

Town of China
Warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting

To Julie Finley, a resident of the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the China Middle School in said Town of China on Saturday, the 23rd day of March, A.D. 2013 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on town issues.

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

Article 2. Shall the town entertain a presentation up to 5 minutes each from the **CHINA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THURSTON PARK II COMMITTEE, CHINA LAKE ACCESS FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE, AND CHINA LIBRARY FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE** representatives regarding the progress of proposed implementation of the China Comprehensive Plan as it relates to each respective Committee.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Article 3. Shall the Town entertain a presentation up to 5 minutes from **FIRSTPARK** representatives?

Select Board Recommends: YES

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit to \$1,218,026.00 established for China by State Law (LD#1) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (The request is driven by extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the municipal legislative body; in this particular case, insurance traditional and expected **State subsidies** (Revenue Sharing, Homestead Exemptions, Excise Taxes on Commercial Vehicles and the BETE program) to China.) The amount noted above will be the new core municipal commitment going forward.

Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

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

Select Board Recommends: **ADMINISTRATION** \$366,193
ADMINISTRATION OTHER \$103,400
Budget Committee Recommends: **ADMINISTRATION** \$366,193
ADMINISTRATION OTHER \$103,400

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES, MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DUES, and the KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**; any remaining balance in the Planning Board budget at the end of the fiscal year to lapse to a **PLANNING BOARD ACCOUNT OF THE RESERVE FUND**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for Planning Board Operations; said **PLANNING BOARD ACCOUNT** to be capped at \$8,000.

Select Board Recommends: **PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES**\$6,053
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DUES\$4,700
KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS\$6,917

Budget Committee Recommends: **PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES**\$6,053
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DUES\$4,700
KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS\$6,917

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the **MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT OF THE RESERVE FUND (established for the purpose of purchasing and/or repairing vehicles to be used for snow plowing, grading, transfer station operations, and other public purposes)**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board, **and these appropriated funds to be combined with the funds presently in said RESERVE FUND (\$138,909 as of 06/30/2012) and to be designated Municipal Capital Equipment Account of the RESERVE FUND** (said purpose noted above).

Select Board Recommends: \$45,000
(\$10,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance)
Budget Committee Recommends: \$45,000
(\$10,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance)

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CONTRACTED ASSESSING and LEGAL SERVICES**; any remaining balance in the legal budget the end of the fiscal year to lapse into the **LEGAL ACCOUNT of the RESERVE FUND**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for legal services.

Select Board Recommends: **ASSESSING SERVICES** \$47,500
LEGAL SERVICES \$11,500
Budget Committee Recommends: **ASSESSING SERVICES** \$47,500
LEGAL SERVICES \$11,500

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for **COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE** for the Town Office.

Select Board Recommends: \$23,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,000

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **POLICE SERVICES and ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SERVICES** to include supplies and vehicle maintenance in support of services.

Select Board Recommends: \$23,248

Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,248

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, CHINA RESCUE and PSAP (E-911 CALL ANSWERING) and DISPATCH SERVICES**; any remaining balance in any department at the end of the fiscal year to lapse into the **RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT/SERVICE** in the **RESERVE FUND**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board and for operating expenses only:

	Amount Requested	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
South China VFD	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
China Village VFD	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100
Weeks Mills VFD	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600
Weeks Mills VFD	\$ 5,000 *	\$ 5,000 *	\$ 5,000 *
China Rescue	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,000
PSAP/E-911 Calls	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
Dispatching Services	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
	\$ 129,700	\$ 125,600	\$ 129,700

* For Building Reserve From UDFB, Select Board Shall Consider Equity Position

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT OF THE RESERVE FUND**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for fire departments' capital purchases or major capital repairs, e.g. SCBA Equipment, Capital Improvements/Repairs to Vehicles, etc.; the Select Board shall require equity positions associated with capital expenditures, singularly or collectively above \$2,500.

Select Board Recommends: \$6,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,000

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PREMIUMS and EMERGENCY SERVICES INSURANCE.**

Select Board Recommends: **INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PREMIUMS \$236,446**

EMERGENCY SERVICES INSURANCE \$15,982

Budget Committee Recommends: **INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PREMIUMS \$236,446**

EMERGENCY SERVICES INSURANCE \$15,982

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **PAYMENT ON THE DEBT (PRINCIPAL & INTEREST) INCURRED ON THE PURCHASE OF THE TOWN'S CHINA RESCUE VEHICLE.**

Select Board Recommends: \$17,000

(\$10,000 From Undesignated Fund Balance)

Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,000

(\$10,000 From Undesignated Fund Balance)

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL/CHINA TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS.**

Select Board Recommends: \$282,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$282,100

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a **CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS FROM CHINA** on such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the Town's best interest, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **ROAD MAINTENANCE**; highways, bridges & gravel roads, paving, and winter road maintenance and to further authorize the Select Board to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2013/2014 fiscal year or carry-forward remaining amounts as of 06/30/2013 as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China.

Select Board Recommends: \$679,426

(\$63,000 FROM HIGHWAY GRANT & \$616,426 FROM EXCISE TAXES)

Budget Committee Recommends: \$679,426

(\$63,000 FROM HIGHWAY GRANT & \$616,426 FROM EXCISE TAXES)

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a **CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR ROADSIDE MOWING OF THE STREETS AND WAYS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA** on such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the Town's best interest, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters.

Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **STREET SIGNS and STREET LIGHTS (Monthly/Annual CMP Kw/Hr. Fees)**.

Select Board Recommends: **STREET SIGNS** \$2,500
STREET LIGHTS \$7,000
Budget Committee Recommends: **STREET SIGNS** \$2,500
STREET LIGHTS \$7,000

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to earmark the balance, after administration expenses, of the **SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION TAX REFUND** from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the China Four Seasons Club. The cost allocated to administration is not to exceed \$3.00 per snowmobile.

Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **RECREATION** and to have any remaining balance in the current budget lapse into the **RECREATION ACCOUNT OF THE RESERVE FUND**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for Recreational Activities/Programs said Recreation Account to be capped at \$15,000.

Select Board Recommends: \$21,950
Budget Committee Recommends: \$21,950

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **WELFARE ACCOUNT**.

Board Recommends: \$14,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,500

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CHINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** toward the cost of **UTILITIES** and **REPAIRS** for the Old Town Meeting House and for Historical Society **OUTREACH PROGRAMS**.

Board Recommends: \$6,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,000

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **SOUTH CHINA LIBRARY**.

Select Board Recommends: **SOUTH CHINA LIBRARY** \$4,500
 Budget Committee Recommends: **SOUTH CHINA LIBRARY** \$4,500

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the respective **SOCIAL SERVICE and NON-PROFIT AGENCIES** as written:

	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
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Family Violence	\$ 1,750	\$ 3,250
KVCAP Demand Response Transport	\$ 545	\$ 545
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2,276	\$ 2,276
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
Children's Center	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,437
Waterville Boys & Girls Club	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,650
Healthy Hearts	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	<hr/> \$ 13,658	<hr/> \$ 13,658

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **KENNEBEC VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY**.

Select Board Recommends: \$6,982
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,982

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of maintaining **CEMETERIES AND FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS GRAVE MARKER EXPENSES**; said money for grave marker expenses to be divided equally between the China and South China Legion Posts and to further authorize the Select Board to **REPURCHASE AND RESELL CEMETERY LOTS** within existing cemeteries as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters.

Select Board Recommends: **CEMETERIES** \$22,000
GRAVE MARKER EXPENSES \$950

Budget Committee Recommends: **CEMETERIES** \$22,000
GRAVE MARKER EXPENSES \$950

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **TAX PAYMENT DUE DATES** to be September 30, 2013 and March 31, 2014 and to charge an **INTEREST RATE** of seven percent (7.0%) per annum after each tax payment due date, with interest to be calculated daily at the rate of 0.00019178082 for each day or fraction thereof that each payment is overdue; and to further see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen 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, and to further authorize the tax collector or treasurer to **ACCEPT PREPAYMENTS OF TAXES NOT YET COMMITTED** pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506.

Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the purpose of **USING THESE FUNDS AS THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS IN SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS** and to further authorize the Selectmen to **APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDS** from the State of Maine, Federal Government, and any other duly authorized authority.

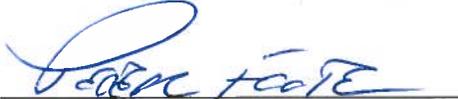
Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **LAKE RESTORATION** expenses and to further authorize the Select Board to expend a portion of the raised/appropriated amount prior to the beginning of the 2013/2014 fiscal year as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China.

Select Board Recommends: \$30,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,000

- Article 31. To see if the Town will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the overlay and or undesignated fund balance to serve as a **CONTINGENCY FUND** to be spent by the Select Board on unanticipated expenses and emergencies and to avoid overdrafts that may occur during this fiscal year.
- Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
- Article 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the purpose of funding **CHINA COMMUNITY DAYS** events and to allow any remaining balance to lapse into the **CHINA COMMUNITY DAYS ACCOUNT of the RESERVE FUND** at the end of the fiscal year; the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board, and said appropriation to become available in the current fiscal budget year.
- Select Board Recommends: \$2,500
(From Undesignated Fund Balance)
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500
(From Undesignated Fund Balance)
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$4,700 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of **PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL RECORDS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA.**
- Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1040 for the purpose of **COMPENSATING THE TOWN HEALTH OFFICER** for services provided.
- Select Board Recommends: YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
- Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of **ADDING TO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT/DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO FINANCE THE UNFUNDED ACCRUED COMPENSATED BALANCES OF THE TOWN.**
- Select Board Recommends: \$5,000
(From Undesignated Fund Balance)
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000
(From Undesignated Fund Balance)

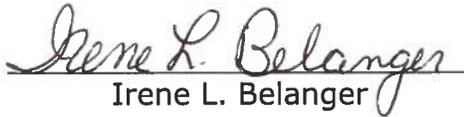
Given under our hands this 11th day of March, AD 2013



Peter G. Foote - Chairman

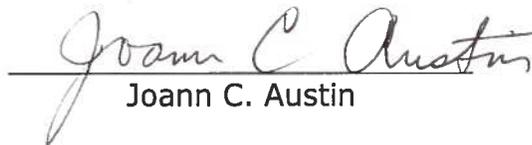


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