

CHINA *Maine*

— THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE —

Annual Report for fiscal year ended
June 30, 2020

Due to the **COVID-19** gathering restrictions, the Annual Town Business Meeting will be held through an election, in ballot format!

**Election date is set for
Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

Stop by the office or call for your absentee ballot; they are available
Starting Monday, May 10th



Town Office hours of business:

Monday	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday.....	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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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 (2021)

Ronald Breton (2022)

Blane Casey (2022)

Wayne Chadwick (2021)

Janet Preston (2022)

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- Randall Downer (2021)

District 2- Toni Wall (2022)

District 3- Vacant (2021)

District 4- Vacant (2022)

At-Large- James Wilkens (2022)

Alternate At-Large- Natale Tripodi (2021)

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 (2021)

Secretary- Trishea Story (2022)

District 1- Kevin Maroon (2021)

District 2- Thomas Rumpf (2022)

District 3- Dana Buswell (2021)

District 4- Timothy Basham (2022)

At-Large- Elizabeth Curtis (2022)

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 (2022)

Neil Farrington (2021)

Appeals Board- *Members are appointed and serve a five-year term.*

Spencer Aitel (2024)

Virginia Davis (2021)

Robert Fischer (2023)

Michael Gee (2022)

Lisa Kane (2025)

Jeffrey Laverdiere (2025)

Anthony Pileggi (2023)

Board of Assessment Review- *Members are appointed to serve a three-year term.*

Harold Charles (2020)

Dale Peabody (2021)

Sheri Wilkens (2022)

Alternate- Dwaine Drummond (2021)

Alternate- vacant (2022)



The following committees are appointed through June 30, 2021:

Broadband Committee

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

Cemetery Committee

Harold Charles
Adam Ellis
Elwood Ellis
Julie Finley
H. Richard Norton

China for a Lifetime Committee

Eric Austin
Joann Austin
Irene Belanger
Barry Blackinton
Jodi Blackinton
Sheldon Goodine
Christopher Hann

Karen Hatch
Sandra Isaac
Laurie Lizotte
Jeanne Marquis

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Joann Austin
Irene Belanger
Carlaine Bovio
Kevin Rhoades
Jeannette Smith
George Weber
Carroll White III

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Sara Batteese
Harold Charles
Ronald Morrell
Angela Nelson
Stephen Nichols
William Rancourt

Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee

Kelly Grotton
Richard Morse

Timothy Theriault
William VanWickler

Forestry Committee

Timothy Basham
Irene Belanger
Elaine Philbrook
Anita Smith

Historical Preservation Committee

Irene Belanger
Carlaine Bovio
Dwaine Drummond
Neil Farrington
Kelly Grotton

KRDA- Kennebec Regional Development Authority (FirstPark)

Irene Belanger
Alternate- Janet Preston

Recreation Committee

Todd Dunn
Scott McCormac
Raigan Messier
Alaina Murray

Rebecca Theriault

Martha Wentworth

**Revolving Loan Fund
Committee**

Robert Batteese

Amy Gartley

Janet Lully

Thomas Rumpf

Road Committee

Frederick Anderson

Jennifer Chamberlain

Joshua Crommett

Dale Peabody

Shawn Reed

Recycling Coordinators

Irene Belanger

Neil Farrington

**Tax Increment Financing
Committee (TIF)**

Irene Belanger

Danny Joe Boivin

Brent Chesley

Amber McAllister

Thomas Michaud

Stephen Nichols

James Pitney

James Wilkens

Michael Wing

Thurston Park Committee

Joann Austin

Rosalie Batteese

Irene Belanger

James Booth

Trevy Bumps

Philip DeMaynadier

Lindsey Hawath

Bonny Hersey

Kevin McLaggan

Kyle McLaggan

Steve & Sonia Nelson

James Revil

Jeanette Smith

Timothy Theriault

Kristina To

Christian Wilkens

Sheri Wilkens



Contact the Town
Office to join a
committee!

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Rebecca Hapgood- Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Civil Emergency Preparedness Director, Agent to the Overseers of the Poor, Public Access Officer, General Assistance Administrator, Human Resource Director and Building Official

Angela Nelson- Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Certified Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy General Assistance Administrator

Jaime Hanson- Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector and Local Health Officer

Shawn Reed- Public Works Manager

Ronald Marois- Transfer Station Manager

Kim Bolduc-Bartlett- Animal Control Officer (207) 242-2346

Timothy Theriault- China Village Fire Chief

Richard Morse- South China Fire Chief

William VanWickler- Weeks Mills Fire Chief

Danny McKinnis- China Rescue Chief



Town Office Deputy Clerks

Tammy Bailey

Jennifer Chamberlain

Ashley Farrington

Julie Finley

Kelly Grotton

Transfer Station Attendants

Andrew Cowing

Timothy Grotton

Gary McCarty

Joshua Watson

Public Works Personnel

Marty Britten

Joshua Crommett

Joshua Ross

China's Part-Time Police Officers

Jordan Gaudet

Jerry Haynes

Craig Johnson

David Savage

Michael Tracy



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January 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District #79 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me again with this responsibility. As you are aware, these past ten months have brought unprecedented challenges to our country, the State of Maine and our communities.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the second session of the 129th Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* on March 17, 2020. The opening of the 130th Legislature on December 2 was impacted by the pandemic as well, and to ensure social distancing the swearing in ceremony was held at the Augusta Civic Center instead of the chambers of the State House.

I will be serving as the ranking Republican on the Joint Committee of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife this session. There was a dramatic increase in the number individuals and families that took advantage of our outdoor resources this year. In case you missed it, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife web page www.Maine.gov/IFW is packed with information and outing ideas. These many listings include podcasts, programs, laws, species identification, and maps.

The most immediate work will be managing the impact of the impending \$255 million budget shortfall for the remaining six months of this fiscal year 2021. Hard economic choices and prioritizing resources will have to be made not only in the short term, but we will also be asked to develop the next biennium budget covering fiscal years 2022 and 2023. I am looking forward to being a part of those discussions.

While the pandemic will limit in person meetings in Augusta, it may actually open up opportunities for more involvement from the public using social media. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: Legislature.Maine.Gov, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos of committee hearings and work sessions. If you wish to receive weekly e-mail newsletters containing information on a variety of topics, please contact me at Timothy.Theriault@legislature.maine.gov, and we will gladly add to your name to our list.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta and may you all have a safe and healthy 2021.

Respectfully,
Timothy Theriault

State Representative



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am grateful that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

As you are no doubt aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties, both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means.

As we move through the Legislative session I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult, but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

In addition to working on these important issues, I look forward to serving as the Assistant Senate Republican Leader and serving on the Taxation Committee.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do, but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or matt.pouliot@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Matthew G. Pouliot

State Senator

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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RELATED AGENCIES
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AND RELATED AGENCIES
HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEES:
BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE, AND
RESEARCH
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Dear Friends,

2020 has been a year of unconscionable loss and hardship. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our nation, magnifying long-unaddressed inequities. I hear daily from constituents whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. As we navigate these ongoing challenges, my top priority in Congress has been to advocate for the resources Maine residents, businesses, and institutions need to weather this crisis.

In March, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing much-needed relief to Mainers, including expanded unemployment benefits, stimulus checks, grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits, and funding for health care providers on the front lines of this crisis. As this crisis wore on, I saw increased need; that's why I voted for the Heroes Act in May and again in October to provide further support. I'm relieved we passed another relief package at the end of December, but I know another round of support is still much needed in the coming year.

The pandemic isn't the only crisis we face. Climate change threatens Maine's environment and industries. This summer, the Gulf of Maine recorded its hottest day, and we experienced the longest, most severe drought in 20 years. Maine farms continue to be stymied by climate change, but they can also play a crucial role in combatting it. In February, I introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act to ensure American agriculture is net-zero by 2045. The release of Maine's Climate Action Plan is a major step in the fight against climate change. I will continue to work with state leaders to ensure they have federal support to achieve this agenda.

2021 will offer different challenges. We must distribute a vaccine to millions, restore jobs, uplift the economy, and repair the divisions that undermine our ability to make meaningful change. I look forward to working with the incoming presidential administration to meet these challenges and emerge as a stronger, more resilient nation.

As always, the needs of Mainers guide my work as we recover from this crisis. If there is anything my office can do to help, please reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chellie Pingree".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Doris L Young Scholarship

Recipients: 7/1/19 to 6/30/20

Maggie Anderson
Dominique Andrews
Mariah Blanchard
Mallory Chamberlain
Austin Dunn
Megan Dunn
Bryanna Emery
Kayla Goggin
Angel Hall-Stuart
Alicia Hotham
Peyton Houghton
Morgaine Kmen
Olivia Kunesh
Prime Leanna
Rivers Malcolm
Mya Maxim

Eli Murphy
Myles Nored
Luke Peabody
Jakob Peavey
Cassidy Penney
Gabriella Pizzo
Anthony Pizzo
Dominic Pizzo
Jacob Praul
Dylan Presby
Chantelle Roddy
Hunter Gregory Thomas Rushing
Jessie Sepulvado
Justin Wentworth
Christopher Wight

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. Application deadline is May 1st and you must reapply every year.





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Carl Gartley
Superintendent

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Asst. Superintendent

Melannie Keister
Director of Business / Finance

Every January, as we move into a new year, I send an update to our towns. Like everything else this year, this has been a little more challenging to write. I know there will be people reading this whose lives were tragically impacted by this terrible pandemic. Some may have been sick themselves or feel isolated. Other may have lost people they care about. All of us have a sense of loss due to putting major aspects of our lives on hold for more than a year. On behalf of our entire district, I hope everyone in our community is doing well. Please, if you are still struggling you are not alone. Reach out for help.

Throughout the last year, I have seen so many examples of people stepping up to meet the unique challenges we have faced. When students were hungry at home, we delivered food. When people needed technology to connect, we provided it. When people needed our schools to open, we put in the herculean effort to make that happen. When people wanted the opportunity to learn from home, we made it available. Our students and staff have been safe in our schools, and the education of our students did not suffer.

All year long students in each of our schools have done amazing things. I have watched students and their teachers stand in the cold singing because of their love of music. I met with a group of impressive students (remotely) as they worked to start a new club at the high school for online gaming. I watched classes tap into authors and guest readers in our community and from around the country to inspire the love of reading in our students. I watched teachers stretch learning outdoors with some of the most creative math and science lessons I have ever seen. I watched athletes relish in the ability to just play their sport, regardless of playoffs or fans. These things happened every day.

Early in the year when I was sitting in (remotely) on a class, I witnessed an exchange that I want to share. A teacher, who was admittedly terrified of technology, was attempting to run a class with both in-person and remote students. It was not going well, not even close. The first person to offer help was a student. The young lady gave the teacher advice, quickly solved some of the tech issues, and acted as tech support and assistant for the entire time. What could have easily been a failure ended up being the perfect example of what has made our district be successful this year. We have worked together, and we refuse to give up. What could have been a lost year for students, has turned into a huge success for RSU 18. Thank you to the entire staff, our parents, our students and the community for helping make this happen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Gartley

Superintendent of Schools



January 2021

Dear Residents of China,

As we approach one year with this pandemic, a disaster that changed everything, we are hopeful for the promise of a safer, healthier, and brighter 2021. The new year will be challenging, too, as COVID-19 continues its assault on so many lives. Still, our response to the circumstances and the lessons learned strengthen our resolve to emerge from this crisis a stronger and even better Erskine Academy.

This year like no other turned our world upside down and inside out. With insufficient notice to prepare, every aspect of our educational approach was affected, dramatically changing schooling as we know it. Although COVID-19 substantially violated our norms, our purpose, goals, and values remain intact. The expectations, pressures, and stressors of this time were met by retraining, retooling, reconfiguring our physical space, adhering vigilantly to health and safety measures, and investing in protective factors such as PPE, ventilation and air filtration systems, technology, and software. This is how we were able to return to school, and this is how we are now able to stay in school one good school day at a time.

Even in this altered school year, Erskine Academy's 138th, we continued to be your chosen high school that combines an independent education with the democratic ideal of a quality education for all. Our core values—*Scholarship, Leadership, Stewardship, and Relationships*—were at work to produce results and deliver the highest educational experience possible while mitigating coronavirus risks. We focused our efforts on improving our school, expanding opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom, and accelerating student achievement. A few facts about Erskine Academy today attest to our vitality and value:

- 🏛️ With 536 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 98% four-year graduation rate
- 🏛️ A dropout rate of less than one percent
- 🏛️ Of 147 graduates in 2020, 80% were accepted to higher or continuing education (now an eight-year trend), many to highly selective colleges and universities.

Having no enrollment contracts with any community for a whole or portion of their high schoolers, we operate independently and exclusively on a school choice basis. Though independent, we commit 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. Over 60% of the students from our collective eight sending towns choose to attend Erskine Academy, a trend for many years.

Regardless of differences in residence, prior learning, interests, abilities, or personal circumstances and backgrounds, here, all of our students matter and belong. All who attend here experience a school program that blends traditional values with new programs and best practices to become the most academically and personally prepared young people in our region.

We have always considered industry certificates, two-year degrees, apprenticeships, and military service as higher or continuing education and, as such, viable pursuits. Therefore, we have created and sustained a comprehensive academic program to reflect and facilitate access to these and four-year degree programs. We are also one of the few high schools in the state to continue to offer shop and industrial arts, family 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, 33% of our students receive academic assistance or special education services to support their learning.

As an eight-year *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. Our guidance program and counselors were again recognized by the *Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)* for having 64% of graduating seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the highest completion rate among the region's largest high schools (those with 100 or more seniors).

Now in its tenth 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 64 students pursuing a certificate in a craft or trade at the Capital Area Technical Center, our enrollment is second only to its host, Cony High School.

Last year, 113 students enrolled in one or more of our available 23 *Advanced Placement* courses; 315 students took at least one (the majority take an average of two) of our 19 dual enrollment courses with nearby colleges, including Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas College, the University of Maine, the University of Maine at Farmington, Eastern Maine Community College, the University of Maine at Augusta, 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; 303 of the 315 classes taken received college credit, collectively saving an estimated \$279,972 in college tuition at the University of Maine rate.

Through our *International Student Program* and *American Field Service (AFS)* club, our students develop understanding and interpersonal skills for living more globally and interdependently in a culturally diverse world. For a ninth time, AFS students made a humanitarian trip to Costa Rica to build homes for impoverished families. Eye-opening experiences such as these fire the heart and mind and inspire our students to look beyond EA and the familiar to a world that truly needs them.

With 27% of our students receiving free and reduced breakfast and lunch, our student body is socioeconomically diverse. As is the case for many Maine schools, our most vulnerable students live and learn in poverty. Inspired by twice winning *WGME 13/Fox 23's School Spirit Challenge* and raising a

record-breaking 281,696 pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and our local food pantries, we established a school-based food, clothing, and supplies cupboard. Supported by fundraisers and donations, we continue to operate the "Eagles Nest," an open-access food pantry and backpack program from which students can obtain food after school and for weekends. Finally, this year we qualified for the state's Extended Summer Feeding Program, ensuring students' access to tray breakfasts and lunches at no cost to them through June 2021.

Other examples of our school community's goodwill include our twelfth community *Cancer Walk* that yielded \$6,700 for Maine General Medical Center's Alford Center, bringing our historical contributions to over \$50,000; we contributed thousands of hours to community service and raised substantial funds for important causes such as the Home for Little Wanderers, the Ronald McDonald House, the Center for Grieving Children, and the United Way's Day of Caring. Through volunteerism and stewardship, we engage meaningfully with our communities and experience giving back with appreciation and humility.

School safety is of utmost priority. Last year we conducted a second round of schoolwide training in *ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuation)*, an enhanced safety program of age and ability appropriate, options-based strategies to use in the event of a violent intrusion on the school. Staff and student training included eLearning and advisory sessions, physical exercises, and the conducting of active-shooter drills facilitated by administrators in cooperation with officers from the Maine State Police and the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this training, students report feeling more confident and better equipped to respond to a significant, violent assault on themselves or their school. Subsequently, we are one of ten Maine schools, and the only school in Kennebec County, to be an ALICE Certified Organization.

Since our founding in 1883, Erskine Academy has remained true to its mission while evolving to meet new demands, challenges, and uncertainties. Pursuing excellence and implementing our mission are continuous works in progress, as was affirmed by our accrediting agency, *The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC)*, who, in response to our five-year report states, "...the Commission wishes to note the level of attention which the school gives its students. You have developed a truly extensive and effective program—one that is singularly focused on students maximizing their experience and on the post-secondary experiences available to them."

This traumatic year reminds us that relationships are the glue to keep us together. We have heartfelt gratitude for our alumni and friends who believe strongly enough in our values and results to give their time, talents, and financial donations. Their support enables us to invest in programs and enhancements that state-set tuition alone cannot and raises the expectations we have for ourselves.

We are grateful to our students, families, and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and heritage that adheres to what we know is right and good for our young people and aids them in establishing a strong start for adulthood.

To our students and families, while teaching and learning will continue to be different for the foreseeable future, be assured that the faculty and staff recognize the losses to your school life from the effects of COVID-19. In that recognition, we find our responsibility to provide you with nearly the Erskine experience enjoyed by generations of students before you. We all wish this thing were done, and it will be. In the meantime, take comfort in the spirit and dedication of our teachers and staff, the frontline workers in your education, who are taking care of our school, students, families, and each other.

Thank you, China residents, for sustaining high school choice for your young people and families, an opportunity for learning available to only 3% of Maine students, despite two-thirds of 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 their children's intellectual and personal development—inspire, honor, and motivate us to make an excellent school even better. In partnership and engagement with you, we look forward to new challenges and accomplishments in the year ahead.

Onward Erskine!

Michael McQuarrie

Headmaster



Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

37 Main Street, China

Established in 1941, the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library strives to provide a place for personal enjoyment, to promote a lifelong love of reading and learning, and to encourage the use of its facility, collection, and services to meet a variety of community needs. We are committed to contributing to and advancing our small-town culture.

We welcome area residents, year-round and seasonal, to our library to enjoy our resources and programs, free of charge. With thousands of books in our collection, old and new, we offer a vast variety of books and magazines to our patrons as well as some genealogical records. Our Maine collection includes many older novels, histories, essays, and miscellaneous works that were featured during the modified 2020 Maine Bicentennial celebration. We have a great collection of popular fiction catered to the needs of our patrons including books by Gerry Boyle, C. J. Box, Kristin Hannah, James Patterson, Louise Penny, Daniel Silva, and many more. Non-fiction books include a diverse collection of history, memoir, hobby, reference, etc. by David McCullough, Kenneth Roberts, Sy Montgomery, and more, that are inclusive of various cultures, philosophies, and interests that address historic and current issues. We love to hear about books of interest so that we might acquire them, and we can borrow books that we do not own through the state inter-library loan system. We also provide free WIFI, accessible indoors and out (from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. roadside), as well as a computer and printer for patron use.

The past year included a variety of monthly events and programs of interest to our patrons and the community until March, when business as usual was interrupted due to the Covid19 Pandemic. The Board of Trustees made the wise decision, following Maine State Library guidelines, to temporarily close to the public and remained so until September. However, during that period we allowed patrons to access books with curbside service for book pick-up. Some online services were extended to patrons, such as free access to Ancestry.com and our regular online service to e-books. Our Book Club and our Knitting Group had to stop meeting at the library for the time being, but we hope to resume these activities as soon as it is safe to do so. Our Schoonover Community Room is available for public programs and non-profit meetings or activities during non-pandemic times. This ground-floor room seats 50 and is fully equipped with audio-visual equipment.

While closed, business went on as usual with our librarian continuing many duties at the library. The Board of Trustees continued to meet, via ZOOM. In November, they were able to facilitate the installation of a U-shaped driveway for easier access to our building. The work was done by Bard & Sons Paving. We appreciate some town funding for that project. The Board also began plans for exterior building repair and a future handicapped-accessible entrance ramp. Sadly, in April, we experienced the unexpected loss of active Board member, Kim Buckley. A garden in her honor will be planted in the spring. Librarian, Mary Grow, has retired after serving us faithfully for several decades. In July Carla Gade and Miranda Perkins were hired as new librarians.

We were pleased to hold events from July 2019 through February 2021 with faithful attendance, including a successful Holiday Open House in December 2019 with about 100 visitors. We held two events by popular Maine authors Paul Doiron and Earl Brechlin. Programs were offered on Weathervanes, Wabanaki Technology, Forest Fires (presented by Board member Tom Parent), Marine Animals, and more. In October, we hosted a China Candidates' Forum to inform China

residents of the issues regarding the local elections. We promote our activities on our website, newsletter, Facebook, roadside sandwich board, signage, *The Town Line*, and by word of mouth. We encourage area residents to join us and bring friends. We welcome suggestions for future events and have some great ones lined up for all ages (with safety measures in place, of course).



The Abbe Museum of Bar harbor, ME presented on Wabanaki Technologies.

The library was open ten hours weekly during this past year. Current hours have expanded by two. We are open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We appreciate the cooperation we have had in helping to keep our staff and fellow patrons as safe as possible by the adherence to our pandemic guidelines as posted at the library and on our website.

The library's Board of Trustees and Librarians are grateful to the voters of China who support our request for town funds at the annual town business meeting. We also appreciate the members of the informal craft group who sell their hand-made items to raise money for the library, and to area residents who donate money, services, materials, time, and books. We welcome volunteers who can give us a hand an hour or two a week or on occasion. We hope we reciprocate by providing services you find useful and enjoyable.

We invite the China community to visit the library at 37 Main Street, our website at chinalibrary.org, and to follow us on Facebook @chinalibrary. You may contact us by calling 968-2926 during library hours or by email at chinalibraryacb@gmail.com.

Respectfully yours,

Carla Gade, Head Librarian
Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

Animal Control Officer Report 2020

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 the Town Office at 445-2014

ACO Contact Number:

Kimberly Bolduc-Bartlett 242-2346

Complaints – 2020

Dogs at Large - 21
Unlicensed Dogs – 22
Dogs Surrendered – 1
Stray Cats - 6
Feral Cats - 34
Dog Bites - 2
Welfare Check - 8
Animal Trespass - 4

*"A dog is the only thing on Earth that
loves you, more than he loves himself"*

- Josh



Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chamberlain
Deputy Clerk



DELTA AMBULANCE

29 Chase Avenue | Waterville, ME 04901-4642

P: 207.861.4244 | F: 207.861.4475

DeltaAmbulance.org

24-HOUR DISPATCH

Augusta Area: 207.623.4900 | Waterville Area: 207.861.4244

Service Report – China 2020

Delta Ambulance, founded in 1972, is the leading provider of high quality, compassionate emergency services and medical transportation in central Maine. Our superior training, experience and state-of-the-art medical technology sets us apart from other ambulance services.

We are pleased to be able to provide emergency Paramedic care to the people of China and to continue supporting your First Response Rescue at no cost to your community. As a regional, community-based organization, we continue to fund our operations solely by reimbursement directly from the patient and the patient's insurance. This is currently possible due to our economy of scale. A significant portion of our patient charges, annually, are written off as charitable giving to the uninsured and underinsured. Additionally, we continue to support community events throughout our coverage area.

According to state data, in 2020 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 19,000 911-calls, 307 of which were in China. Additionally, we serve your community by regularly providing non-emergency care and transfer services for patients as well as standby for fire calls. Our average response times, the time between our receipt of the call and our arrival, for delivery of paramedic care was 15.2 minutes for emergencies. On 45% of the calls, we arrived on-scene in 15 minutes or less.

Paramedic care is the highest level of Pre-Hospital care available. Our Paramedics exceed State Standards for recertification and respond with the latest medical technology available including 12 lead EKG and pharmaceutical interventions. Our care is reviewed in our Continuing Quality Improvement (CQI) program, which is recognized as a leading process in Maine.

Our support for your Rescue Services continues to include continuing medical/rescue education and on-scene replacement of medical supplies used on the call, all at no cost to the town.

During the current COVID-19 health crisis and beyond, Delta Ambulance is committed providing the highest quality emergency medical services to the communities we serve - safely and effectively. This is Delta's number one priority, and we are prepared and proud to serve you as your trusted emergency medical service provider.

As always, if we can assist you with a project or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of China. We remain committed.

Respectfully,

Timothy A Beals, Executive Director
February 12, 2021

Bill McKenna
Director of Community Relations
207.861.4251
B.McKenna@DeltaAmbulance.org



China Rescue Town Report

China rescue responded to 312 calls consisting primarily of in-house medical emergencies, car accidents and fire Dept assists.

This year has been extremely difficult for us dealing with the Covid situation. Our members are responding to calls wearing the necessary personal protective equipment to help keep themselves and the patients safe. It is not uncommon to see us entering homes with full jump suits on N95 mask's, gloves, face shields and goggles. Our members are really putting themselves in harms way yet have continued to respond regardless to provide the best care possible to our citizens. When Rescue responds to a known positive patient, regardless of strict precautionary measures taken, CDC notifies our service of possible contamination so we can monitor our members.

All Members have been offered the COVID shot, and it has been made available and administered by Delta Ambulance.

We urge anyone calling for our assistance, if possible, to wear a face mask prior to our arrival and encourage any family members to do the same.

It has become increasingly difficult to recruit new members with today's hazards in mind. Courses and testing of EMT's has been slowed down due to restrictions Covid have brought about.

Rescue regular meetings and training are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 19:00 hours in the China Village fire station. Anyone interested in joining are encouraged to stop by for recruitment information.

We would like to thank the citizens of China for their continued support of the towns emergency services.

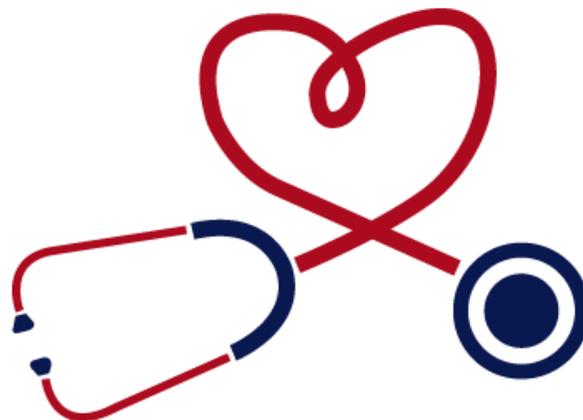
Thank you to the 911 dispatchers who sit at their desks multi-tasking and providing us with all the requested resources we need.

Thank you to the three fire departments in town, State police, Kennebec Sheriff department, China PD, Delta Ambulance, Vassalboro Fire and Life Flight for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

Please remember we can find you faster if your mailbox is numbered clearly and on both sides.

Stay a safe and have great year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny McKinnis



China Village Volunteer Fire Department

The China Village Volunteer Fire Department has answered 101 calls for service in 2020 that included four structure fires in town, thirteen wildland/brush fire/illegal burns, four vehicle fires, twenty-five vehicle accidents, nineteen downed wires or trees, twelve fire or carbon monoxide alarms, and eleven miscellaneous service calls. In addition, the Department provided 2 assists to China Rescue and responded to eleven mutual aid requests in neighboring towns.

Our members have continued to support the town in many ways other than emergency calls. We had an interesting start to the year with COVID. Our members have done what they could this year, while staying within regulatory requirements, participating along with South China and Weeks Mills Fire Departments at the China Primary School's Fire Prevention Day Drive-by-Parade. This year we celebrated Halloween by participating in a drive through trick-or-treat event held at the station. It was with great pleasure to see our friends and neighbors come out and support us. We were out of treats in 2 short hours but plan to increase our supply for next year!

We currently have 23 active members, and we recently added 2 new members this past fall. New members are working on training to be valuable members of our department. If you have any interest in possibly becoming a firefighter, I encourage you to visit with us at any of our meetings which are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm 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.

Update on our equipment- This summer we did make the discussion to sell our 1973 International pumper truck known most recently as Engine 32. This truck served the North end of the town for many years and carried a long history of stories with it. For the past 10 years Engine 32 was in reserve status at the station and became a financial burden to keep in-service. With the past purchase of our used Tank 34, a 1990 Ford pumper/tanker, we added a truck with a pump to the fleet – so we continue to serve the town with two trucks that can pump water at fires – no loss of service has impacted our residents. We are currently looking to obtain funding to replace Tank 34, a 1990 4 Guys/Ford pumper/tanker. The truck was bought used 6-7 years ago from a department in New York state that had bought it brand new in 1990. It's the second most used truck in our fleet and now the oldest.

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. With COVID we added a drive-through pick up lane which worked out well for many of our supporters. We look forward to being as successful again this coming 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, and many other public safety agencies 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

Current list of members:

Matthew Adams
Scott Adams
Matt Allen
Sarah Batteese
Robert Batteese
Nivek Boostedt
Edward Brownell
Joel Cloutier
Dan Constanzer
Erasmus Gonzalez
Sandra Isaac
Kaitlin Joy
Michael Littlefield
Benjamin Loubier
Kevin Maroon
Kerry Martin
Danny McKinnis
Ronald Morrell
Joel Nelson
Richard Prescott
William Rancourt
Christopher Sylvester
Timothy Theriault





South China Volunteer Fire Department
P.O. Box 325
South China, ME 04358

January 21, 2021

Dear Citizens of the Town of China,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the following report on behalf of the South China Volunteer Fire Department.

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 the South China Volunteer Fire Department responded to 120 alarms. This is up substantially from last year. They break down by type as follows: 18 Structure fires, 16 downed wires/trees in road, 3 vehicle fires, 34 auto accidents, 3 assists to Rescue, 12 unfounded/false alarms, 6 set up Landing Zone for LifeFlight helicopter, 10 forest/brush/grass fires, 4 illegal burns, and 15 hazardous conditions. Nine of the above were mutual aid to neighboring towns for structure fires and other incidents.

We currently have 24 active members. We continue to attract new members and as of this writing we have 5 new prospects. It is too soon to tell, but it is our hope that they will become long term productive members. New members are a necessary but expensive proposition. It needs to be understood that training and equipping new members is an expensive process. The cost per New firefighter can be as much as \$6,000.

China is a large town geographically and we are very fortunate that we have 3 separate volunteer 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 three departments works very well and makes less impactful an individual department's recruiting/staffing/resource problems. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, volunteer firefighters are saving localities across the nation \$140 billion each year, over the paid, full time, municipal, alternative.

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 continue to be happy with the service we receive. As a small town,

it is not practical nor cost efficient to have our own dispatch services. On this issue, I believe it would be to the benefit of all the Towns in Kennebec County if the County would set up a dispatch center, supported by the County tax that would replace the hodgepodge of dispatch centers that currently operate. Such a center would much more efficiently serve the emergency dispatching needs of the whole County. Most other counties in Maine have such a system.

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 school(s) during Fire Prevention Week (our 33rd annual). Due to Covid it was modified substantially, but in spite of the restrictions it was a success. Thanks to Cindy Sienkbiel 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 and save lives.

We continue our close relationship with and the 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. In addition, the Chiefs communicate frequently to discuss relevant issues. These activities help us to provide better and more coordinated fire protection services to the town.

Covid 19 had a big impact on us as it did on everyone. For the first time in 40-years we were unable to hold our annual fundraising auction. We sent a letter to the townspeople explaining the cancelation and the reasons for it. We were astounded at the response and at the generosity of the people we serve, as many sent us donation checks to help fill the gap. We send a giant thank you to everyone who donated for their kindness and generosity in these troubled times. As of this writing, it is unclear whether restrictions will be lifted in time for us to hold an auction in 2021. The restrictions imposed on all of us due to the pandemic have also affected how much and how we train, how we conduct fire suppression, and fire prevention operations. Our partners at the Kennebec County Emergency Management Agency have made arrangements for our members to receive the vaccine soon but as of this writing it has not happened. Like all of you, we look forward to the return to normal life soon.

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 from the Maine Forest Service) 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 or

other device you will be fine. If you do not have a computer or a “smartphone” you can go to the Town office, and the ladies 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 auction or simply making a cash donation at any time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard E. Morse
Fire Chief



Department members

Bill Van Wickler
Webb Shaw
NORMAN BLACK
Greg Altham
Marlo Chavarie
Kevin Freeman
Justin Quimby
Chuck Stephenson
Ray Chavarie
Tom Michaud
Tom Stephenson
George Webber
Chris Booher

Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department

The members of the Weeks Mills Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the town China for their continued support of the Fire Departments and China Rescue. As volunteers all share the same goal, working together for public safety. Your continued support helps ensure we have the necessary equipment and proper training needed to make us efficient, keep us safe and allow us to make a difference

All three Fire Departments and Rescue continue to meet in a joint meeting to discuss equipment needs, training as well as what's coming up in the future for Fire and Rescue. These meetings allow us to discuss tactics and procedures to better serve the town as well as coordinate with surrounding communities with which we provide and receive mutual aid.

Last year Weeks Mills Station responded to 43 calls categorized as 3 structure fires, 6 brush fires, 2 Chimney fires, 6 car accidents, 6 mutual aid, and 21 miscellaneous calls, consisting of false alarms, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, trees and wires in the roadway etc. I personally wish to thank all the members of W.M.V.F.D for their commitment to our department as well as all the members of China Fire and Rescue for their dedication to our 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 get out, stay out, have a meeting place, make sure everyone is accounted for and dial 911.



Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department meets on the first Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm. Our door is always open for, and we desperately need, new members!

Respectfully submitted by Chief Bill Van Wickler.



CHINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

571 LAKEVIEW DRIVE

CHINA, MAINE 04358

Town Office: (207) 445-2014

24 HOUR DISPATCH: 1(800) 452-4664 or EMERGENCY: 9-1-1



Department Report 2020

To the citizens of China:

RE: Yearly Report

I submit the annual report on behalf of the China Police Department for the year ending June 30, 2020.

The China Police Department is currently a part-time agency which provides law enforcement coverage to China up to 26 hours a week. At this time each of our officers are certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as full-time officers.

As of May our cruiser is equipped with safety cages, a storage unit, and a protective bumper guard.

In August, the police department hired David Savage of Madison. Officer Savage is certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a full-time police Officer with over 19-years experience in law enforcement. Officer Savage is a Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstructionist, a Motor Vehicle Autopsy Examiner and a former Oakland Police Officer.

In October, the China Police Department went live with its own module of IMC. Our version of the IMC software is a law enforcement specific reporting system designed for doing many types of police reports and tracking of evidence. IMC is used many agencies throughout Maine.

Below is a list of the majority of calls handled by the China Police Department during the year 2020:

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| Traffic Stop: 91 | Trespass complaints: 1 |
| Property checks: 154 | Paper service: 2 |
| Juvenile matter: 1 | Assist to Rescue: 8 |
| Community Policing details: 5 | 9-1-1 misdial/abandoned Calls: 4 |
| Suspicious activity: 7 | Animal complaints: 1 |
| Assist to Sheriff's Department: 2 | Citizen assist: 1 |
| Aid to motorist: 14 | Suspicious iIncidents: 3 |
| Civil matters: 1 | Found property: 5 |
| Disturbances: 3 | Motor vehicle crashes: 1 |
| Suicidal subjects: 2 | Suspicious vehicle: 2 |
| Assist to Town Office: 2 | Criminal mischief: 2 |
| Total: 315 | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig R. Johnson
Chief of Police

Town Clerk Report

China's Town Clerk Angela Nelson and Deputy Clerks Kelly Grotton, Julie Finley, Jennifer Chamberlain, Ashley Farrington, and Tammy Bailey 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 as this 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Since state law does not allow for the printing of names of children born I can only report that thirty babies were born.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Nelson

Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Snowmobile & ATV registrations expire June 30th
- ❖ Boat registrations, Hunting & Fishing licenses expire December 31st
- ❖ Dog Licenses are due every year, by December 31st
- ❖ Property taxes are assessed each year to the owner of record as of April 1st
- ❖ All municipal offices are closed for all State holidays.



What to bring when registering a vehicle:

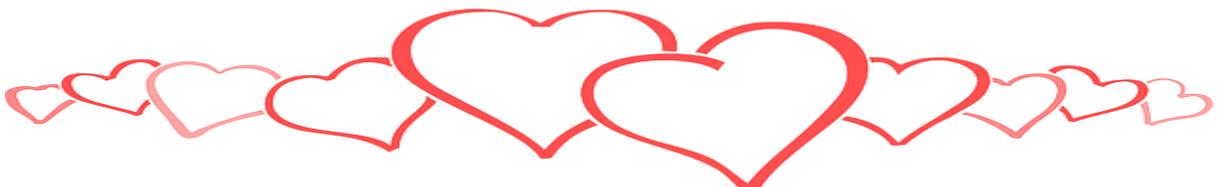
New Registration (Dealer Sale)- Purchase & sales agreement, blue title application, window sticker (if brand new vehicle), current insurance, and mileage. Whoever is on the registration needs to sign.

New Registration (Private Sale)- Bill of sale, title for any vehicle 1995 and newer, current insurance, and mileage. Whoever in on registration and title needs to sign.

Re-Registration- Old registration (if possible), current insurance, and mileage. Anyone may re-register a vehicle. If coming from another town an old registration is mandatory.

Boat/ATV/Snowmobile- Bill of sale, Prior registration from seller (if possible). For boats we need ME-assigned registration #, horsepower, length of boat.

Marriages			Deaths	
Harmon, Tammy	Clair, Hubert	July 4, 2019	Casey, Kevin	July 18, 2019
Cioppa, Zachary	Conn, Maureen	July 5, 2019	Theriault, Joseph S.	July 26, 2019
Hunter, Jeffrey	Henderson, Carolyn	July 13, 2019	Nutt, Patricia A	August 13, 2019
Ross, Joshua	Bosse, Jeannine	August 3, 2019	Pinette, Gloria	August 18, 2019
Martin, Amber	Strout, Trevor	August 3, 2019	Labreck, Seth	September 1, 2019
Larochelle, Randall	DeCosta, Michelle	August 10, 2019	Principato, Russell	September 23, 2019
Malley, Monica	Rock, David	August 10, 2019	Roberts, Dallas Jr.	September 29, 2019
Hughes, Meghan	Long, Devin	August 10, 2019	Austin, James	October 10, 2019
Duda, David	Gray, Jacqueline	August 17, 2019	Curtis, Robert	October 14, 2019
Gum, Amber	Audet, Lawrence III	August 24, 2019	Ward, Robert B.	October 18, 2019
Wentworth, Nicholas	Brann, Stephanie	August 24, 2019	Wranosky, Robert	October 30, 2019
Sylvester, Christopher	Goodwin, Jody	September 1, 2019	Herard, David A.	October 31, 2019
Bailey, Shannon	Pooler, Dustin	September 7, 2019	Carney, Adelbert M.	November 21, 2019
Larrabee, Kali	Severance, Michael	September 8, 2019	Pelton, Roscoe Jr.	November 23, 2019
Sylvester, Amy	Jones, Alexander	September 14, 2019	Pirruccello, Michael	December 8, 2019
Levesque, Trinity	Rogers, Harold	September 21, 2019	Balbo, George F.	December 9, 2019
Benevento, Brianna	Matteson, Evan	September 22, 2019	Clifford, Margaret	December 19, 2019
Bowden, Wesley	Strout, Tricia	September 28, 2019	Hedman, Dennis	December 20, 2019
Kumnick, Eleanor	Osborne, Kevin	September 29, 2019	Tolhurst, Todd	January 16, 2020
Bragg, Judith Mae	Mathis, Houston	October 5, 2019	Lane, Darlyne	January 27, 2020
Williams, Myonamaria	Prescott, Richard	October 25, 2019	Lancaster, Burleigh Jr.	January 28, 2020
Mosher, John	Fanjoy, Wendy	January 8, 2020	Tobey, Roberta	February 24, 2020
Curtis, Elizabeth	Tolhurst, Todd	January 9, 2020	Gooldrup, Peter H.	February 29, 2020
Moore, Julie	Towne, William Jr	February 8, 2020	Keefer, Kathleen	March 2, 2020
Gay, Laura	Gay, Christopher	February 23, 2020	French, Brian	March 5, 2020
Parnell, Helen	LaGasse, Susan	February 26, 2020	Crockett, Kenneth	April 17, 2020
Mathieu, Emily	Wullaert, Michael	March 13, 2020	Ames, Leslie	April 18, 2020
Dumont, Michael Jr.	Greene, Natalie	April 24, 2020	Buckley, Kim P.	April 29, 2020
Vinson, Graham	Vinson, Stephanie	May 22, 2020	Pollard, Harry III	April 30, 2020
Bengtson, Aaron	Gleason, Kimberly	May 25, 2020	Cote, Alton	May 1, 2020
Wood, Nicholas	Rosenfeld, Jamie	May 30, 2020	Curtis, Fred Sr.	May 3, 2020
Dyer, Kenneth III	Plato, Erica	June 6, 2020	Dowe, Barbara C.	May 5, 2020
Morse, Steven	Elwell, Bethany	June 6, 2020	Gray, William F.	May 20, 2020
Miller, Sandra	Laweryson, Kenneth Jr	June 6, 2020	Fitzgerald, Mary	May 27, 2020
Parrinello, Frank	McNulty, Logan	June 20, 2020	Foss, Margaret	June 9, 2020
Lee, James	Ware, Kim	June 20, 2020	Quigley, Dennis R.	June 21, 2020
Oden, Marilyn Kay	Small, Michael	June 26, 2020	Stevens, Horace	June 28, 2020
Archer, Edward Jr.	Batchelder, Michelle	June 26, 2020		



Cemetery Report

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, julie@chinamaine.org, for information.

All individuals who wish to bury cremated remains in a public cemetery must obtain authorization from the Town Office prior to the burial or removal of cremated remains.

Chadwick Hill Cemetery is not a Town Cemetery. For information on this cemetery please call Richard Grimshaw at 441-5019.

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.

China Cemetery Committee Members:

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

If you are interested in genealogy you may contact Kelly Grotton @ kelly@chinamaine.org.

Visit our website to find a copy of the **Cemetery Ordinance** and **A Map of Cemetery Locations**
@ <https://china.govoffice.com>

It is with heartfelt sadness that we must remove Horace Stevens from our cemetery committee.

Horace passed away on June 28, 2020. His knowledge of old cemeteries will be missed. Even at 91 years young, you could find him repairing and cleaning stones in our cemeteries. He insisted on riding with me every spring to assess our local cemeteries. Some by the roadside and some down a narrow path, we checked on them each year.

I will miss my travel friend, but I will always be thankful for all that he taught me. Rest in peace Horace.

Julie Finley
Cemetery Committee Member



CEMETERY INFORMATION

ALL CEMETERY LOTS IN CHINA ARE PRICED AT \$500.00 PER LOT

PRICE PER FOOT FOR CHINA VILLAGE EXTENSION CEMETERY OR ANY OTHER CEMETERY WITH OFF SIZED LOTS IS \$150.00 PER FOOT.

REGULAR SIZE LOTS IN CHINA VILLAGE EXTENSION CEMETERY ARE 9 X 20 AND WILL HOLD 6 (\$3000). CREMAIN LOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

BRANCH MILLS CEMETERY LOTS (\$500) 4 X 10

DEER HILL CEMETERY LOTS HOLD 3 PER LOT (\$1500) 10X10

PLEASANT VIEW RIDGE CEMETERY LOTS ARE 4X10 AND HOLD ONE (\$500) OR 10X10 AND HOLD 2 (\$1000) THESE LOTS HAVE A 1 FOOT EASMENT ON ALL SIDES. CREMATION LOTS WILL BE SOLD AT A LATER DATE.

DIRIGO CEMETERY LOTS ARE 10X10 AND HOLD 2 (\$1000) THESE LOTS HAVE A 1 FOOT EASMENT ON ALL SIDES.

THERE ARE NO LOTS AVAILABLE IN WEEKS MILLS OR CHINA VILLAGE CEMETERY.

CHADWICK HILL- NOT A TOWN CEMETERY

CONTACT FOR THIS CEMETERY IS RICHARD GRIMSHAW 441-5019

CHINA TOWN OFFICE- 445-2014 OR EMAIL julie@chinamaine.org

Combined Report of the China Lake Association & the China Region Lakes Alliance

Probably, most people living today have never seen anything like the year 2020, a world-wide pandemic, the Novel-Corona Virus, COVID-19. The onset of COVID-19 in the United States caused major upheavals in our daily lives; we stayed home, we worked remotely, we home-schooled our children, we socially distanced, and we wore masks to evade the virus. When writing the China Lake Association newsletter at the end of June 2020 there were over 2.5 million people in the United States who had contracted the virus, and over 125,000 people had died at that time. Now writing this report there are over 22 million cases in the United States with over 371,000 deaths.

Due to COVID-19 the China Lake Association's 2020 annual meeting was cancelled. The arranged guest speaker, Erynn Call, an avian wildlife biologist with Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, had her presentation posted to the China Lake Association's new website developed by webmaster Geoff Hargadon. Also, Elaine Philbrook is recognized for keeping our Facebook account active. Elaine also sponsors an Invasive Plant Paddle Patrol to help people recognize invasive aquatic plants. For more information go to: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/reporting-aquatic-species-6/>

The China Lake Association is a member of the non-profit organization called the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA). Other lake associations (Three Mile Pond and Weber Pond) are also members of the regional organization. The CRLA operates two primary programs: The Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program, and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The CBI program inspects boats entering and exiting our region's waterbodies on the lookout for invasive aquatic plants like Hydrilla and Milfoil that infest a waterbody once introduced into that ecosystem. Due to COVID-19 the YCC was inactive, but Governor Mills declared the CBI program an essential service and so the CBI program operated during the summer of 2020. For more information about the CRLA please go to its new website at <https://www.crlamaine.org> or email info@crla.org

The China LakeSmart Program, organized by the China Lake Association, designs vegetated buffers along China Lake's shoreline to help mitigate storm water before it gets to the lake. LakeSmart assessments continued with the help of Marie Michaud and Elaine Philbrook. However, since the YCC did not operate, only one LakeSmart project was completed in 2020. This project involved the Cottages at China Lake and the installation of two substantial lakeside buffers that were coordinated by Jerry Marx, a member of the China Lake Association. Funds for the purchase of plants came from the China Lake Association, but the labor for installing those plants was provided by the Association of the Cottages at China Lake. The plan is to continue to build a robust queue of shovel ready LakeSmart projects in the hope that the YCC returns to work in 2021. If you are interested In China LakeSmart please email us at chinalakesmart@gmail.com

To contribute to China LakeSmart, you may mail your tax-deductible donation to: China Lake Association, P.O. Box 6215, China Village, Maine 04926.

The China LakeSmart Program has partnered with the Kennebec Water District which continues its strong alliance with the China Lake Association by generously funding the purchase of plants, landscaping timbers, stone, and erosion control mulch used in China LakeSmart. We appreciate its Board of Trustees for their continued financial support, and especially Robbie Bickford, Director of Water Quality, for his supportive work.

In 2020 the China Lake Association also continued its Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP). Gravel camp roads are a significant contributor of phosphorous loading due to uncontrolled stormwater flushing nutrients into China Lake. Last year substantial engineering and reconstruction work was conducted on 11th Fire Road, with additional work completed at 37th Fire Road. We hope additional funds will be available to continue this effort to reduce sediment and phosphorus loading into China Lake.

The China Lake Association's Executive Board has financially endorsed the Alewife Restoration Initiative (ARI), the effort to get the anadromous alewife to return to China Lake. We again continued our financial support of the ARI through a fund-raising letter in December 2020 to support the ARI's goals. Also, last year Maine Rivers' Executive Director, Landis Hudson, reported that ARI Project Manager Matt Streeter completed the "fish-way" at the Box Mills Dam (in North Vassalboro). In 2021 the China Lake Outlet Dam will have its design engineered fish passage (or "fish-ladder") ready for installation. To contribute to the Alewife Restoration Initiative, please send your tax-deductible donation to Maine Rivers, P.O. Box 782, Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

The China Lake Association and the China Region Lakes Alliance also endorsed the renewal of the China Lake Watershed Based Plan. The Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded a grant by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to renew the China Lake Watershed Based Plan, with additional funding provided by the China Lake Association, the China Region Lakes Alliance, the Town of China, and the Kennebec Water District. This two-year endeavor to update China Lake's Watershed Based Plan is being completed by the consulting firm of Ecological Instincts. For more information, please contact Jennifer Jespersen at jen@ecoinstincts.com

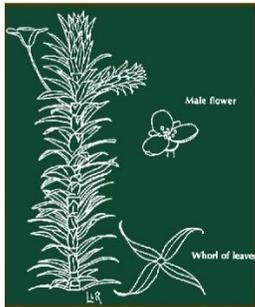
Finally, the China Lake Association's Mission is to protect China Lake and enhance its water quality, and to that end we will continue to educate the public and to promote environmental projects that will cumulatively improve China Lake and reduce the likelihood of algae blooms. For further information, and to become a member of the China Lake Association, check out our new website at <https://www.chinalakeassociation.org/> and like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/China-Lake-Association-177812902275404/>

Respectfully submitted,

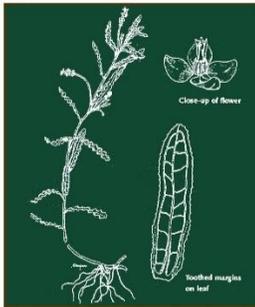
Scott A. Pierz, President
China Lake Association
China Region Lakes Alliance

MAINE'S ELEVEN MOST UNWANTED

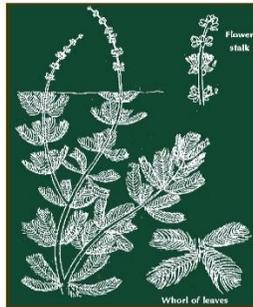
Under Maine law, it is now illegal to transport ANY aquatic plant on the outside of a vehicle. It is also illegal to sell, propagate, or introduce to Maine waters these eleven invasive aquatic plants.



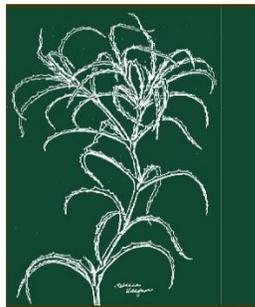
Brazilian elodea
(*Egeria densa*)¹



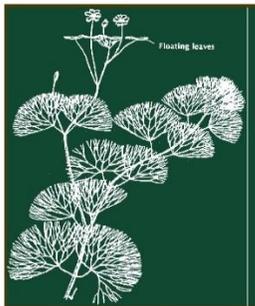
Curly-leaf pondweed
(*Potamogeton crispus*)²



Eurasian watermilfoil
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)¹



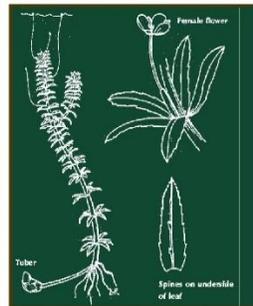
European naiad
(*Najas minor*)²



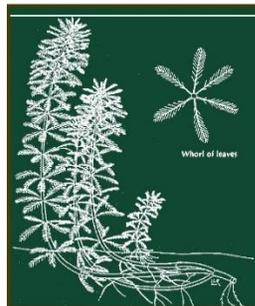
Fanwort
(*Cabomba caroliniana*)³



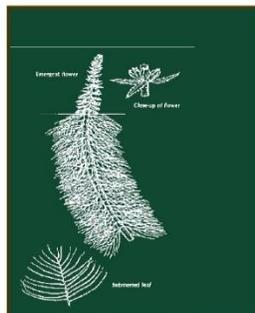
Frogbit
(*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)⁴



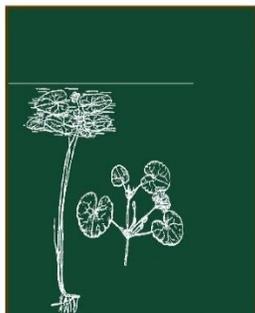
Hydrilla
(*Hydrilla verticillata*)¹



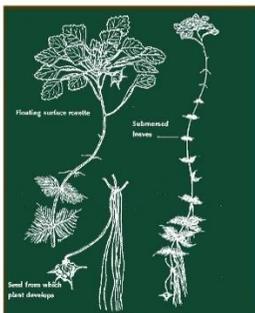
Parrot feather
(*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)¹



Variable-leaf watermilfoil
(*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)³



Yellow floating heart
(*Nymphoides peltata*)²



Water chestnut
(*Trapa natans*)²

¹ Aquatic plant line drawings are the copyright property of the University of Florida Center for Aquatic Plants (Gainesville)

² Water Plants for Missouri Ponds. Copyright 1990 by the Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri.

³ Aquatic Plants of New England Series. G.E. Crow and C.B. Hellquist 1983. Illustration by Pam Bruns

⁴ "The Families of Flowering Plants: Descriptions, Illustrations, Identification, and Information Retrieval." L. Watson, and M.J. Dalwitz,

12th Version. January 1998

⁵ Aquatic and Wetlands Plants of Northeastern North America. G.E. Crow and C.B. Hellquist. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison

China School's Forest Annual Report for 2020

What a year for everyone! While 2020 wasn't the year we planned on at the China School's Forest, still it was a year of growth and activity in the forest.

Winter/Spring Harvest Project: In 2019, the Forest Management Plan was updated by Two Trees Forestry in Winthrop, Maine and under the forester's advice, a harvest plan was implemented starting in January 2020. Several articles were written in local newspapers. The public was invited to tour the proposed harvest site. Anita Smith visited many classrooms at China Primary and Middle Schools to share the plan and reasons behind the harvest. Students were able to see some of the wood processing and talk to the local logger on site. Part of the plan included thinning the Seed Tree and Red Pine Plantation outdoor classrooms. The harvest was concluded in June. In the fall, community members gleaned about 4 cord of wood from the thinning to donate to those in need in our community. Interpretive signs were designed and installed to explain the purpose and goals for the harvest. The updated management plan, educational programming, signs, and thinning were all a part of a Project Canopy Grant from the Maine Forest Service.

Spring: The China Schools were planning their biannual Forest Day and had to revise plans when schools switched to on-line learning. A variety of short videos were created by Beth Preston and Anita Smith and posted on the school's YouTube page and on the Maine Project Learning Tree YouTube page and Forest Day went virtual. Many outdoor ideas were posted on the forest Facebook page and website so people from our community and across Maine and the USA were able to virtually visit the forest.

Summer projects: Nature Camps and other educational programming was put on hold due to COVID-19. Hopefully, they will be possible in 2021. The trails were very busy throughout the summer, as evidenced by the trail camera in the forest. It appears that the area was used for walking, running, family picnics, dog walkers, bicycles, and a myriad of forest animals.

Fall: MANY volunteers helped prepare the forest for back to school. Wood stools and benches were installed, outdoor classroom areas were "spruced" up, fun animals and outdoor objects were painted 6 feet apart on structures to encourage social distancing. New animal cut-outs and interpretive tree ID signs were installed. Tree roots and rocks were painted as a safety precaution. New gravel was added by the pond to prevent flooding of the trail. We could not have completed all this work without all the volunteer help. Many classrooms of students have enjoyed the forest this fall in addition to all our community visitors. We wrapped up our Project Canopy grant which allowed for the harvest, thinning and educational talks/programs.

Story Walk: The last project of this year was to install a "Story Walk". Laminated pages of the book Night Tree by Eve Bunting were placed along the trail. This story will be in place through January and then updated with another story.

The forest trails are open during daylight hours even when school is in session. Visitors can park at the Primary School to access the trails. Dogs are welcome under owner control and owners must remove all pet waste. We continue to look for grants to continue maintenance, programs and keep the trails open to visitors. A small group of volunteers continue to steward the China School's Forest with many other helpers throughout the year. We are grateful for these community volunteers! Help is always needed to clear trails, remove fallen trees & branches, repair and maintain outdoor classrooms and create fun learning spaces for all our visitors. If you have outdoor knowledge or skills to share with others, programs can be created for the public to enjoy. New ideas, help and forest friends are always welcome and much appreciated. You can reach us through email: chinaschoolsforest@gmail.com or contact the China Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Smith 1/15/2021

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chinaschoolsforest

Website: <https://chinaschoolsforest.wixsite.com/website>



Code Enforcement

Building and CEO permits issued 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020

Residences	22
Mobile home location	7
Accessory structures	68
Renovations/Additions	32
Septic systems	35
Internal plumbing	36
Wells	7
Earth-moving activities	11
Demolitions	9
Signs	1
Home occupations	9
Gravel pit	2



**China's Code Enforcement Officer Jaime Hanson.
Jaime joined the China team in November 2020,
after Bill Butler retired.**

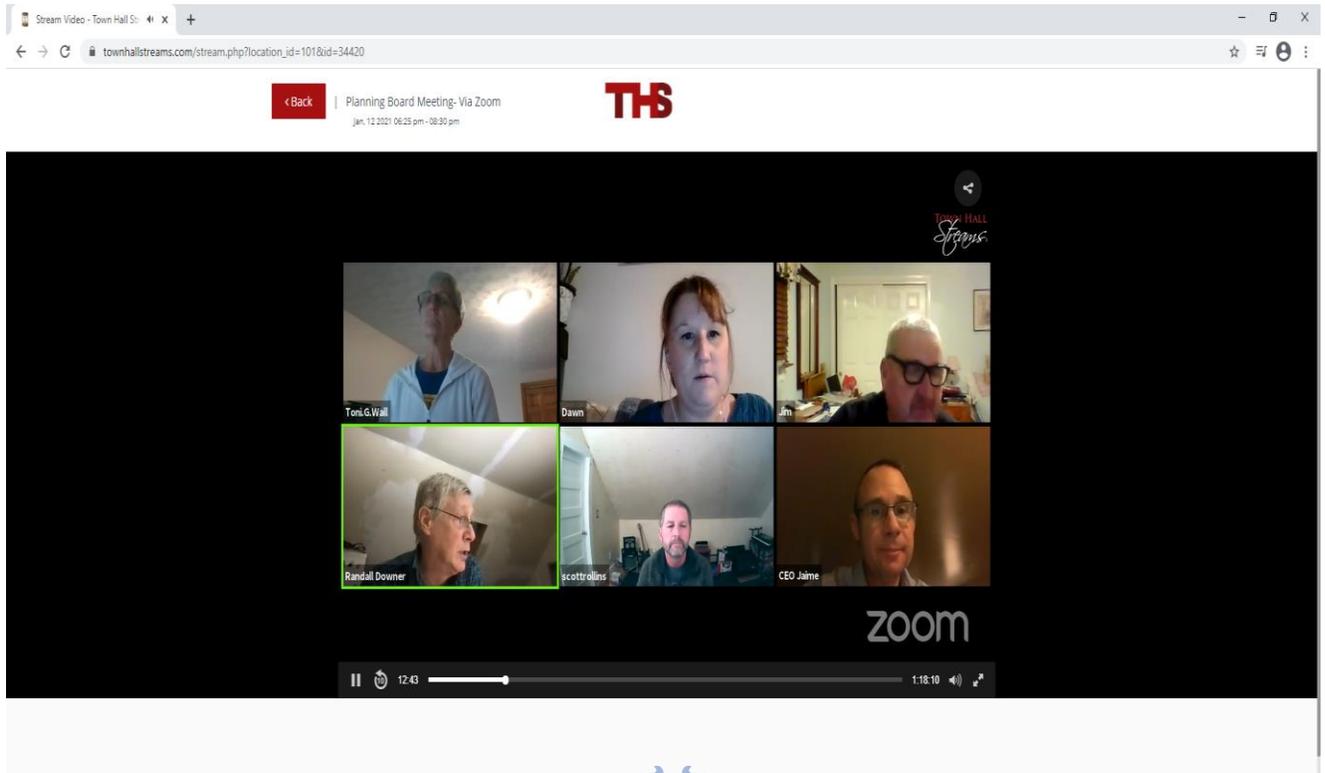
If you need a building permit, CEO permit, timber harvest permit, and/or internal plumbing application, etc, please go to

www.china.govoffice.com

under "Town Departments", "Administration", "Code Enforcement".

This section on the web site contains a tremendous amount of helpful information whether looking to build or start a business!

Planning Board



China Planning Board consists of six members who are elected to serve a two-year term.

We currently have District 3 position vacant.

Please visit our Town web site to view the District Map.

The Planning Board meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

**Meetings are recorded and available to view on Town web site,
under “Livestream”.**

It’s a great way to get involved in your town!



Transfer Station Committee Report –

The Transfer Station Committee helped launch the new access permit system allowing entrance into the transfer station. The Town of China was awarded a grant to initiate the use of a radio frequency identification tag (RFID) as a replacement for the annual sticker. Committee members tested the RFID tag before the permit system was launched for all China and Palermo residents. Public informational meetings were held in China and in Palermo to introduce RFID, and items informing the public on the launch were published in the Town Line and in the Friends of China Facebook page. Committee meetings evaluated the type of RFID card to use, location of sensor and provided options for the Select Board for their consideration. The policy for formalizing use of RFID was drafted by the Committee for Select Board consideration.

The unfortunate closing of the Hampden recycling facility which was the major disposal site of China municipal solid waste was a topic of great concern to the Committee. By the time this report is read, a new owner/operator of the Hampden facility should be operating the Hampden site and the Town of China will again move toward the recycling goals established by the Town and the State of Maine.

The Committee continues to evaluate hours of operation for the transfer station. Data from a traffic counter, data from an online and paper survey, and data from the RFID show the busiest and slowest times and days at the transfer station. Recommendations based on these data are forwarded to the Select Board.



***Don't forget...this placard is required for transfer station use,
it does NOT expire and may be moved between your vehicles.***

The first complete report showing transfer station visits throughout the year was possible using the full-time monitoring RFID permit system. The data collected show that Tuesday and Saturday were the most popular days to visit (Figure 1). Friday had the least visits throughout the year. Figure 2 shows the total number of visitors during one-hour segments for all Saturdays in 2020. Mid-morning to early afternoon was the most popular time to visit the Transfer Station. These data should help residents of both towns schedule their visits to the Transfer Station to avoid lines at the hopper or recycling areas.

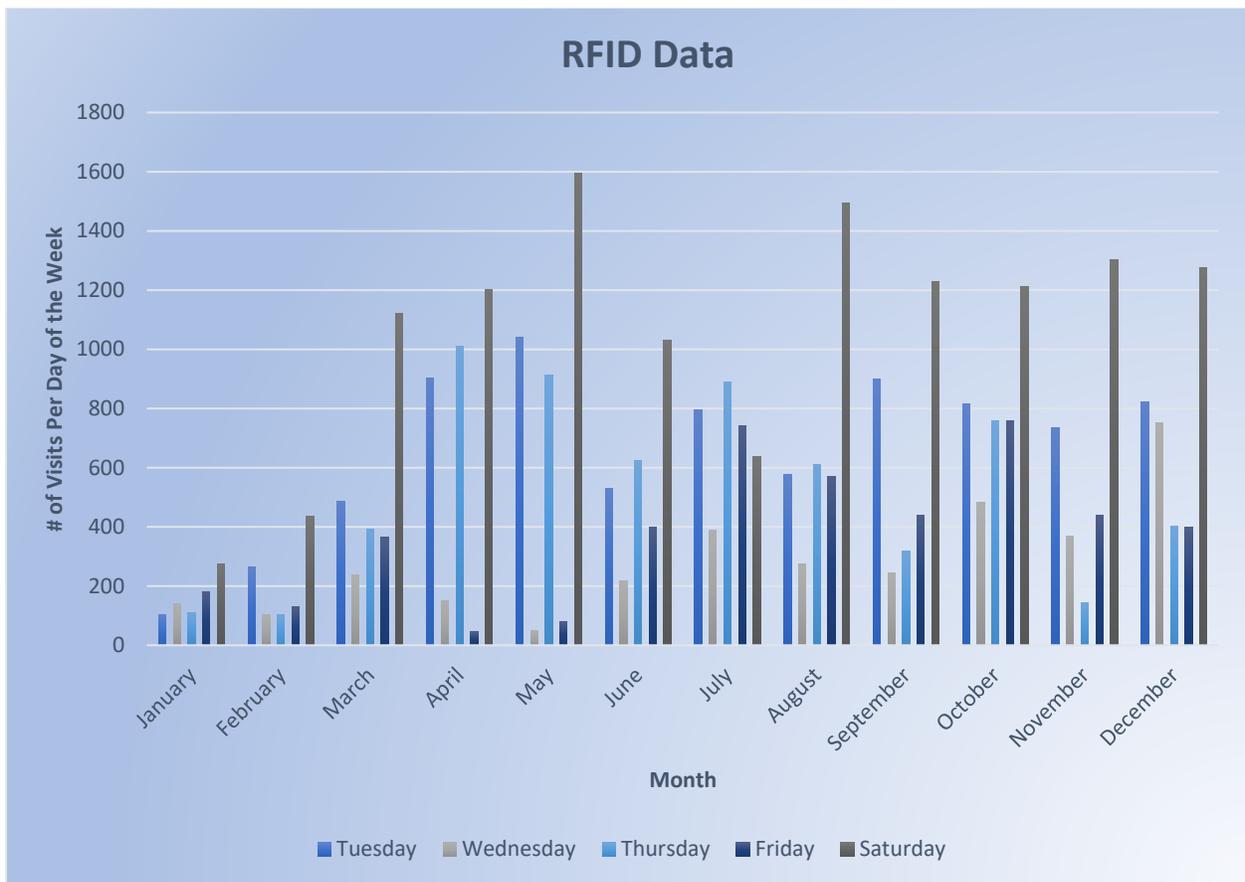


Figure 1. Total number of visitors per day over year 2020. Adjustments and alignment RFID sensor were complete in March. Thanks to Ashley Farrington for compiling these data.

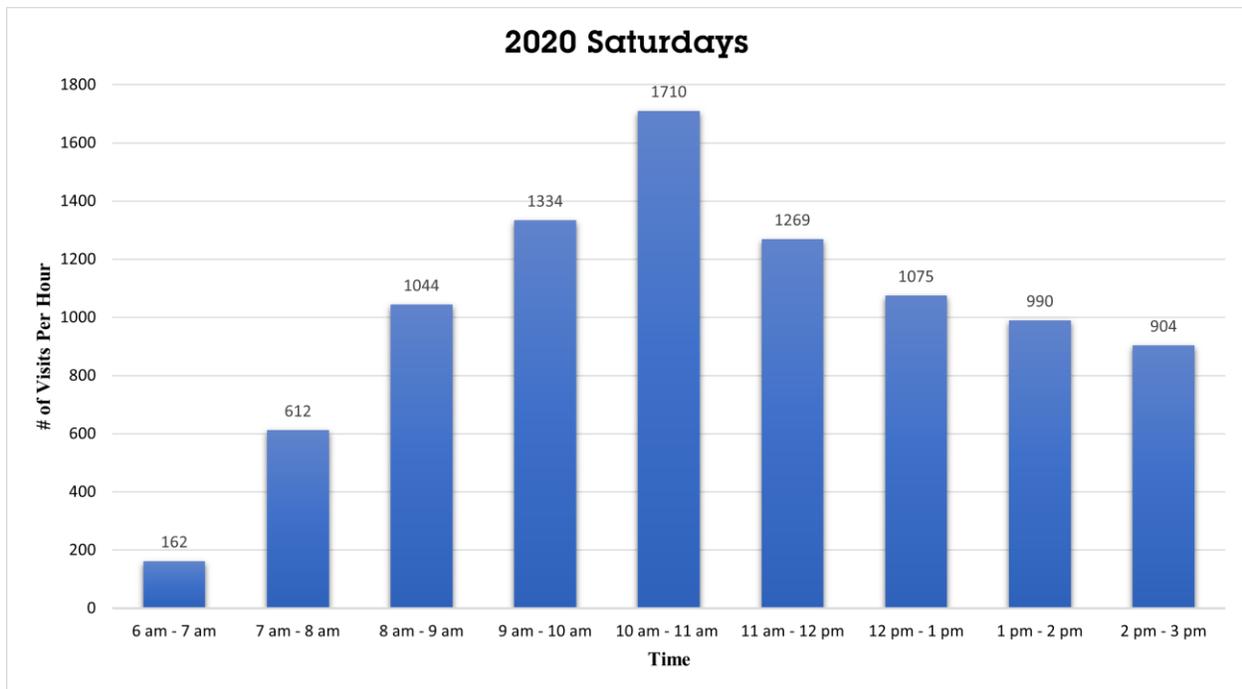


Figure 2. Total number of visitors to the Transfer Station on Saturday in 2020 broken into one-hour segments. The Transfer Station opens at 6:30 AM and closes at 3 PM. Thanks to Ashley Farrington for compiling these data.

The Transfer Station Committee recommended the purchase of a pre-rusher/compactor for bulky items and demolition materials because more materials can be loaded per can than in the open-top can. Transportation charges are based on trip and not weight. Initial data indicate that 30% more weight is added in the pre-crusher/compactor can which results in fewer trips and transportation savings.

The Transfer Station Committee reacted to Palermo resident complaints that the blue trash bags they purchase specifically for trash going to the transfer station had weak seams and were sized incorrectly for the common trash container. The vendor was contacted and a stronger-seamed bag with proper dimensions was ordered and now available to Palermo residents.

The electrical supply to the Transfer Station became marginal as additional electrical equipment such as balers were added over the years. At times, equipment would have to be removed from service so that others could run. With the prospect of adding a pre-crusher/compactor to the equipment list led to Committee discussion on bringing three-phase power into the Transfer Station. It was recommended that costs should be explored and presented to the Select Board. Approval was granted and Central Maine Power brought three-phase power from Lakeview Drive to the Transfer Station. All equipment now runs efficiently and without disruption. Some of the costs of installing

three-phase power could be recouped in the future if other users along Alder Park Road sign up to use three phase power.

The current “Free for the Taking” building (FFT) was constructed at the China Transfer Station in 2018. The goal was to save the Town money by diverting more items out of the trash stream. Clothing especially could be recycled as well as books and household items having considerably more years of use.

The “Free for the Taking” building (sometimes called the Swap Shop) has become a “must stop” for many who come to the Transfer Station to dispose of their trash and recyclables. Some come just to visit the building to see what treasure they may find. Others drop off items they feel someone else could use.

With the numerous donations the building received it was an almost impossible task for the Transfer Station staff to keep up with organizing it. Over the years numerous town residents have volunteered their time to keep it organized but it really needed to be tended to daily to keep up with the daily donations. In January 2020 Karen Hatch, a recently retired China resident, came and asked if the Transfer Station staff minded if she tackled the task of organizing the Free for the Taking building. Her offer was quickly accepted.



Karen Hatch showing her efforts in organizing the Free for the Taking building

With an organized building, folks could easily see what was there and spend less time having to sort through bags and boxes. This also allowed for more items to come and go and made room for new donations. Folks felt better bringing items in and seeing them taken versus thinking they would end up in the trash hopper anyway. Seeing the amount of donations coming in, and how fun it was to be there, other folks came forward and volunteered to help organize as well.

Following Maine State COVID 19 guidelines, the FFT building was shut down temporarily in the Spring and again in September, *with no definite date of reopening*. Transfer Station staff is using the down time to make repairs to the building. Thank you for your patience during this time!

The Transfer Station Committee along with the Town and Transfer Station manager periodically review recycling markets. These discussions revolve around achieving the 50% recycling goal that the State of Maine mandates but are balanced against handling, packaging, and shipping costs to recycling plants in the region. These discussions often lay basis for determining which recyclable material is processed for recycling at the Transfer Station and which is included with the municipal solid waste shipped to the Hampden site.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sikora, Chair



Transfer Station and Recycling Center

The Transfer Station is located at 191 Alder Park Road. The facility is run by Transfer Station Manager Ronald Marois and is staffed by Andy Cowing, Tim Grotton, Gary McCarty, and Joshua Watson.

We would like to remind all of our residents that RFID placards are mandatory. They do not expire and can be obtained at the Town Office. The owner of the property is entitled to ONE free placard; additional placards are available with a \$10.00 deposit. When entering the Transfer Station, you **MUST** have your placard visible with the colored side facing out. Additional information on placards can be obtained through a Transfer Station Attendant or a member of the Town Office Staff.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic a lot of things have changed at the Transfer Station over the past year. Currently, recycling remains limited and free for the taking remains closed. We would like to thank all of our residents for their cooperation during this challenging time.

In 2020 the Town of China applied for and was awarded a COVID-19 grant. A portion of this money went towards purchasing and installing the new electronic sign at the Transfer Station. As you enter the facility you will see it to your right. This sign allows us to display current hours, rules, regulations, and



closings that are related to the Transfer Station.

Last year the new pre-crusher was installed. This addition to the transfer station has saved us time and money on trucking.

Recycling markets are constantly changing. 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 continue to support our recycling efforts in China.

We are currently accepting the following materials for recycling:

- CLEAN waste oil (no antifreeze, gas, water, etc.).
- 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.
- Trees and brush up to 14” in diameter.
- HDPE Plastics, also known as #2 plastics. These include but are not limited to milk jugs, juice jugs, laundry detergent jugs, etc.
- Tin & aluminum cans. All of these are acceptable but must be clean and empty with labels removed.
- All types of metal are accepted.
- Corrugated cardboard

To avoid contamination and keep our recycling center successful, it is vital that we are receiving CLEAN recyclables. If recyclables are not clean and empty, they may be rejected by an attendant.

Although some resources are limited, we still have our Apparel Impact and PaintCare programs. Please refer to the recycling tab on our website at www.china.govoffice.com

Please remember that recycling clean corrugated cardboard is mandatory. Staff are 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 want to remind you that we have four 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.** Due to the current pandemic one resident is allowed at the hopper at a time, please try to get in and out of this area as quickly as possible to keep the traffic flowing.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the various volunteers that have provided their services in our free for the taking building as well as the Transfer Station Committee: Mark Davis, Irene Belanger, Robert Kurek, Lawrence Sikora, Karen Hatch, and Paul Lucas for their hard work and dedication to our Transfer Station. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our residents for wearing their masks and social distancing.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Marois

Transfer Station Manager



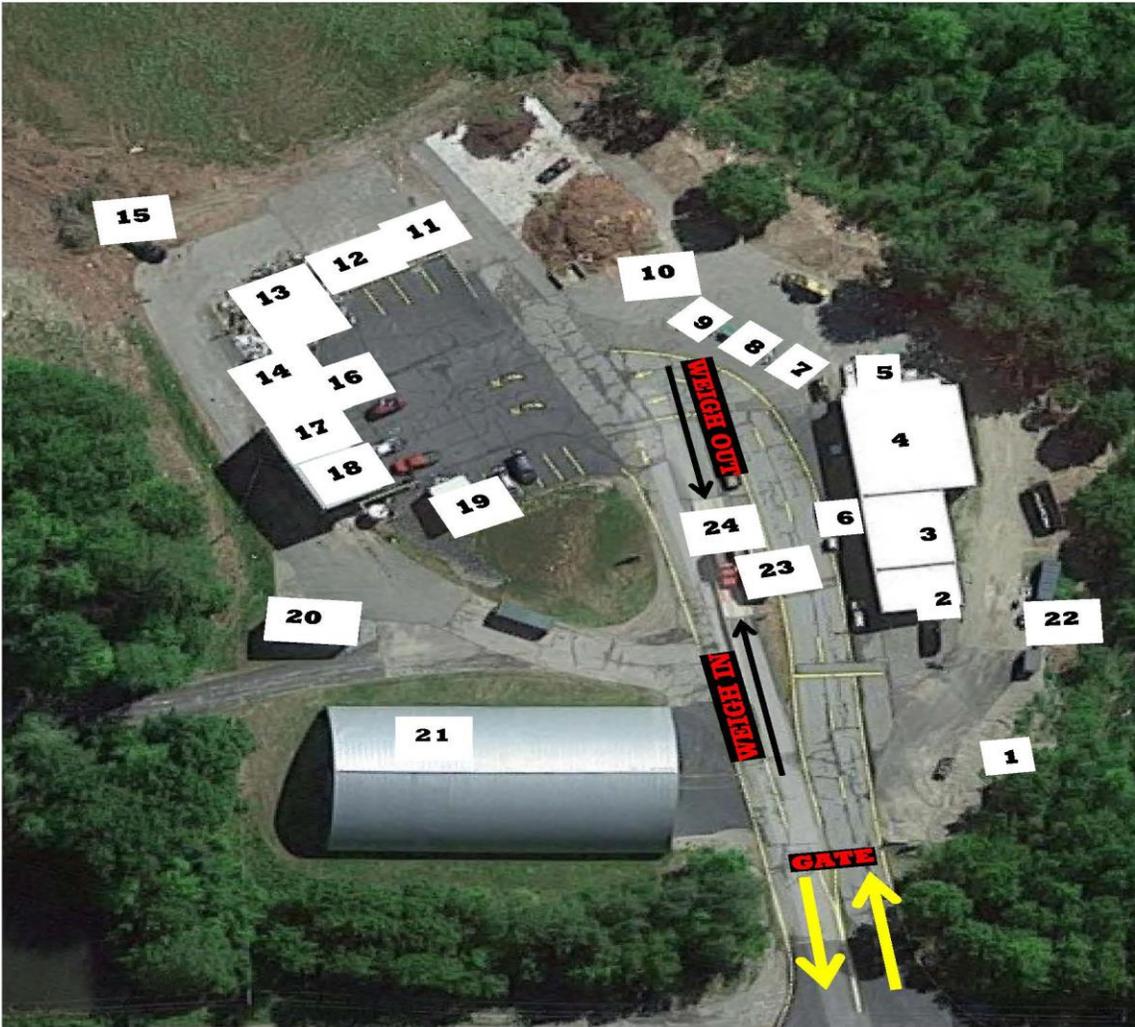
Left to right – Gary McCarty, Ronald Marois, Timothy Grotton, Joshua Watson, Andy Cowing

RECYCLING TOTALS	
PAINT	819.19 gallons
METAL	123.71 tons
CARDBOARD	69.34 tons
NEWSPAPER	66 gaylords
#2 PLASTIC	2.89 tons
WASTE OIL	1,200 gallons
COMPOST	49.4 tons
FREON UNITS	185 units
BRUSH	525.08 tons
CRUSHED & RECYCLED GLASS, ASPHALT, CEMENT, AND PORCELAIN	15.10 tons
APPAREL IMPACT BIN (TEXTILES)	4.8 tons
DRUG TAKE BACK	
DRUGS RETURNED	72 pounds
UNIVERSAL WASTE ELECTRONICS	
TVS & MONITORS	5.31 tons
PCB BALLASTS	0.01 ton
NON-PCB BALLASTS	0.0025 ton
COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS	0.67 ton
PRINTERS	0.40 ton
MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS	0.10 ton
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW) TRANSFERRED OUT	
MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE	889 tons
COMMERCIALY HAULED TRASH	204.67 tons
MIXED CDD (CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION DEBRIS) TRANSFERRED OUT	
PERC	430.89 tons
WASTE MANAGEMENT	886.94 tons

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	6:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**China Transfer Station
191 Alder Park Rd**



To Lakeview Drive

To Route 3

- 1. Residents Sand Box
- 2. Universal Waste (computers, televisions, keyboards, etc.)
- 3. Plastics, tin & aluminum
- 4. Cardboard compactor
- 5. Paint drop-off
- 6. Cardboard can
- 7. Porcelain, bricks, cement
- 8. Express cans (4)
- 9. Wood stove ash & tires
- 10. Compost

- 11. Metal can
- 12. Metal
- 13. Demo 2
- 14. Compactor (demo 1)
- 15. Brush
- 16. Cardboard cans (2)
- 17. Hopper (household trash)
- 18. Waste oil
- 19. Free for the taking
- 20. Loader building

- 21. Sand/Salt Shed
- 22. Freon units
- 23. Scale house
- 24. Scales

CHINA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is located at 211 Alder Park Road, adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Public Works Department has four full time employees. Public Works Manager Shawn Reed, plow and equipment operator Joshua Ross, mechanic, and plow operator Joshua Crommett. I would like to thank Joshua Crommett, and Joshua Ross for their hard work and devoted service they provide to the Town of China. Josh Crommett continues to do all repairs for the Public Works as well as the Transfer Station in house, saving the taxpayers money. Together, we take care of the roads during the summer and winter months. From November until April, we are on call twenty-four hours a day, and seven days a week to plow snow and maintain the roads for the residents of China.



Left to right - Joshua Ross, Joshua Crommett, Shawn

The Town of China's road structure consists of 46.48 miles of town owned roads and 8.85 miles of state aid roads, which we maintain in the winter months.

Public Works is in its fifth year of a salt priority program and continuing to have 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. We took over the last contracted snow plowing route last year, with good results.

During the past year we completed routine overlays on Mann Road, Plummer Road, Tobey Road, Tyler Road, and the South Road. We had to omit planned paving of Wing Road, parts of Deer Hill, Back Deer Hill, and Dirigo Road due to potential shortfalls related to COVID-19.

The surface treatment that we applied to the South Road was a Chip Seal. This is the first year that the Town of China has experimented with this product. Chip Seal surface treatments cost much less than traditional asphalt. If this treatment holds up well, we anticipate doing more of it. This will allow us to maintain more miles of road for less money. A chip seal is a two-step process which includes first an application of asphalt emulsion and then a layer of crushed rock to an existing asphalt pavement surface. The chips (small, crushed rocks) are immediately applied after the asphalt emulsion is applied to the pavement

surface. After the initial application it feels like you are driving on a gravel road. The loose chips are swept off the surface after about a week. The road surface will ride smoother as time goes on. The life expectancy of this treatment is expected to be ten years, depending on the volume of traffic.

I would like to take a minute to thank the Road Committee Members for their dedication and service, in particular Fred Anderson, Dale Peabody, and Jen Chamberlin. The Town of China's Road Committee is actively and creatively working on an overlay program to get the roads back on an eight-to-ten-year cycle. To accomplish this, we need to engage in an extensive overlaying program. This will require at least 6 miles of road to be paved every year.

The tentative schedule for the 2021 paving season is to pave six miles of road, beginning with the roads that were cut from last year's paving schedule, a portion of Deer Hill Road, Wing Road, Back Deer Hill Road and 1 mile of Dirigo Road, and the remainder of miles to be paved in quadrant one.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Reed
Public Works Manager





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.

2021 Homestead Exemption – If you did not file for the Homestead Exemption in 2020 or prior years, you must apply prior to April 1, 2021 to be eligible in 2021. 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 unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2020; 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, or email Kelly Grotton at kelly@chinamaine.org for more information.



Ownership and Address Updates Requested – Please notify the office staff of any change in your mailing address.



Real Estate Property Abatements

Name	Acct #	Year	Amount
Bulmer, Troy P	1165	2019	\$901.39
China, Town of (formerly Bailey, Susan)	2498	2019	\$29.34
China, Town of (formerly Quirion, Mary, Personal Representative, Estate of Arlene McKeil)	2521	2016-2018	\$1,001.18
Goddard, Samuel N & Jeannette	2031	2019	\$133.66
Grant, Scott A	1712	2013	\$633.09
Lee, Mark T	863	2019	\$427.06
Millett, Jonathan & Thomas-Millett, Rachel	321	2019	\$213.53
Sherwood, Kurt & Lisa	3525	2017	\$71.55
Withee, Stephen	2696	2019	\$326.00

Personal Property Abatements

Name	Acct #	Year	Amount
E J Holt Consulting	564	2016	\$15.50
E J Holt Consulting	564	2017	\$15.90
E J Holt Consulting	564	2018	\$15.80
E J Holt Consulting	564	2019	\$16.30
G.O. Tubing Inc	489	2018	\$355.50
Householder, Leo W	691	2019	\$710.58
Old Skooll Recording	377	2018	\$26.86
Raider's Sugarhouse	458	2019	\$83.13
Spring Hill Farm	618	2019	\$1,890.80

Real Estate Taxes Outstanding

Acct	Name	Year	\$ Due		Year	\$ Due	
367	Adams, James Matthew	2019	\$549.71				
2843	Bard, John	2019	\$430.64		2018	\$409.43	
1942	Basford, Susan Lynn	2019	\$929.48	*			
3185	Batista, Suzete	2019	\$2,158.68	**	2018	\$1,952.71	*
2573	Boivin, Ferne, Heirs of	2019	\$745.61	**	2018	\$660.57	*
195	Boucher, Ryan R	2019	\$65.31	*			
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr & Melanie J	2019	\$514.05		2018	\$405.04	*
3744	Bragg, Dave B	2019	\$498.73	*			
2154	Bragg, Grover B, Sr - Life Estate	2019	\$1,707.49				
2154	Bragg, Michelle L, PR	2018	\$1,836.60	*			
2731	Bragg, Steven	2019	\$714.94	**			
536	Breton, Doris L	2019	\$1,000.86	*			
116	Britten, Martin	2019	\$248.63	*			
125	Britten, Martin	2019	\$2,682.69	*			
769	Camelio, Nancy	2019	\$1,409.60	**			
1368	Caswell, Edith A	2018	\$723.94	*			
1191	Cates, Christopher H	2019	\$406.79	*			
1192	Cates, Christopher H	2019	\$3,100.20	*			
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2019	\$1,756.92		2018	\$1,665.47	*
1653	Clary, Sherman E	2019	\$704.13	*			
2912	Conary, Craig D	2019	\$561.70		2018	\$503.68	*
1546	Coombs, Stephen H & Christine	2019	\$95.23		2018	\$123.52	*
1568	Coombs, Stephen H & Christine	2019	\$2,121.24		2018	\$2,040.30	*
1020	Coston, Russell L, Heirs of	2019	\$1,229.13	*			
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2019	\$573.65		2018	\$514.80	*
1011	Crommett, Clayton H	2019	\$326.78		2018	\$277.66	*
1012	Crommett, Clayton H	2019	\$1,528.73		2018	\$1,608.13	*
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J & Angela	2019	\$680.92		2018	\$659.74	*
2857	Cunningham, Shawn D	2019	\$802.83	**			
286	Dennison, Betty Jo	2019	\$660.48	**	2018	\$82.60	*
215	Derosier, Freeman	2019	\$1,050.36		2018	\$951.03	*
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2019	\$2,773.32				
1457	Dixon, June	2019	\$2,054.86	*	2018	\$83.71	*
3325	Doherty, Thomas P	2019	\$714.96	*			
1580	Downie, Jon M	2019	\$1,619.26	*			
646	DSV SPV3 LLC	2019	\$1,653.38				
454	Estes, Duane C & Tina M	2019	\$1,222.30	**	2018	\$1,131.99	*
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2019	\$1,797.76		2018	\$1,639.82	*
2952	Estes, Michael Anthony	2018	\$391.96	*			
3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2019	\$590.68		2018	\$529.07	*
2882	Fletcher, John L Sr & Alice M	2019	\$1,065.69		2018	\$985.98	*
2689	Gallant, Heather	2019	\$903.29	*			
3580	Glidden, Jesse N	2019	\$256.24	*			

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Acct	Name	Year	\$ Due		Year	\$ Due	
485	Grotton, Joel W SR	2019	\$905.63	*	2018	\$851.88	*
289	Haldar, Alta Maher, Heirs of	2019	\$98.65				
908	Hargadon, Geoffrey L	2019	\$77.07	*			
1368	Harris, Shad	2019	\$1,596.86				
1005	Haskell, Gary L	2019	\$639.39	*			
873	Higgins, Sheila	2019	\$754.13	**	2018	\$534.19	*
2663	Hipp, Christopher B	2019	\$2,916.34		2018	\$2,689.98	*
594	Hisler, Colleen E	2019	\$890.33	*			
595	Hisler, Colleen E	2019	\$616.22				
3072	Holyoke, James A	2019	\$1,336.39		2018	\$1,168.68	*
2060	Jorgensen, John D	2019	\$83.24				
2137	Kenney, Robert E	2019	\$2,758.01	*			
585	Kiefer, Karen L	2019	\$595.88	*			
3323	LaBelle, Tina M	2019	\$165.03	*			
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2019	\$1,314.26		2018	\$1,204.27	*
929	Lawlor, John W	2019	\$66.90	*			
2697	Leclerc, Michelle M	2019	\$313.17		2018	\$8.05	*
2887	Lemar, Peter	2019	\$1,054.44	*			
1085	Letourneau, A Lorraine	2019	\$2,004.69	*			
2484	Lindvall, Lawrence W	2019	\$117.38				
1118	LMW Enterprises, LLC	2019	\$4,260.15				
1681	Luczko, Kevin L	2019	\$1,821.31	*			
3425	Mayo, Jeramy J	2019	\$800.10	**	2018	\$26.53	*
2641	McPhee, Vicki J	2019	\$1,304.88	*			
871	Meador, Sandra Jean	2019	\$840.60				
2483	Michaud, Debra Jayne	2019	\$1,251.23	**	2018	\$575.21	*
40	Moore, Daniel L & Dwayne L	2019	\$551.51		2018	\$542.86	*
2335	Morton, Amy Life Estate	2019	\$2,102.52				
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A	2019	\$1,006.10	**	2018	\$96.79	*
562	Ouellette, Daniel E	2019	\$965.24	*	2018	\$68.81	*
563	Ouellette, Daniel E	2019	\$524.28	*	2018	\$53.87	*
717	Ouellette, Daniel E	2019	\$313.16	*	2018	\$56.23	*
2756	Ouellette, Daniel E	2019	\$519.17	*	2018	\$57.71	*
687	Page, Joseph TIP	2019	\$664.16	*			
1002	Page, Keith A & Dorothy	2019	\$481.72		2018	\$434.12	*
2301	Parisien, Karen A	2019	\$238.26		2018	\$223.07	*
1357	Parsons, Marcus & Diana	2019	\$544.70		2018	\$505.25	*
3672	Pelkey, Morgan	2016	\$268.44	*			
2709	Pellerin, Daniel B	2019	\$375.57				
718	Pellerin, Mark J	2019	\$163.34	*			
3186	Pierce, Ethan C	2019	\$401.66		2018	\$300.52	*
1732	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2019	\$263.79				
2668	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2019	\$277.42				
1938	Poulin, Kevin L	2019	\$3,987.24				

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268	Reed, Diane	2019	\$1,334.67		2018	\$1,236.66	*
1276	Rice, Donald Kevin	2019	\$2,654.15	**	2018	\$2,519.18	*
2063	RLG, LLC	2019	\$4,778.92	*			
1249	Sears, Lisa M	2019	\$936.30	*			
3517	Seigars, Andrew & Deidra	2019	\$297.85	*	2018	\$291.76	*
2631	SmallL, Michael A	2019	\$563.43	*			
1727	Snow, Jennifer	2019	\$2,735.36	*			
1787	Spry Property Management Services	2019	\$59.87	*			
2692	Therault, Norma J	2019	\$1,271.46	**			
2952	Tyler, Jason A	2019	\$428.93	*			
2728	Tyler, John	2019	\$153.12		2018	\$159.90	
2718	W W Properties, Inc	2019	\$5,902.57		2018	\$5,403.05	*
3762	W W Properties, Inc	2019	\$321.68		2018	\$288.66	*
959	Walker, Marguerite	2019	\$728.55	*			
592	Willey, Marion	2019	\$1,465.78		2018	\$1,199.62	*
1131	Wilson, Robert	2019	\$919.68	**			
1043	Woodbury, Ronald	2019	\$730.07	*			
3312	York, Chris	2019	\$406.80		2018	\$411.77	*

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China's "International" Sign located at the intersection of Village Street and Town Landing Road.

Personal Property Taxes Outstanding

Acct	Name	Year	\$ Due		Year	\$ Due	
129	B & P Garage	2019	\$204.56	*			
553	Ballantyne Service Co	2019	\$65.20	*			
672	Beaulieu, Roland	2019	\$536.27				
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2019	\$1,520.79		2018	\$1,523.12	
536	Howe, Linda /Bio Renewable Fuels	2017	\$190.80		2016	\$179.80	
536	Howe, Linda /Bio Renewable Fuels	2015	\$390.00				
615	BlackRock Investigations & Consult	2019	\$29.34				
236	Blinds by Design	2017	\$15.90	*			
236	Blinds by Design	2019	\$84.76	**	2018	\$15.80	*
591	Brown, Michael	2019	\$407.50				
244	Buckshot Powersports	2019	\$81.50				
224	Central Machine Inc	2019	\$3,277.93		2018	\$510.97	*
90	China Lake Auto Sales	2018	\$395.00	*			
306	China Lake Properties	2018	\$39.50				
431	Comprehensive Land Technologies	2019	\$3,059.51	*	2018	\$1,992.38	*
431	Comprehensive Land Technologies	2017	\$1,968.42	*	2016	\$34,920.81	*
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2019	\$1,222.50		2018	\$600.40	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2017	\$604.20				
412	Dick Willette	2014	\$151.00				
499	Dollar Deals	2015	\$390.00		2014	\$188.75	
305	Downeast Surveying & Dev Inc	2019	\$184.19	*			
181	Fieldstone Quick Stop	2019	\$1,297.48	*			
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2019	\$122.25		2018	\$118.50	
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2017	\$119.25		2016	\$116.25	
640	Granger Family Farms, LLC	2019	\$907.91	*			
526	Hamilton, George	2019	\$86.39		2018	\$83.74	
526	Hamilton, George	2017	\$84.27	*			
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2019	\$489.00		2018	\$474.00	
440	Hayes Rock and Recycling, LLC	2019	\$44.82	*			
294	Innovative Workspace Solutions	2018	\$23.70				
681	Ironwood Maine, LLC	2019	\$326.00	*			
593	JB Builders	2019	\$70.09		2018	\$64.78	
593	JB Builders	2017	\$63.60		2016	\$60.45	
541	Jeff LaVerdiere Enterprises	2019	\$566.42				
414	John Boivin's Plumbing and Heating	2019	\$81.50		2018	\$79.00	**
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2019	\$293.40				
351	Labelle Family Daycare	2019	\$16.30	*	2018	\$23.70	*
351	Labelle Family Daycare	2017	\$1.65	*			
403	LaVerdiere's General Store	2019	\$203.75				
507	Little Learners	2019	\$44.64	*			
404	M.A. Haskell Fuel Co, LLC	2019	\$2.14	*			
589	Maine Boat Rental, LLC	2019	\$118.24				
563	Mannke, Edward - business services	2016	\$15.50				
567	Marlett, Gregory – Voc. Rehab Svcs.	2017	\$15.90				

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Acct	Name	Year	\$ Due		Year	\$ Due
614	Mr. Spray Foam Plus, LLC	2018	\$290.72	*		
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2019	\$1,297.48		2018	\$1,352.48
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2017	\$1,303.44			
586	Oxley Express	2019	\$163.00	*	2018	\$158.00 *
586	Oxley Express	2017	\$159.00	*		
527	RAM Renovations	2018	\$156.42	*		
348	Rocnet Data Designs	2019	\$26.08		2018	\$25.28
418	Ron Bumps Builder	2019	\$40.75			
546	Russell, Kevin - Trucking	2018	\$632.00			
282	Shear Techniques	2019	\$81.50		2018	\$79.00
525	Sonlight Creations	2019	\$20.37	*		
524	Sonlight Upholstery	2019	\$22.00	*		
234	South China Auto Detailing	2017	\$14.31			
350	South China Learning Center	2019	\$14.57	*		
332	The China Dine-Ah	2019	\$434.39			
588	The Voice Guy	2019	\$61.12	*		
382	Tropical Sunsatons 2 TanningSalon	2019	\$275.47	*		
662	ViaSat, Inc	2019	\$8.39	*		
303	Wildwood Guns	2019	\$24.45	*		
505	Wormell Labs, Inc	2019	\$8.15	*		

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Disbursements and Reimbursements

Vendor Detail Report	Amount	Vendor Detail Report	Amount
A Partner in Technology	\$27,930.60	CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$1,000.00
A. E. Hodsdon	\$44,168.49	CHINA FOUR SEASONS CLUB	\$1,303.20
AAA PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	\$1,392.50	CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATION	\$14,244.04
ACME Scale Company	\$1,644.48	China Recreation	\$2,933.00
Adams, Clifton V Jr	\$5,550.00	China Region Lakes Alliance	\$15,942.77
ADMIRAL FIRE & SAFETY, INC	\$599.04	China Rescue	\$16,281.73
Advance 1 Cleaning Services, Inc	\$1,404.00	China Village Volunteer Fire	\$34,500.00
Advance Auto Parts	\$656.78	Circle K	\$3,847.65
Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc	\$3,900.00	CITY OF WATERVILLE	\$11,701.83
Aggressive Cuts LLC	\$10,437.50	Clemmer, George H Jr.	\$729.00
AGWAY INC-WINSLOW FARM CENTER	\$21.95	Coastal Resources of Maine LLC	\$78,721.26
Albert Church Brown Memorial	\$4,500.00	Comprehensive Land Technologies Inc	\$48,455.78
Albison's Printing Inc	\$97.06	Consolidated Communications	\$5,202.88
Alfieri, Thomas	\$151.64	Cool Calculations Inc	\$362.30
Allstate	\$912.00	Cooper Tank LLC	\$11,600.00
American Legion Post #179	\$500.00	CREATIVE IMAGING GROUP	\$587.65
AMERICAN LEGION POST 195	\$500.00	Crisis & Counseling Centers	\$528.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$500.00	Crommett, Joshua	\$182.76
Anderson, Maggie	\$500.00	CUSO	\$430.22
Andrews, Dominique	\$500.00	CW Repair Inc.	\$984.85
Aubuchon Hardware	\$35.00	Daigle & Houghton	\$4,189.08
Augusta Fuel Company	\$1,174.44	Daigneault, Cody	\$593.92
B&B Septic Services Inc	\$600.00	DANFORTH, WILLIAM	\$28,925.00
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$748.10	Demerchant, Bryce	\$1,660.00
Basham Tree Service Inc	\$4,101.00	Dennis K. Burke Inc	\$14,983.55
Bernard, Ashley L	\$9,750.00	Dennison Lubricants of Maine	\$1,473.58
Big Tex Trailer World Store # 463	\$477.96	Diesel Dans' Auto Service &	\$589.77
Blanchard, Mariah	\$500.00	Dunn, Austin	\$500.00
Bolduc-Bartlett, Kim	\$1,484.75	Dunn, Megan	\$500.00
Bolster's Rubbish Removal, LLC	\$43,400.00	EAGLE RENTAL	\$3,860.00
Boynton, Madison	\$36.54	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$2,942.53
Brockway, Jennifer L	\$2,076.39	Emergency Medical Products, Inc	\$5,180.58
Bromar, Inc	\$2,948.72	Emery, Bryanna	\$500.00
Bug Busterzzz Pest Control LLC	\$2,140.00	Entenmann-Rovin Co	\$634.75
BURTS SECURITY CENTER	\$35.25	Fahey, Richard F Jr.	\$700.00
Butler, William	\$2,721.46	FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT	\$2,000.00
C & J Trailer Repair and Towing Inc	\$1,150.00	Farrington, Ashley	\$84.22
C.B. HASKELL FUEL CO.	\$664.53	Fastenal	\$3,224.14
CAI Technologies	\$2,400.00	Fernald, George	\$1,600.00
Carlson, Ronald	\$66.00	Fine Line Paving & Grading LLC	\$13,460.00
Casella Recycling	\$559.45	Finley, Dan	\$22,684.43
Catholic Charities Maine	\$500.00	Finley, Jason	\$302.76
Central Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$10.00	Finley, John	\$500.00
CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY	\$82,007.45	FINLEY, JULIE	\$75.40
Central Tire Shawmut	\$1,165.00	Finley, Steven	\$3,026.94
Chadwick, Wayne D	\$81,740.00	FIRE TECH & SAFETY OF NE	\$1,370.00
Chadwick-BaRoss Inc	\$164,600.00	Fitts, Brenda	\$2.00
Chamberlain, Mallory	\$500.00	FleetScreen, LTD	\$385.00
Chamberlain, Mallory	\$928.83	Fort Hope Trading Company	\$2,750.00
Chapman, Carroll	\$597.00	Future Agency, LLC	\$14,880.00
		Gaudet, Jordan	\$25.00

Vendor Detail Report	Amount	Vendor Detail Report	Amount
GHM AGENCY	\$55,024.00	Kilgore, Dawn	\$108.75
Goggin, Kayla	\$500.00	Kmen, Morgaine	\$500.00
Goldstar Products Inc	\$1,056.86	KNIGHT'S FARM SUPPLY	\$664.65
GovOffice LLC	\$840.00	Kodiak Steel Company	\$1,015.84
Grotton, Kelly	\$1,268.65	KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$360.00
Grotton, Timothy	\$34.80	KRDA (FirstPark)	\$37,683.47
Group Dynamic Inc	\$11,010.00	Kunesh, Olivia	\$500.00
Hall-Stuart, Angel	\$500.00	Kutschinski, Hannah	\$173.42
Hamilton, George	\$5.00	KVCAP-DEMAND RESPONSE	\$1,000.00
Hammond Lumber Company	\$228.00	KVCOG	\$16,844.13
Hammond Tractor Company	\$779.86	LAKEVIEW LUMBER COMPANY	\$1,868.40
Hanover Computer Co. LLC	\$8,851.90	Lamoreau, John	\$119.72
Hans Arp Trucking, LLC	\$150.00	Lee Baxter Enterprises Inc	\$1,230.00
Hapgood, Rebecca J	\$523.02	LifeFlight Foundation	\$500.00
Hapgood-Belanger, Sage	\$65.67	Littlefield, Misha	\$71.20
Harris Computer Systems	\$13,963.08	Lucas, Stephen K	\$13,486.23
Harry J Smith Co	\$2,317.40	M A Haskell Fuel Co LLC	\$8,247.74
Haskell Farm LLC	\$1,200.00	MA Haskell & Sons LLC	\$625.00
HD Supply White Cap	\$3,029.47	Maguire Equipment Inc	\$45,268.00
Health Equity Alliance	\$250.00	Maine Building Officials and	\$65.00
Heath, Dennis	\$47.44	Maine Building Specialties Co, Inc	\$955.00
Hebert, Donald	\$650.00	MAINE COMMERCIAL TIRE INC	\$921.48
Hopkins Paving LLC	\$350,808.32	MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	\$67.32
Hospice Volunteers of WatervilleArea	\$1,650.00	MAINE EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL	\$2,281.75
Hotham, Alicia	\$500.00	Maine Environmental Solutions LLC	\$3,500.00
Houghton, Peyton	\$500.00	Maine General Medical Center	\$144.00
Howard P Fairfield, LLC	\$6,916.76	MAINE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$387.77
HUSSEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$690.00	Maine Local Government Human	\$90.00
HUSSEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$844.14	MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	\$22,426.40
HYGRADE BUSINESS GROUP, INC	\$196.37	MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES H.T.	\$259,974.20
ICMA Membership Renewals	\$571.21	MAINE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR	\$425.00
Ideal Electric Inc	\$685.00	Maine Oxy	\$1,620.33
International Security Networks, Inc	\$16,691.00	MAINE RIVERS	\$25,000.00
Isaac, Sandra R	\$227.00	Maine Secretary of State	\$100.00
JB Simons Inc	\$79.00	Maine Today Media	\$452.24
JIMAR Construction Products LLC	\$2,445.09	MAINE TOWN & CITY CLERKS	\$330.00
Jive Communications Inc	\$333.64	ASSOC	
Johnson, Craig	\$240.75	Maine Welfare Directors Association	\$190.00
Jordan Equipment Co	\$849.90	Malcolm, Rivers and UMA	\$500.00
JPMA-Staff Development Solutions LLC	\$75.00	Malley, Ruel Michael	\$858.00
JSI Store Fixtures Incorporated	\$232.83	MARDEN'S	\$373.94
K & K Products, LLC	\$47.83	Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center	\$250.00
K&K Insurance Group, Inc	\$2,997.95	Maritime Energy	\$13,103.26
Kaman Industrial Technologies	\$117.10	MARKS PRINTING HOUSE	\$410.03
KEMPTON TOBEY & SON, INC	\$4,375.00	Mark's Saw Shop	\$68.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,000.00	Martin & Ware Inc	\$3,500.00
Kennebec County Soil & Water	\$14,725.76	Maxim, Mya and	\$500.00
Kennebec Equipment Rental	\$215.00	McCarty, Gary	\$100.00
KENNEBEC FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	\$563.50	McCray, Myra A	\$600.00
KENNEBEC REGISTRY OF DEEDS	\$5,712.85	McKinnis, Danny	\$22.35
KENNEBEC VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	\$6,881.52	Med-Tech Resource LLC	\$138.47
		Michael D. Willette, Inc	\$5,040.00
		Microsoft	\$262.50

Vendor Detail Report	Amount	Vendor Detail Report	Amount
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce	\$425.00	Rabideau, Harry	\$180.67
Mission Broadband, Inc.	\$6,500.00	Rackliffe, Michael H	\$25,000.00
Morais, Ronald	\$15.00	Raider's Sugarhouse	\$83.13
Motion Industries, Inc.	\$833.52	RCM - AUGUSTA	\$159.42
Motor Supply - Wtvl	\$181.81	REED, SHAWN	\$82.35
Motor Supply Augusta	\$2,967.57	Reeves Company, Inc	\$27.95
MOTOR SUPPLY CO.	\$165.85	Rhoades, Kevin	\$62.64
Mount Vernon Fire Insurance Co.	\$744.00	Rockingham Electrical Supply Co Inc	\$207.57
MPBN	\$100.00	Roddy, Chantelle and	\$500.00
MPX	\$2,220.25	Roddy, Jordan	\$40.00
MRRRA MARKETING COOPERATIVE	\$2,612.00	Rowe, Benjamin	\$9,997.88
MTCCA	\$60.00	RSU #18	\$5,043,020.9
MTCMA	\$283.75	Rudman & Winchell, LLC	\$9,042.07
Municipal Review Committee Inc	\$6,390.53	Rushing, Hunter and	\$500.00
Murphy, Eli and	\$500.00	S.D. Childs & Sons Excavation, LLC	\$43,688.00
Murphy, Eli and	\$500.00	Sam Asher Computing Services Inc	\$4,000.00
Murphy, Eli and UMA	\$500.00	SAM's Club Discover	\$18,879.62
NADA APPRAISAL GUIDES	\$265.00	Sandcastle Entertainment LLC	\$1,795.00
Namer, Nicholas	\$3,322.69	Satellite Security	\$348.00
Nelson, Angela	\$88.74	Seacoast Security, Inc	\$2,242.67
Neofunds by Neopost	\$2,376.64	Searsport Flag	\$220.00
Neo-Kraft Signs Inc	\$397.43	Sepulvado, Jessie and	\$500.00
New England Imports	\$259.20	Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$1,000.00
New England Salt Company, LLC	\$73,348.50	Sheey Ford	\$80.79
NITCO, LLC	\$1,092.43	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	\$462.79
Nored, Myles and	\$500.00	Shredding On Site, Inc.	\$320.00
North Coast Services LLC	\$36.80	Sikora, Tertia	\$74.11
Northcenter Foods	\$30.50	Skowhegan Savings Bank	\$136.92
Northeast Chain & Supply, Inc.	\$185.92	Somerset County	\$9,521.60
Northeast Coffee Company	\$477.47	Soule's Auto Supply	\$356.35
O'Connor	\$8,970.28	SOUTH CHINA LIBRARY	\$4,500.00
O'Connor, Linda Silva	\$55.68	SOUTH CHINA VOL FIRE DEPT	\$34,079.11
Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc.	\$5,201.00	SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC	\$613.95
PARIS FARMERS UNION	\$3,850.00	Spectrum Business	\$1,336.71
Peabody, Luke and	\$500.00	Spectrum Generations	\$2,780.00
Peaslee, Heather	\$10.00	STAPLES, INC	\$4,414.50
Peavey, Jakob and	\$500.00	Stephen Nelson Forest Products	\$6,200.00
Penney, Cassidy and	\$500.00	Stripe-A-Lot Safety Lines	\$975.00
PENOBSCOT ENERGY RECOVERY CO	\$10,844.36	Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel	\$378.75
PIKE INDUSTRIES, INC	\$2,030.40	Team EJP Gardiner, ME	\$44.42
Pizzo, Anthony and	\$500.00	The Law Office of	\$22,026.52
Pizzo, Dominic and	\$500.00	THE TOWN LINE, INC.	\$6,285.00
Pizzo, Gabriella and	\$500.00	THE VALLEY COMPANY	\$5,032.47
Pomelow, Richard T	\$149.00	Time Clock Plus	\$36.00
Power, Jessica	\$628.37	Tire Warehouse	\$140.00
Praul, Jacob and	\$500.00	TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc	\$146.00
Presby, Dylan and	\$500.00	Tobey's Grocery	\$1,497.80
Prime, Leanna and	\$500.00	Town Hall Streams, LLC	\$3,000.00
ProSeal, LLC	\$8,901.50	TOWN OF VASSALBORO	\$47.55
PURDY POWERS & COMPANY	\$16,000.00	Traction Heavy Duty	\$3,491.09
Quadient Finance USA Inc	\$7.89	Transco Business Technologies	\$2,815.65
Quadient Finance USA, INC.	\$5,679.20	Treasurer, Kennebec County	\$433,730.35

Vendor Detail Report	Amount
Treasurer, State of Maine - DEP	\$300.00
Treasurer, State of Maine - Fuel	\$1,225.92
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE - IF&W	\$84,418.46
Treasurer, State of Maine (DAFS)	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE (DOGS)	\$3,945.00
Treasurer, State of Maine (Dsptch)	\$39,493.00
Treasurer, State of Maine (HE)	\$2,620.00
Treasurer, State of Maine (Vitals)	\$339.20
Treasurer, State of Maine-DEP	\$502.00
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE-MISC	\$221.60
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE-MVD	\$275,970.88
TriTech Software Systems	\$8,623.75
Two Trees Forestry	\$500.00
U S POSTMASTER	\$809.46
Union Farm Equipment	\$340.44
United States Treasury	\$27.94
Van Tuinen, William E	\$26,232.45
Varney, Patricia A	\$3,134.35
Verizon Wireless	\$1,625.13
Voisine, Joel J	\$500.00
W.D. MATTHEWS MACHINERY CO.	\$181.82
Ware Butler	\$1,007.87
Waste Management Disposal Services	\$43,464.58
Waste Zero, Inc	\$4,166.00
Weber, George	\$36.29
WEEKS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEP	\$37,220.00
Wentworth, Darrell	\$6,305.00
Wentworth, Justin and	\$500.00
WHITE SIGN	\$2,658.18
WHITT'S GARMENT WORKS	\$2,354.55
Wight, Christopher and	\$500.00
Wing, Ashlyn	\$182.12
Woo Hoo Inc	\$600.00
Wright-Pierce	\$88.16
YANKEE C T INC	\$11,863.46



Picture of China Lake taken from our tower

Remuneration

Anderson, Molly	\$495.00	Marois, Ronald	\$24,961.93
Arp, Hans	\$4,980.00	Matthews, Lily	\$726.00
Baker, Isaac	\$294.00	McCann, Lydia	\$517.50
Batteese, Rosalie	\$187.56	McCarty, Gary	\$27,878.93
Belanger, Irene	\$1,800.00	Michaud, Kevin	\$125.00
Blais, Jack	\$597.74	Mills-Stevens, Donna	\$1,800.00
Bolduc-Bartlett, Kim	\$4,151.68	Miragliuolo, Thomas	\$425.00
Bonsant, Joshua	\$649.00	Mitnik, Paul	\$9,753.71
Boynton, Madison	\$1,614.59	Nelson, Angela	\$26,469.65
Breton, Ronald	\$1,800.00	Nored, Myles	\$322.00
Britten, Traci	\$141.00	OConnor, Linda	\$273.00
Brownell, Edward	\$8,379.02	Pacholski, Madeline	\$396.00
Butler, William	\$54,600.00	Pelkey, Aileen	\$153.00
Carter, Henry	\$1,470.00	Poulin, James	\$1,460.50
Chadwick, Wayne	\$1,200.00	Praul, Hunter	\$506.00
Chamberlain, Jennifer	\$31,727.20	Praul, Sarah	\$77.00
Chamberlain, Mallory	\$2,828.75	Preston, Janet	\$600.00
Cobourn, Mia	\$925.75	Putnam, Roger	\$199.08
Cowing, Andrew	\$1,762.50	Rabideau, Harry	\$1,184.50
Cowing, Austin	\$7,508.95	Reed, Shawn	\$58,638.32
Crommett, Joshua	\$46,285.24	Rhoades, Kevin	\$34,493.14
Cunningham, Tracy	\$293.04	Roddy, Jordan	\$2,445.00
Cunningham, Colby	\$581.24	Rogers, Kirstie	\$445.50
Daigneault, Cody	\$2,694.46	Shenett, Cameron	\$764.75
Downer, Randall	\$275.00	Spoden, Dawn	\$321.96
Dutton, Abigail	\$544.50	Story, Trishea	\$161.04
Farrington, Ashley	\$27,850.53	Tilton, Gail	\$114.00
Finley, Julie	\$37,983.43	To, Megan	\$789.25
Finley, Jason	\$43,932.20	Tripodi, Natale	\$250.00
Fortin, Emma	\$1,763.63	Wall, Toni	\$375.00
Frost, Tracey	\$993.44	Wentworth, Martha	\$362.40
Gaudet, Jordan	\$786.75	Wilkens, James	\$350.00
Gilman, Josette	\$165.00	Wing, Ashlyn	\$550.00
Gower, Joshua	\$1,391.50	Worthley, Samuel	\$737.00
Grotton, Timothy	\$46,729.14		
Grotton, Kelly	\$46,977.71		
Hall-Stuart, Angel	\$971.75		
Hapgood, Rebecca	\$60,221.60		
Hapgood-Belanger, Sage	\$3,383.13		
Haynes, Jerry	\$70.96		
Heath, Dennis	\$75,000.16		
Jacobs, Antonio	\$2,108.12		
Johnson, Craig	\$4,657.48		
Keaten, Steven	\$364.08		
Keezer, Garrett	\$1,638.00		
Kilgore, Dawn	\$1,167.98		
Kimball, Taidhgin	\$528.00		
Krause, Kayla	\$9,852.41		
Kutschinski, Hannah	\$5,178.99		
Lamoreau, John	\$18,398.40		
Laws, Ian	\$863.50		
Lennon-Danforth, Diane	\$363.96		
Maltzan, Margaret	\$8,910.48		



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.

In normal times, all our meetings are open to the public and anyone with suggestions is welcome to attend. This year due to Covid-19 we had to conduct our meetings on Zoom. If you had questions or suggestions, you hopefully felt comfortable either joining our virtual meetings or making your feelings known to individual members.

The members of the budget committee are generally not financial experts but 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 five times during 2020 and met three more times between January and early March to review and make recommendations on the entire 2021-2022 Municipal Budget. The members were pleased to see that the Town Manger and Select Board had worked diligently to keep their recommended requests as low as possible. The members therefore felt comfortable in supporting the Select Board's position on all the monetary warrant articles that will appear on a written ballet on June 8th.

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:



Chair: at-large:
Robert Batteese

District 1: **Kevin Maroon**

District 2: **Thomas Rumpf**

District 3: **Dana Buswell**

District 4: **Timothy Basham**

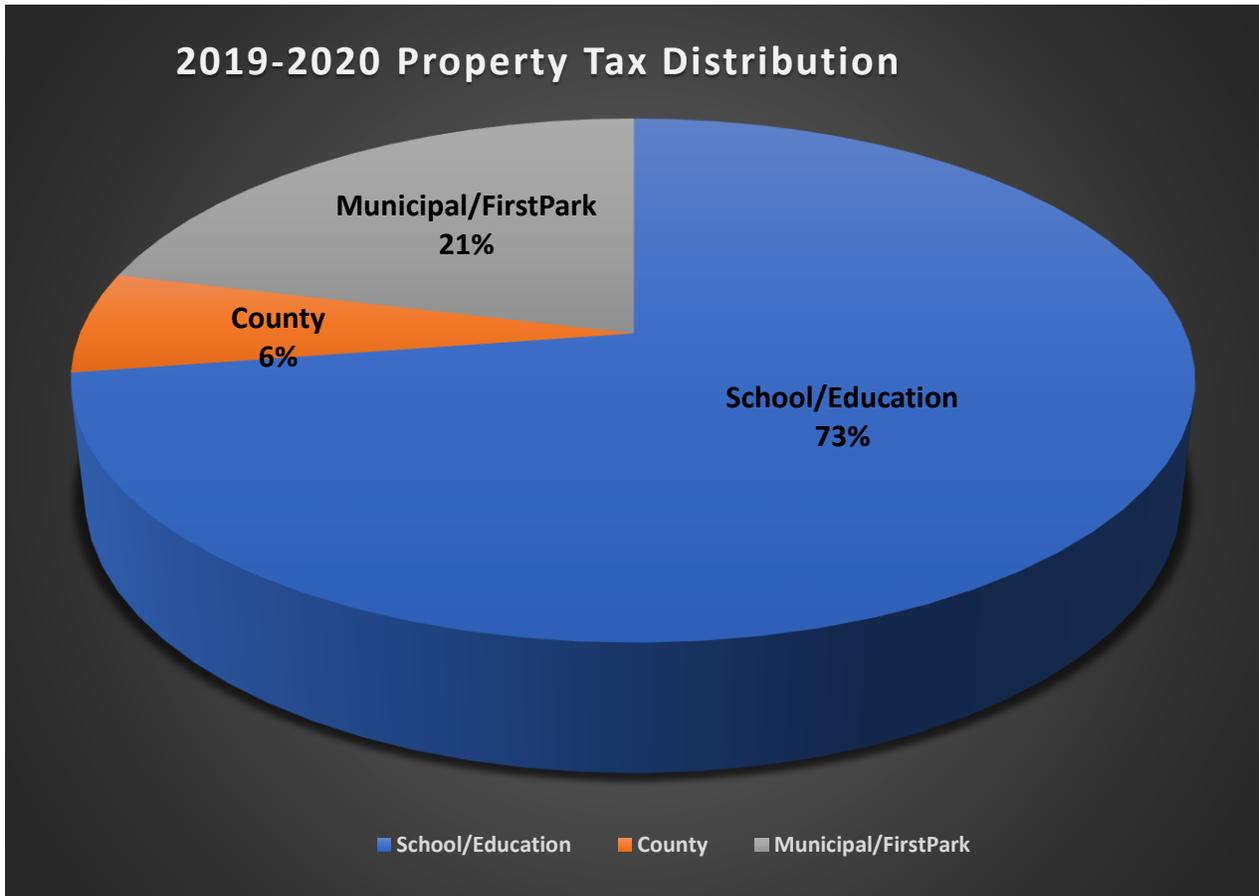
Member at-large:
Elizabeth Curtis

Secretary: at-large:
Trishea Story

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.
Chair



Pie chart showing tax bill distribution percentages.

TIF COMMITTEE

The Tax Increment Finance Committee has had an active year. Several members have retired from the committee while others have joined. Currently there are nine members working on funding several projects.

The largest project being funded by the TIF is the Causeway. This year sidewalks, lightening, a new boat ramp and railings were installed. This project will be completed Spring of 2021.

We also funded the China Four Season's Club for maintenance and upkeep of the trails. The trail system gives public access for snowmobiles, ATV, walking, cross country skiing and other events.

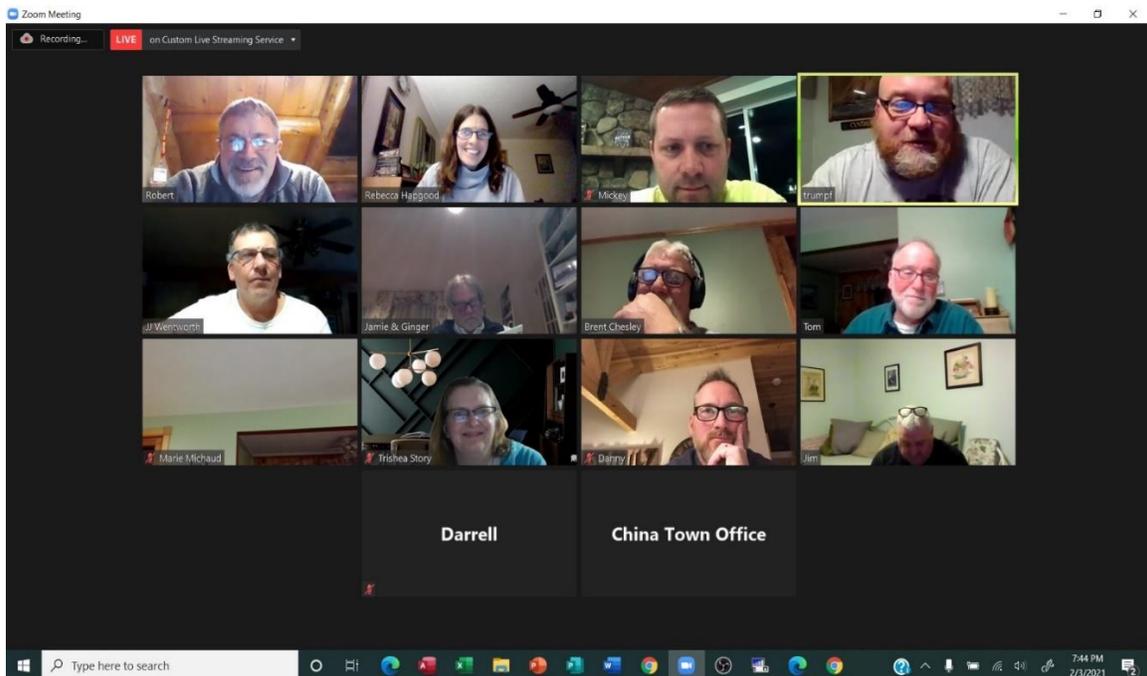
We are currently discussing funding for the Broadband Project. This project will enable ALL area residents to connect to the internet.

We are also updating Amendment 2 and the associated budget. Our goal is to attain the best use of the TIF money for economic development in our community.

We would like to thank past members for their years of service. We look forward to carrying on their good work with our new members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Michaud, Chairman



Town Manager

*Dennis Heath handing
special journal to
incoming
Town Manager,
Rebecca Hapgood.*



(Pictured left to right: Dennis Heath, Rebecca Hapgood, and Ronald Breton- current Select Board Chair)

Greetings,

This year has been challenging. COVID-19 has played a pivotal role in our lives and influenced how we accomplished some of the simplest and most basic tasks. Our lives are forever changed. Meetings are now through Zoom and Microsoft Teams and rarely in person. Our traditional in person Annual Town Business Meeting with 120 plus registered voters in attendance has now twice been reduced to a paper ballot.

Still, some good has come from the pandemic. More time was spent at home with family. Projects around the house have been completed. Money was saved by not dining out as often. Now as we work on getting back to the new normal, we still must take precautions and protect the most vulnerable.

As I look back on the fiscal year, steps were taken to protect the town and the taxpayers in the event revenues declined sharply. Cuts were made to the municipal budget. Our tax mil rate was reduced from 16.3 in 2019 to 14.9 in 2020. The paving line was hit the hardest with a \$300,000 reduction which removed several roads from the paving list.

The proposed municipal budget for 2021/2022 has slight increase of 1.56%. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee carefully deliberated on each expenditure line by line. Each group asked thoughtful questions and acted in the best interest of the taxpayers while continuing to provide necessary services. Cuts were made to most proposals while thoughtful increases, like to attorney fees, were included. I hope you find this year's proposal easy to understand. Our website www.china.govoffice.com contains information on our municipal audit, the proposed budget and current budget's revenue and expenditures.

I am honored to be China's Town Manager. I grew up in China and continue to love everything about China. In the last couple of months, I learned from my cousin that our ancestors were living in Harlem in the 1800s which later became part of China. In fact, Japheth Washburn, who is responsible for giving China its name, is a relative. Japheth traveled to Boston, Massachusetts to provide the legislature with our town's proposed name. His original choice, Bloomville, was rejected because there was already a town in the United States with the same name. Japheth had to make the decision on his own, and he choose China after his favorite hymn.

As I approach a year's time in this position, I, along with the Select Board, municipal staff and our boards and committees, will continue to work in the best interest of China residents and taxpayers. Through collaboration with other communities and the State of Maine, we strive to provide the best municipal service. I hope you continue to reach out with questions or provide input and advice or just to say hello.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca "Becky" Hapgood

Town Manager



Photo credit to Morning Sentinel from their article dated July 29, 2020.

Select Board Members:



Chair- Ronald Breton



Wayne Chadwick



Irene Belanger



Blane Casey



Janet Preston

**Partial
Financial Statements
Town of China, Maine**

**Fiscal year ending
June 30, 2020**

(Full report may be found on the china.govoffice.com web site)

Independent Auditors' Report

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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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

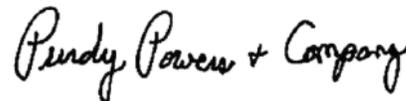
Required Supplementary Information

Discussion and Analysis on page 3, the Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total MMEHT Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 45, the Notes to the Schedule on page 46, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 47, the Schedule of Town Contributions on page 48, and the Notes to the Schedules on page 49 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
March 3, 2021

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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, 2020. 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 in the Statement of Net Position by approximately \$8.0 million and \$7.4 million as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance was \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2020, compared to \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2019.

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 deferred outflows) and liabilities (and deferred inflows), 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

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

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, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 4,164,647	\$ 4,019,293	\$ 145,354
Capital assets	<u>4,228,186</u>	<u>3,773,259</u>	<u>454,927</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,392,833</u>	<u>7,792,552</u>	<u>600,281</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>146,026</u>	<u>51,041</u>	<u>94,985</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>146,026</u>	<u>51,041</u>	<u>94,985</u>
Long-term liabilities	322,730	168,607	154,123
Other liabilities	<u>192,235</u>	<u>194,993</u>	<u>(2,758)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>514,965</u>	<u>363,600</u>	<u>151,365</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>44,271</u>	<u>29,818</u>	<u>14,453</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>44,271</u>	<u>29,818</u>	<u>14,453</u>
Net investment in capital assets	4,228,186	3,708,889	519,297
Restricted	1,729,935	1,570,621	159,314
Unrestricted	<u>2,021,502</u>	<u>2,170,665</u>	<u>(149,163)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 7,979,623</u>	<u>\$ 7,450,175</u>	<u>\$ 529,448</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis- Continued

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 188,796	\$ 187,465	\$ 1,331
Operating grants and contributions	56,374	57,243	(869)
General revenues			
Taxes	7,911,449	7,361,065	550,384
Intergovernmental	640,827	615,054	25,773
Investment	(4,548)	101,444	(105,992)
All others	<u>113,893</u>	<u>149,458</u>	<u>(35,565)</u>
Total Revenues	8,906,791	8,471,729	435,062
Expenses:			
Administration	882,344	881,211	1,133
Protection	288,902	250,325	38,577
Public works	807,748	659,874	147,874
Solid waste operations	507,623	372,990	134,633
Community services	103,865	102,775	1,090
Education	5,043,099	4,797,536	245,563
Recreation	2,969	21,041	(18,072)
County tax	433,730	425,302	8,428
Economic development	19,117	132,072	(112,955)
Capital outlay	<u>224,028</u>	<u>119,613</u>	<u>104,415</u>
Total Expenses	<u>8,313,425</u>	<u>7,762,739</u>	<u>550,686</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ <u>593,366</u>	\$ <u>708,990</u>	\$ <u>(115,624)</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis- Continued

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.

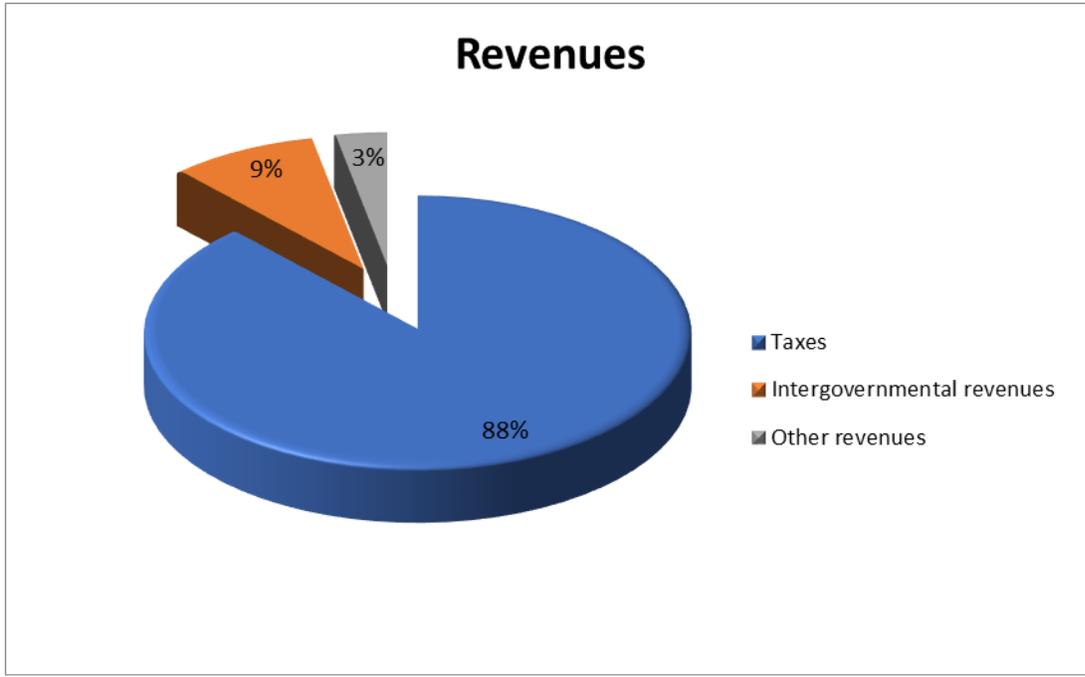
As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of China, Maine governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2020 of \$3.8 million. Approximately 30% of this total constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

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 \$1,146,097. 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 of June 30, 2020, unassigned fund balance of the general fund increased by 4.73%. The current fund balance is approximately \$300,000 short of the Government Finance Officers Association recommendation. The current COVID-19 pandemic affected the budget.

Management's Discussion and Analysis- Continued

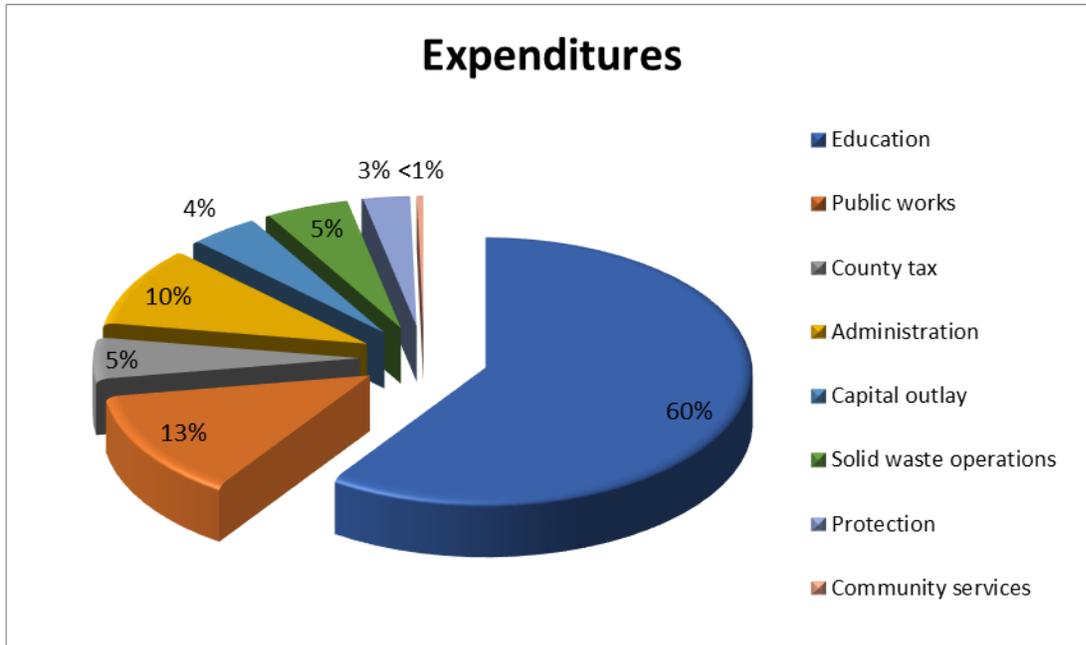
The Town's general fund operating fund revenues were as follows:



Other revenues received decreased slightly from the prior year while intergovernmental revenues remained stable. Taxes (real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise) continue to represent the largest source of revenue for the town.

Management's Discussion and Analysis- Continued

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



General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Overall, the town remains in a in a good position with respect to its fund balances, showing an unassigned fund balance exceeding \$1.1 million.

Capital Assets

The town continues to plan for replacement of equipment and plan major expenditures. Three-phase power to the transfer station was completed this year.

Long Term Liabilities

The town had no long-term liabilities or indebtedness.

Management's Discussion and Analysis- Continued

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The current worldwide pandemic may continue to affect expenses and revenues. Management will be closely monitoring expenses and revenues to effectively provide sound fiscal guidance. The mil rate for fiscal year ending 6/30/2020 rose to 16.3 from 15.8.

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 welcomed to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 7,824,004	\$ 7,824,004	\$ 7,973,449	\$ 149,445
Intergovernmental revenues	743,616	743,616	761,571	17,955
Other revenues	<u>206,300</u>	<u>206,300</u>	<u>251,813</u>	<u>45,513</u>
Total Revenues	8,773,920	8,773,920	8,986,833	212,913
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	932,377	932,377	863,476	68,901
Protection	259,997	259,997	248,913	11,084
Public works	1,216,746	1,216,746	1,110,566	106,180
Solid waste operations	448,705	448,705	441,458	7,247
Community services	45,808	45,808	34,464	11,344
Education	5,108,869	5,108,869	5,108,869	-
County tax	433,730	433,730	433,730	-
Capital outlay - special projects	<u>671,752</u>	<u>671,752</u>	<u>327,224</u>	<u>344,528</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,117,984</u>	<u>9,117,984</u>	<u>8,568,700</u>	<u>549,284</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(344,064)	(344,064)	418,133	762,197
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	98,099	98,099	99,278	1,179
Operating transfers out	(366,209)	(366,209)	(418,980)	(52,771)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	649,718	649,718	-	(649,718)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>15,993</u>	<u>15,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,993)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>397,601</u>	<u>397,601</u>	<u>(319,702)</u>	<u>(717,303)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 53,537	\$ 53,537	98,431	\$ 44,894
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>1,396,719</u>	
Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year			<u><u>\$ 1,495,150</u></u>	

As of June 30, 2020, the assigned general fund balance consisted of the following:

Fund Balances:	Balance at <u>7/1/2019</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2020</u>
<i>Carryforwards:</i>					
State revenue sharing	\$ 178,674	\$ (303,161)	\$ 313,728	\$ -	\$ 189,241
Road assistance	316	-	-	-	316
Cemeteries purchase	4,299	-	2,375	-	6,674
Emergency services supplies	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Bulk storage tank	11,461	-	-	-	11,461
Transfer station furnace	2,700	-	-	-	2,700
Revaluation	10,530	-	-	-	10,530
Project Learning Tree	8,265	-	-	-	8,265
Land purchases	1,358	-	-	-	1,358
Emergency shelter septic and well	21,474	-	-	-	21,474
Police services	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Transfer station capital equipment	5,718	-	-	5,718	-
Election clerks	-	1,280	-	-	1,280
Road maintenance	-	73,083	-	-	73,083
China Historical Society	-	5,150	-	-	5,150
Cemeteries	-	1,675	-	-	1,675
Total carryforwards	254,795	(221,973)	316,103	5,718	343,207

Fund Balances:	Balance at				Balance at
	<u>7/1/2019</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>
<i>Other Reserves:</i>					
China Village Volunteer FD	314	-	4	-	318
Equipment reserve	149,603	-	1,294	87,358	63,539
Compactor reserve	40,274	-	442	8,100	32,616
Boat launch reserve	1,720	-	21	-	1,741
Growth management reserve	9,476	-	116	-	9,592
Fire Department reserve	106,016	20,000	1,417	7,737	119,696
Sand/salt shed	22,816	-	279	-	23,095
Lake access	126,474	-	1,545	-	128,019
Weeks Mills FD building	14,292	-	169	941	13,520
Recreation reserve	15,000	-	183	-	15,183
Legal reserve	11,281	-	9	-	11,290
Community days	14,734	-	8,315	-	23,049
Rescue reserve	46,601	-	569	-	47,170
Planning Board	8,000	-	98	-	8,098
Dispatching	62,529	-	764	-	63,293
PSAP e911	17,966	-	219	-	18,185
South China VFD	5,531	-	68	-	5,599
2018 Bicentennial	10,077	-	-	-	10,077
Accrued compensation reserve	1,631	17,692	129	-	19,452
Unemployment claims	<u>7,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,641</u>
Total other reserves	<u>671,883</u>	<u>37,692</u>	<u>15,734</u>	<u>104,136</u>	<u>621,173</u>
	<u>\$ 926,678</u>	<u>\$ (184,281)</u>	<u>\$ 331,837</u>	<u>\$ 109,854</u>	<u>\$ 964,380</u>

Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following appropriation was exceeded by actual expenditures:

Legal services	\$	<u>Excess</u> 4,032
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Schedule of Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Valuation

Real estate	\$	417,522,300
Personal property		<u>8,643,600</u>

Total Valuation \$ 426,165,900

Assessment

Valuation x Rate - \$426,165,900 x 0.016300	\$	6,946,504
Supplemental taxes		<u>290</u>

Total Assessment Charged to Collector \$ 6,946,794

Collections and Credits

Cash collections	\$	6,822,640
Tax abatements and adjustments		<u>5,717</u>

Total Collections and Credits 6,828,357

2020 Taxes and Liens Receivable - June 30, 2020 \$ 118,437

Financial Statements
Town of China, Maine
June 30, 2020



To view the *full* audit please visit the china.govoffice.com web site, under the “Town Department” tab, Administration, Town Manager, and “Audit” tab (pictured below)...

A screenshot of the Town of China, Maine website. The page features a header with the town's logo and the text 'CHINA Maine THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE'. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for Home, About, Town Departments, and Officials, Boards & Committees. The 'Town Departments' tab is selected, showing a dropdown menu with options like Administration, Animal Control, Assessing, Police, Public Works, Recreation, and Transfer Station. The 'Town Manager' option is highlighted, and a sub-menu is visible with 'Audits' selected. On the left side, there is a vertical list of links including COVID-19 information, China Connected, and various community events. On the right side, there are buttons for Online Payments, Online Services, Ordinances, Policies & Orders, and Tax Maps, Cards & Bills. At the bottom, there is a 'Calendar of Events' for March 2021. A prominent COVID-19 notice is displayed in the center, stating that town office services are limited and masks are required. The page number '82' is visible at the bottom center.

Town of China, Maine
Warrant of the Annual Town Business Meeting

To Julie A. 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 Town Office Complex in said Town of China, on Tuesday, the 8th of June, A.D. 2021, at 6:55 in the morning, to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on municipal articles/questions by secret ballot. Polling hours to be 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the 2021-2022 property tax levy limit of **\$1,768,773.15** established for China under 30-A M.R.S. § 5721-A, 7.A.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following estimated revenues to be received to **reduce** the property tax assessment for FY 2021/2022 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?

Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 116,180.00
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 216,178.00
Excise Taxes	\$ 975,000.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 335,000.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 48,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 47,500.00
Transfer Station Revenue	\$ 126,000.00
FirstPark	\$ 25,471.00
Other Town Revenue	\$ 96,000.00
Total Revenue 2021-2022	\$ 1,985,329.00

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$589,437** for **Administration**, the sum of **\$214,600** for **Administration Other**, and **\$25,000** for **Accrued Compensation** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$84,275** for **Boards and Committees** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,351** for **Association Dues**, the sum of **\$16,000** for **Welfare** and the sum of **\$10,540** for **Social Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$146,605** for **Assessing** expenses and **\$30,000** for **Legal** expense.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,530** for **Animal Control** expenses, the sum of **\$34,000** for **Police** expenses and **\$40,060** for **Dispatch** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$151,547** for **Fire and Rescue Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$623,005** for **Transfer Station** expenses and to appropriate demolition debris revenues received above estimated amounts in FY 2020/2021 to offset overages in the FY 2020/2021 demolition debris tipping expense account.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,423,692** for **Public Works** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$107,500** for **Community Support Organizations** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 0 nays / 3 abstentions

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$34,000** for **Cemetery Care** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstentions

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance **\$123,680** for **Contingency** expenses and any amounts unexpended during FY 2021/2022 will be credited to the appropriate assigned or unassigned fund balance.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$26,471** for **FirstPark** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 1 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 1 nays

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to A) adopt the **Second Amended Central Maine Power/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District Development Program** and the **Findings, Terms and Provisions Relating to that Program**, and B) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$265,000** from tax increment (TIF) revenues for expenditure in accordance with that **Program**.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstentions

Note: An attested copy of the full text of the Second Amended Central Maine Power/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District Development Program and Finding, Terms and Provisions Relating to that Program has been posted and are available at the town office or at www.china.govoffice.com.

Article 17. For Articles 4 through 16, shall the Select Board be authorized to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2021/2022 fiscal year or carry forward remaining amounts from 2020/2021 to the 2021/2022 budget as the Select Board deems prudent, and shall the Select Board be authorized to place unexpended funds as they deem in the best interests of the Town in related reserve accounts or reserve accounts they deem should be established, 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 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 18. 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 Season Club. The cost allocated to administration is not to exceed \$3.00 per snowmobile.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstentions

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **Tax Payment due dates** to be Thursday, September 30, 2021 and Thursday, March 31, 2022, and to charge an **Interest Rate** of **six percent (6%)** per annum after each tax payment due date, at the daily rate of 0.000164383 for each day, or fraction thereof, the payment is overdue and to further authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506, at a rate of 0.00% interest per annum, 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 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 20. 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 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Select Board to accept, and/or expend on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property; and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from TIF grant match funds any required match for approval of such grants throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damages occurring to the Town owned real and personal property and to have the funds allocated to the municipal department whose property was damaged.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance and roadside mowing.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell by sealed bid a 1982 John Deere grader VIN# 670A406051DW and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the Public Works Reserve Account.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

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

Article 25. Shall the voters of the Town of China authorize the sale of property located at Tax Map 63 Lot 8 further identified in Book 12492 Page 177 filed at the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds by a licensed real estate agent and to further authorize the proceeds of the sale to be put into an assigned fund to reduce the mil rate in the fiscal year following the sale and to further authorize the Select Board or Town Manager on behalf of the Select Board to sign associated documents as required at time of sale.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 1 nays

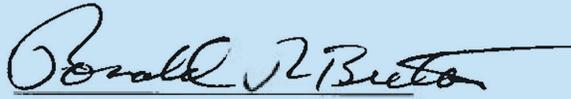
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote that if any article herein does not pass, the amounts appropriated in FY 2020/2021 for the subject article shall be deemed adopted for FY 2021/2022.

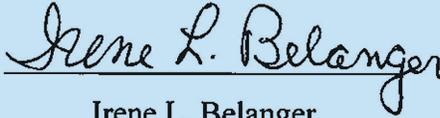
Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 1 nays

Given under our hands this 8th day of March 2021 as the China Select Board



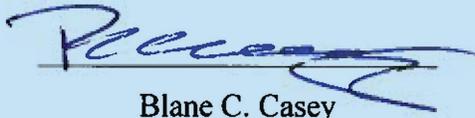
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Irene L. Belanger



Wayne D. Chadwick



Blane C. Casey



Janet M. Preston

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Please use the link below.

<https://payments.andropay.com/Default.aspx?customerid=25>

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The Town Office and Transfer Station accept credit and debit cards. There are fees associated with any card use.



Transfer Station Hours
 Tues: 7am-3pm
 Wed: 7am-3pm
 Thurs: 7am-5pm
 Fri: 7am-3pm
 Sat 6:30am-3pm
 Sun & Mon= Closed

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Mon.		to	
Tues.		to	
Wed.		to	
Thur.		to	
Fri.		to	
Sat.		to	

Town Office Hours

Monday	7:30am - 4pm
Tuesday	7:30am - 4pm
Wednesday	7:30am - 4pm
Thursday	7:30am - 4pm
Friday	7:30am - 4pm
Saturday	8:00am - 11am
Sunday	Closed

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