

TOWN OF CHINA

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Select Board Meeting

02/01/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

5:15 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 5:15 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Joey Suprunowski, David Herard, Norman Black, Ben Johnson, Jake Fauls, George W. Shaw, Austin Shaw, Ryan McClellan, Kevin Graham, Calvin Evasius, Addison Cox, Steven Morse, Jeff McClellan, Dale Doughty, Pam Doughty, Kim McClellan, Al Althenn, Carrol F. White, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager.

Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald.

Executive Session: - 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E): On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) at 5:17 p.m. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to make Board Chairperson Irene L. Belanger, Board member Peter Foote, and Recreation Committee Chairperson Jeff Goggin a committee of three to review possible proposals for a restructuring of the China football and cheering program offering, to make decisions they deem in the best interest of the Town of China and further to proceed with the promotion of a football and cheering program and to send out letters to parents of known players and others involved in the football and cheering program informing them of the town's intentions to allow use of the town's facilities and equipment for a football and cheering program as they deem in the best interest of the Town of China.

(Irene had to leave to attend and RSU#18 meeting)

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Meet With The China Junior Firefighters – Jeffrey McClellan – 6:45 P.M.

The Select Board was introduced to the young firefighters-in-training, the Erskine Academy Fire Corps, by Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department members Jeff McClellan, David Herard, Norman Black, and George “Webb” Shaw. The Erskine students are from China, Augusta, Chelsea, Palermo, and Vassalboro. The Fire Corps have taken their examinations over the first chapter of the training manual and all received good grades. Jeff McClellan noted that they are not yet ready to assist firefighters at fire scenes. He is hopeful that in about a year the Corps will be able to assist and do safe but important jobs, such as refilling air bottles and maintaining communications. The Erskine Academy fire Corps do other community service projects and will be assisting at the February 13, 2010 spaghetti supper to benefit China residents Bill and Annette Bickford, whose business burned in recently.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to appropriate \$250.00 from the Contingency Fund to donate toward the Fire Corps’ purchase of hats and T-shirts.

A photo was taken of the Fire Corp and sponsors.

7:00 P.M

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/25/2010 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #25 (33) for \$18,175.70 and Payables Warrant #26 (34) for \$97,384.93 as presented.

Manager’s Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Implementation Committee/Other Committees Meetings:** it was noted that the next Implementation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the town office meeting room, the next Library Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the town office meeting room, and that the next Open Space Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the town office meeting room.

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- **One Room School House Update – Phase II Bid Opening, Wednesday February 3, 2010 at the Town Office:** The Town Manager noted that the deadline for submittal of bids to the town office on the second phase of the restoration of the former one room school house in Weeks Mills is at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** Mr. Carrol White asked the Board about obtaining access to the town's insurance policies. The Town Manager noted that the policy information is available at any time during regular operating hours.
- **2010-2011 Municipal Budget Deliberations – Town Meeting Articles:** The Select Board made minor changes to the Town Business Meeting Warrant. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-0 to Amend the Town Business Meeting Warrant as follows: Article #10 to be reduced by \$1,398.00, Article #35 to be deleted, and Article #36 to be reduced to \$15,000.00. s

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint 11 members to the new Thurston Park Committee (which was created at the last Select Board meeting): including Al Althenn, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger, John Collins, Phillip deMaynadier, Dwaine Drummond, Gary French, Leslie R. French, Vivan French, Bill Seekins, Irma Simon, and Judy Stone. It is expected that the Committee will have until November 1, 2010 to develop recommendations for expanding the forestry management plan for Thurston Park, giving additional emphasis on recreation, historic preservation, wildlife, and perhaps commercial uses such as sand and gravel excavation and selective forestry cutting. Resident Albert Althenn at this time asked to be appointed to the Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to direct the Town Manager to draft and submit a letter of non support to the Maine Legislature regarding LD #1577.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

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Because the next regular Select Board meeting date would fall on the Presidents' Day holiday, the Board decided to hold the next meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board