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Select Board Meeting

Monday 09/27/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

6:30 P.M.

Public Hearing – November Ballot Item(s) – P.A.C.E. – Property Assessed Clean Energy Program – Ordinance

Copies of the Ordinance will be available at the meeting...

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. There were not any questions from the public. The Board discussed eligibility requirements and the administration of the program by Efficiency Maine. The Chair closed the Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/27/2010 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/19/2010 and 09/13/2010 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #14 for \$18,944.49, Warrant #15 for \$59,444.94 and the Home Depot disbursement from a previous Warrant as presented.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **I-95 Weight Limit Tracking – Newspaper Reporting:** It was noted that legislation extending the weight limit exemption is included in Omnibus legislation at the Federal level and should be voted on in the near future. The Town Manager indicated that the town would continue to publicize the progress/status of the legislation.
- **Implementation Committee – TBA/Library Services /Thurston Park Committee/Open Space Committee /Facilities & Capital Improvement Committee/Other Committees Meetings:** The Town Manager reported on the respective committee meeting times, dates, and places.

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- **Sidewalks – South China Village Area:** It was noted that the sidewalk project is ongoing and that additional funds have been applied for in order to install a foot bridge over the culvert on Village Street in the South China Village Area. Work on the project is projected to be done in the spring though bidding for the respective scope of the work will be done in the late fall or early winter.
- **Weeks Mills Road Reconstruction – MDOT:** Right-of-way work continues to be done on the Weeks Mills Road. The reconstruction should begin in the spring. There will be meetings with the Select Board during the winter.
- **November Election – Date, Time, Place, Poll Hours, Absentee Ballots:** The Town Manager noted that the election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the China Middle School. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available 30 days before the election. The town office will be open on that day.
- **General Assistance Standards Amendments Adoption Next Meeting:** It was announced that amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance will be discussed as an action item at the next Select Board meeting. Proper notice will be advertised.
- **CMP Contractors in the China Area – New Electric Smart Meters to be Installed:** The Town Manager noted that CMP has announced an initiative to install “Smart Meters” in residential and commercial establishments. The installation is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011. The Select Board had several questions about the process and asked the Town Manager to inquire with representatives of CMP about particular notices to homeowners. The Town Manager indicated that he would attempt to get a CMP representative to come before the Select Board in the near future.
- **Open House – One Room School House, (Weeks Mills Elementary School):** The Board indicated that it would like to have an “open house” at some point in the spring. Select Board Chair indicated that she would attempt to provide some school equipment prior to the open house.
- **National Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Prescription Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, September 25, 2010 – Summary:** The Town Manager provided the Select Board with a preliminary summary of the quantities taken back on Saturday. He noted that there were cumulatively a few tons of prescription drugs taken back in Kennebec County. A good amount of over-the-counter drugs were also received.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**
 - **User/Resident Survey:** The survey is expected to be sent out before the end of the year.
 - **Transfer Station Stickers:** A refocused attempt is being made to inform the general public that transfer station stickers are needed to use the facility. Town office personnel are diligently issuing stickers when residents come to the town office.

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- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event – Saturday, October 16, 2010:** The HHW event was announced. It is to be held in Waterville at the old Greyhound Bus terminal. Participants are obligated to pre-register with Elwin at the China Transfer Station in order to be eligible to participate. Traditionally the town has appropriated up to \$1,800.00 to offset the cost of the initiative. Last year it cost the town approximately \$900.00.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Municipal Valuation Report – Annual Filing:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the MVR as presented.
- **November 2010 Ballot Questions – Warrant Signing:** The signing was already done at a previous meeting. Registrar and Clerk hours for the week before the election were approved as presented.
 - **P.A.C.E. – Property Assessed Clean Energy Program – Ordinance:** The Board discussed eligibility requirements and administration of the program.
- **Appointment(s):** There were not any appointments to be made at this meeting.
- **Abatement(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of and sign the abatements as presented. A copy of the abatements will be on file at the town office.
- **Voting Credentials for MMA Annual Business Meeting:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize voting credentials for Irene L. Belanger and Daniel L'Heureux at the MMA Annual Business Meeting.

In other business the Board discussed signage for Thurston Park, a propane heating source for the One Room School House, and holiday operating hours.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board