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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/25/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow, Tim Basham and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2010-2011 Municipal Budget Deliberations – Town Meeting Articles:** The Board finished deliberations on the 2010-2011 municipal budget expense and revenue details and the Warrant Articles for the Town Business Meeting. The Town Manager noted that the budget recommended by the Select Board would not affect the mil rate. At their last meeting the Board finished approving Articles through #18 and proceeded, at this meeting, to approve the remainder of Articles through #36. A copy of the Articles with the respective voting record will be attached to these minutes.

In other business the Select Board deliberated further on the possible appointment of a Thurston Park Committee. In earlier meetings the Select Board had discussed the Forest Management Plan produced by Forester Vite Vitale of Albion. After reviewing the final 2010-2011 municipal budget, Selectperson Joann C. Austin raised the Thurston Park issue and asked the Board to consider appointing a Thurston Park Committee. On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 3-0 to agree to appoint a Thurston Park Committee and directed the Town Manager to advertise for people interested in serving on such a Committee. It was understood that the Thurston Park Committee would have approximately until the first of November to provide a substantive report to the Select Board. The Select Board did not agree to have any Town Meeting vote on any plan produced from a Committee. The new Committee is to work closely with the Forest Management Plan produced by Vite Vitale. Initially the Town Manager had noted that approximately ten people had expressed interest in serving on the Thurston Park Committee, mostly current members from the Open Space Committee.

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On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Pete Foote, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board