		115,965.75
TOTAL		\$115,965.75

LEGAL

	Select Board	Budget Committee
LEGAL SERVICES	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES		20,000.00
TOTAL		\$20,000.00

POLICE AND ANIMAL CONTROL

	Select Board	Budget Committee
POLICE WAGES	26,535.00	26,535.00
ACO STIPEND	3,090.00	3,090.00
ACO MILEAGE	2,000.00	2,000.00
SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	1,500.00
COMMUNICATIONS	3,000.00	3,000.00
VEHICLE-GAS	2,200.00	2,200.00
SPEEDING CONTROL	2,000.00	2,000.00
POLICE LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,000.00	1,000.00
POLICE VEH INSURANCE	526.00	526.00
KV HUMANE SOCIETY	7,087.00	7,087.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH	40,060.00	40,060.00
TOTAL	\$91,498.00	\$91,498.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES		\$ 91,498.00

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

This will be the third fiscal year that stipends are offered to the fire and rescue services volunteers. The original intent was to provide a nominal gift to acknowledge the volunteer services and to provide an incentive for recruiting new volunteers. The Select Board found that the chiefs and officers of the departments were receiving two stipend payments; one for their position and additional stipend payments for their participation in department operations. Other members were only receiving stipend payments for participation in operations. The chiefs believed it was intended that way. The Select Board requested and approved a proposal to restructure the stipends to stop this practice. The Select Board's recommendation of \$22,700 reflects the amount needed to ensure all members of the fire and rescue departments receive a stipend without the chiefs and officers receiving two stipends. The Budget Committee, with two members that are volunteer firefighters, heard from the fire departments, the town manager, and a member of the Select Board, and voted to recommend the \$33,000 originally proposed.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CHINA VILLAGE VOL FIRE DEPT	24,500.00	24,500.00
SOUTH CHINA VOL FIRE DEPT	24,000.00	24,000.00
WEEKS MILLS VOL FIRE DEPT	27,000.00	27,000.00
FIRE DEPT EMERGENCY VEH INS	5,000.00	5,000.00
WORKERS COMP FIRE/RESCUE	2,000.00	2,000.00
CHINA RESCUE	17,195.00	17,195.00
RESCUE EMER VEHICLE INS	930.00	930.00
MALPRACTICE INS RESCUE	1,824.00	1,824.00
INLAND MARINE INS	1,800.00	1,800.00
PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,250.00	1,250.00

WTVL PSAP/SOMRSET CTY DISP	23,000.00	23,000.00
FIRE/RESCUE STIPENDS	22,700.00	33,000.00
FIRE DEPT CAP EQUIP	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL	\$171,199.00	\$181,499.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
WEEKS MILLS VFD BLDG RES	10,205.00	10,205.00
CHINA VILLAGE VFD RES	311.00	311.00
SOUTH CHINA VFD RESERVE	5,477.00	5,477.00
PROPERTY TAX	155,206.00	165,506.00
TOTAL	\$171,199.00	\$181,499.00

TRANSFER STATION

The town manager and Transfer Station Committee plan to conduct a thorough program evaluation in 2019 to measure how the schedule and staffing impacts the quality of service to China and Palermo residents. The Transfer Station will continue to strive toward the Maine goal of 50% recycling of municipal solid waste tonnage by January 2021 (38 M.R.S. § 2132).

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	50,000.00	50,000.00
TS MANAGER (TG)	71,568.00	71,568.00
UTILITIES	10,000.00	10,000.00
SUPPLIES	11,000.00	11,000.00
TIPPING FEES MSW	95,000.00	95,000.00
HAULING COSTS MSW	21,000.00	21,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	12,000.00	12,000.00
OVER/SHORT	25.00	25.00
TIPPING FEES FOR DEMO DEBRIS	45,000.00	45,000.00
HAULING FOR DEMO DEBRIS	22,000.00	22,000.00
RECYCLING	4,000.00	4,000.00
TS ATTENDANT 1 (KR)	66,890.00	66,890.00
TS ATTENDANT 2 (EB)	16,050.00	16,050.00
TS ATTENDANT 3 (GM)	33,300.00	33,300.00
TS ATTENDANT 4 (AF)	23,302.00	23,302.00
EQUIP - DRIVEABLE	2,500.00	2,500.00
EQUIP - STATIONARY	2,500.00	2,500.00
EMPLOYEE BONUSES	1,500.00	1,500.00
INFO TECHNOLOGY	3,750.00	3,750.00
OVERTIME	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRAINING/TRAVEL/DUES	2,500.00	2,500.00
MULTI-PERIL LIABILITY INS	2,395.00	2,395.00
VEHICLE INSURANCE	925.00	925.00

TOTAL	\$498,705.00	\$498,705.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PALERMO BUDGET		18,000.00
PALERMO BAGS		20,000.00
RECYCLING		22,000.00
MSW FEES		8,000.00
DEMO DEBRIS		50,000.00
PROPERTY TAX		380,705.00
TOTAL		\$498,705.00

PUBLIC WORKS

In this budget year, the winter snow plowing contract is replaced with a full-time new hire. This new employee will have mechanic skills that will enable the department to establish a comprehensive preventive maintenance program (PMP) and perform light maintenance currently sent out to various shops. This full-time employee will also be a fourth snow plow driver. A very important initiative of the Road Committee is to put all China roads on a maintenance schedule. In that schedule, four quadrants are formed that are mostly consistent with the four snow plow routes. Every eight years, all town-owned roads will receive appropriate maintenance. The table below the budget reflects the intended schedule. Preparation for road work in a quadrant is planned to take place the year prior. Moderate cost savings is expected by keeping contractors located in a single quadrant, rather than requiring them to relocate their equipment from one end of the town to another. A map with the quadrant designations will be posted to the town website as soon as is available.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CONTRACTOR LABOR	24,000.00	24,000.00
CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT	65,000.00	65,000.00
SHOP SUPPLIES/TOOLS	48,000.00	48,000.00
EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00
SAND & SALT SUPPLIES	75,000.00	75,000.00
PAVING AND STRIPING	396,750.00	396,750.00
PW 2 (FORMERLY GC)	61,424.00	61,424.00
UTILITIES	6,000.00	6,000.00
PW 1 (SR)	80,850.00	80,850.00
TREE REMOVAL	20,000.00	20,000.00
MATERIALS	35,000.00	35,000.00
GRADER - TK 4	3,500.00	3,500.00
PW 4 (NEW HIRE)	56,228.00	56,228.00
PW 3 (JF)	65,810.00	65,810.00
FACILITY MAINTENANCE	17,000.00	17,000.00
12 GMC - TK 2	3,000.00	3,000.00
OVERTIME	35,000.00	35,000.00
TRAINING/TRAVEL/DUES	3,000.00	3,000.00
15 WESTERN STAR - TK 11	10,000.00	10,000.00
PW ASSISTANTS	3,500.00	3,500.00

FUEL FOR TRUCKS	30,000.00	30,000.00
15 INTL - TK12	11,000.00	11,000.00
18 INTL - TK 15	5,000.00	5,000.00
18 INTL - TK 16 (SINGLE AXLE)	5,000.00	5,000.00
INFO TECHNOLOGY	3,750.00	3,750.00
2018 CHEV 3500 & PLOW	2,000.00	2,000.00
CAPITAL EXPENSE	106,000.00	106,000.00
BONUSES	1,500.00	1,500.00
STREET SIGNS	2,500.00	2,500.00
STREET LIGHTS	10,000.00	10,000.00
MULTI-PERIL LIABILITY INS	1,031.00	1,031.00
VEHICLE INSURANCE	4,903.00	4,903.00
TOTAL	\$1,196,746.00	\$1,196,746.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
EXCISE TAXES		850,000.00
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		160,000.00
MAINE LOCAL ROADS ASSIST		50,000.00
PROPERTY TAX		136,746.00
TOTAL		\$1,196,746.00

ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE				
YEAR	QUADRANT 1	QUADRANT 2	QUADRANT 3	QUADRANT 4
1	X			Y
2	Y	X		
3		Y	X	
4			Y	X
5	X			Y
6	Y	X		
7		Y	X	
8			Y	X

LEGEND: X = PREPARATION AND Y = MAINTENANCE

WELFARE

	Select Board	Budget Committee
WELFARE ASSISTANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00
RENT-WELFARE ASSISTANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		16,000.00
TOTAL		\$16,000.00

SOCIAL SERVICES

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CRISIS & COUNSELING SERVICES	528.00	528.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	500.00	500.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE	2,000.00	2,000.00
KVCAP-DEMAND RESPONSE	1,000.00	1,000.00
HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS WTVL	1,650.00	1,650.00
SENIOR SPECTRUM	2,780.00	2,780.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	500.00	500.00
KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	1,000.00	1,000.00
CHILDRENS CENTER	1,000.00	1,000.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS & SPT CT	1,000.00	1,000.00
LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION	500.00	500.00
MPBN	100.00	100.00
HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE	250.00	250.00
TOTAL	\$12,808.00	\$12,808.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		12,808.00
TOTAL		\$12,808.00

COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

This new category consolidates those organizations that provide direct support to the town. Among them is Maine Rivers, which is the proponent for rehabilitation of dams and fish ways that directly affect China Lake. The request here is for less than 25% of the anticipated cost to rehabilitate the outlet dam that is located in Vassalboro, and is for a two-year time-period to expend the funds. The dam controls the lake water level and is the passageway for alewives that Maine Rivers considers a beneficial contributor to lake water quality.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
HISTORICAL BUILDINGS	7,000.00	7,000.00
SOUTH CHINA PUBLIC LIBRARY	4,500.00	4,500.00
ALBERT CHURCH BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	4,500.00	4,500.00
COURTESY BOAT INSPECTORS	9,000.00	9,000.00
CHINA LAKE YCC	14,500.00	14,500.00
MAINE RIVERS (CHINA LAKE OUTLET DAM)	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOWN LINE	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$67,500.00	\$67,500.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		39,500.00
PROPERTY TAX		28,000.00
TOTAL		\$67,500.00

CEMETERY CARE

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	20,000.00	20,000.00
VETERAN MARKERS	500.00	500.00
MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAX		21,000.00
TOTAL		\$21,000.00

CONTINGENCY

Contingency funds are available to the Select Board during each fiscal year to allow the ability to respond to expenses that were not anticipated at the time the budget was approved.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
CONTINGENCY	55,000.00	55,000.00
TOTAL	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		15,000.00
PROPERTY TAX OVERLAY		40,000.00
TOTAL		\$55,000.00

FIRSTPARK

In prior fiscal years, the annual contribution to the FirstPark development at Oakland was paid out of TIF revenues. In closely examining the TIF program documents, it was realized that no TIF money may be expended on activities outside the municipality. FirstPark is clearly outside the municipality. This year, the expense is properly funded outside the TIF revenues.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
FIRSTPARK	38,169.00	38,169.00
TOTAL	\$38,169.00	\$38,169.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		38,169.00
TOTAL		\$38,169.00

ACCRUED COMPENSATION

With the retirement of the former town manager, the Accrued Compensation Reserve Fund was completely depleted. Only \$6,000.00 was budgeted for FY18/19 to bring the account back up. However, at the conclusion of FY17/18, and after the payout to the former town manager, the town obligation for Accrued Compensation was just over \$107,000.00. Taking a responsible approach, this year it is intended to add the amount below to the reserve account, in the anticipation that the account will be fully funded in the next fiscal year (FY20/21) and in all years following.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
ACCRUED COMPENSATION RES	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		50,000.00
TOTAL		\$50,000.00

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUND (TIF)

At the annual town business meeting of March 25, 2017, \$750,000.00 was authorized to be appropriated for “Improvements to the Causeway Road” to be expended over the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Following the completion of Phase 1 in the current fiscal year, \$202,582.73 remains for Phase 2 of the project. The TIF Committee has recommended approval of a funding request for the China Lake Association (CLA) in support of the LakeSmart program, with \$25,000.00 for labor and another \$25,000.00 for camp road repairs. The TIF Committee also recommends approval of funding requests from the Thurston Park Committee for \$52,000, the China Four Seasons Club for \$50,000, and the China Region Lakes Alliance for \$20,000.

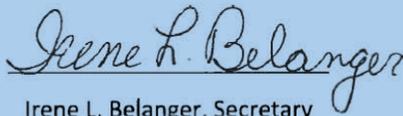
	Select Board	Budget Committee
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUND	50,000.00	50,000.00
THURSTON PARK MAINT	52,000.00	52,000.00
CAUSEWAY ROAD INIT	202,582.73	202,582.73
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	30,000.00	30,000.00
CFSC TRAIL C3	50,000.00	50,000.00
CLA LAKESMART LABOR	25,000.00	25,000.00
CLA LAKESMART ROADS	25,000.00	25,000.00
CRLA	20,000.00	20,000.00
CHINA COMMUNITY DAYS	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$457,082.73	\$457,082.73
SUPPORTING REVENUES		
TIF FUNDS		457,082.73
TOTAL		\$457,082.73

2019 ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE
TOWN OF CHINA, MAINE

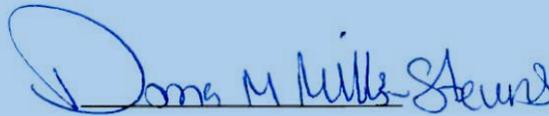
Given under our hands this 19 day of FEB, 2019 as the Board of Selectmen.



Robert A. MacFarland, Chairman

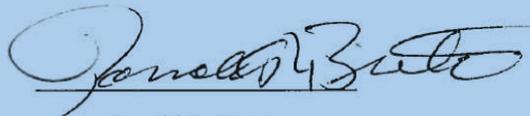


Irene L. Belanger, Secretary



Donna M. Mills-Stevens

Jeffrey R. LaVerdiere



Ronald R. Breton

Town of China
Warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting

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 Middle School in said Town of China, on Saturday, the 6th day of April, A.D. 2019, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on Town issues.

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

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Public Officials

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the 2019-2020 property tax levy limit of \$1,711,513.00 established for China under 30-A M.R.S. § 5721-A, 7.A.

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **7** ayes/ **0** nays

[FOR ARTICLES 3 THROUGH 28, PLEASE REFER TO THE "ANNUAL BUDGET" INCLUDED IN THE TOWN REPORT]

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Administration** and **Administration, Other** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Administration: \$473,081.00

Administration, Other: \$213,126.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Administration: \$473,081.00

Administration, Other: \$213,126.00

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Boards and Committees** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Boards and Committees: \$44,163.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Boards and Committees: \$44,163.00

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Association Dues** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Association Dues: \$14,517.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Association Dues: \$14,517.00

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Assessing** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays:

Assessing: \$115,965.75

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Assessing: \$115,965.75

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Legal** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Legal: \$20,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Legal: \$20,000.00

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Police and Animal Control** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Police and Animal Control: \$91,498.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **7** ayes/ **0** nays

Police and Animal Control: \$91,498.00

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Fire and Rescue Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Fire and Rescue Services: \$171,199.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Fire and Rescue Services: \$181,499.00

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Transfer Station** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Transfer Station: \$498,705.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Transfer Station: \$498,705.00

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Public Works** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Public Works: \$1,196,746.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Public Works: \$1,196,746.00

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Welfare** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Welfare: \$16,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Welfare: \$16,000.00

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Social Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Social Services: \$12,808.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Social Services: \$12,808.00

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Community Support Organizations** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Community Support Organizations: \$67,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Community Support Organizations: \$67,500.00

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Cemetery Care** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Cemetery Care: \$21,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Cemetery Care: \$21,000.00

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Contingency** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Contingency: \$55,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Contingency: \$55,000.00

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **FirstPark** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

FirstPark: \$38,169.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

FirstPark: \$38,169.00

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Accrued Compensation** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Accrued Compensation: \$50,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Accrued Compensation: \$50,000.00

NOTE: With the retirement of the former town manager, the Accrued Compensation Reserve Fund was completely depleted. Only \$6,000.00 was budgeted for FY18/19 to bring the account back up. However, at the conclusion of FY17/18, and after the payout to the former town manager, the town obligation for Accrued Compensation was just over \$107,000.00. Taking a responsible approach, this year it is intended to add the amount indicated to the reserve account, in the anticipation that the account will be fully funded in the next fiscal year (FY20/21) and in all years following.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Program Development Fund (TIF)** expenses.

Select Board Recommends with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays

Program Development Fund (TIF): \$457,082.73

Budget Committee Recommends with a vote of **5** ayes/ **0** nays/ **1** abstains

Program Development Fund (TIF): \$457,082.73

Article 20. For Articles 3 through 19, shall the Select Board be authorized to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2019/2020 fiscal year or carry forward remaining amounts, and shall the Select Board be authorized to place such unexpended funds as they deem in the best interests of the Town in related reserve accounts, the funds which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board?

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 21. Shall the estimated amounts for revenues indicated in the ANNUAL BUDGET be raised and or appropriated to support the expenses approved in Articles 3 through 19, and shall the Select Board be authorized to appropriate surplus revenues in support of such unforeseen expenses or revenue shortages as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and shall all other surplus funds not otherwise designated to reserve funds be deposited to the credit of the UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE?

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 22. Shall a two percent (2%) cost-of-living compensation increase be added across-the-board for eligible employees, and shall the additional \$12,524.68 necessary to increase the compensation be raised and or appropriated above what is already budgeted?

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

NOTE: The annual Consumer Price Index average for New England was 1.7 % at the end of 2018.
(<https://www.bls.gov/regions/new-england/cpi-summary/ro1xg01a.htm>)

Article 23. Shall the annual stipend for serving as a member of the Select Board be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,800.00 per year, and shall the additional \$4,000.00 necessary to increase the stipend be raised and or appropriated above what is already budgeted?

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **NO** with a vote of **1** ayes/ **5** nays

NOTE: A January 2019 survey of Maine towns with Select Boards found that the average stipend for towns of similar size is \$1,920.00 per selectman.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to earmark the balance, after administration expenses, of the **Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund** from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the China Four Seasons Club. The cost allocated to administration is not to exceed \$3.00 per snowmobile.

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **Tax Payment due dates** to be Friday, September 27, 2019 and Friday, March 27, 2020, and to charge an **Interest Rate** of nine percent (9.0%) per annum after each tax payment due date, at the daily rate of 0.0002465753 for each day, or fraction thereof, the payment is overdue.

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and convey, by Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, tax acquired properties, and to execute Waiver of Foreclosure documents as determined to be in the best interests of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506, and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from Overlay to offset abatements granted throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town manager to apply for grants in support of town operations, and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from grant match funds to provide any required match for approval of such grants throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **4** ayes/ **0** nays
Budget Committee Recommends: **YES** with a vote of **6** ayes/ **0** nays

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to approve changes to the Land Development Code, Chapter 2, Land Use Ordinance, as recommended by the Planning Board.

NOTE: Revisions clarify and resolve various conflicts of language in the respective chapter. Correct numbering and format errors. Additionally, the revisions set out the following:

- Remove municipal requirement for tree harvesting permit which is a duplication of the state permit requirement
 - Clarify time period of seven (7) consecutive days when permit is needed for tent/RV camping
 - Clarify requirement for possible upgrade of grandfathered septic systems for relocated structures in the Shoreland District
 - Remove old language for abandoned structures in the Shoreland District which was contradictory to newer required language
 - Add requirement for manure storage to meet Department of Agriculture Manure Utilization Guidelines (current version only regulates spreading of manure)
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Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to approve changes to the Land Development Code, Chapter 3, Subdivision Ordinance, as recommended by the Planning Board.

NOTE: The Ordinance fees were contradictory to recently established fees. The changes remove actual fee amounts but states that the Select Board shall set the fees. This allows the Board to change the fees in the future without changing the Ordinance.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to approve changes to the Land Development Code, Chapter 11, Definitions, as recommended by the Planning Board.

NOTE: Revisions clarify and update various definitions and resolve various conflicts of language in the respective chapter. Additionally, the revisions set out the following:

- Clarify difference between campground and campsite
- Adopt state definition of Code Enforcement Officer
- Change definition of disability to be consistent with ADA
- Add definition of footprint for consistency with DEP 2015 Guidelines (The DEP Guidelines are minimum requirements)
- Require home occupation be within where person resides
- Establish actual date for lot of record of January 1, 1989 (consistent with beginning of 30% expansion beginning for non-conforming structures)

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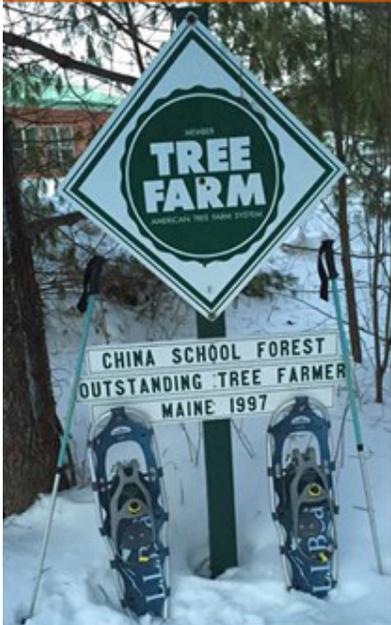
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