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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/14/2011 – 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, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Jamie Pitney, 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 Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 02/01/2011 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Warrant #36 for \$20,295.38 and Warrant #37 for \$363,873.24 as presented.

At this time the Chair, Peter Foote, asked that the Board entertain discussion about Open Space and Lake Access and receive information about a recently held Recreation Committee meeting that he attended.

Comments: J. Pitney – Open Space and Lake Access: Mr. Pitney asked the Select Board to follow-up on many months and years of public discussion of acquiring public access to China Lake. He went on to propose reconvening the Open Space Committee meetings with lake access as a primary focus. The OS Committee took the summer off and has not reconvened since then. There was additional discussion about inspections of potential sites and the possibility of a new site to consider, the Four Seasons Club property. The Town Manager noted that the owners of the Cabins have been communicating and would like the town to make an offer on the property. Selectpersons Irene Belanger and Joann Austin thought this to be appropriate, though they noted it would be contingent on an acceptance at a Town Meeting. Mr. Pitney thought this action might be slightly premature until there is more public discussion of costs of indebtedness and other associated issues. There was not any action taken at this time. The SB officially asked for volunteers to serve on the Open Space Committee.

Chair, Pete Foote – Recreation Committee Meeting: The Chair informed the Board about his recent meeting with the Recreation Committee. He also noted that there is one open position on the Committee. Pete said that the Recreation Committee should be involved in the lake access initiative. On a side note, the Chair commented that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee has also become inactive and could be very useful if revived. Anyone interested in serving is to contact the Town Manager at the town office.

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Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:** Selectperson and Recycling Coordinator Neil Farrington was away and thus information about recycling will be received at the next regularly scheduled SB meeting.
Recycling Revenue Report – Neil Farrington:
User/Resident Survey:
- **2011-2012 Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Articles:** It was noted that the review of the Articles by the Select Board has been completed and that the Budget Committee will complete their review by the end of the evening. The Budget Committee was meeting in another conference room at the town office.

New Business:

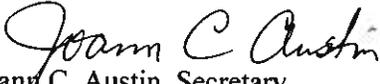
- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **South China Village Sidewalk Bid Acceptance:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the low bidder, Catalano Construction, contingent on a final review by the town's hired engineer and by the Town Manager to determine whether or not the low bidder is able to perform to the standards of the bid proposal.

Manager's Communications:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** the Board recognized the summary sheet and affirmed their continued focus on making progress toward achieving their goals.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting Date, Time, Place Announcement:** It was noted that the Annual Business Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in the China Middle School Multi-Purpose room. It is expected that the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be available at 8:30 a.m. A quorum of 122 registered China voters is required to open the meeting.
- **Eagle Scout Recognition Letters:** It was announced that the town Manager will be presenting Eagle Scout Recognition Letters for the Board to sign at the next meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board