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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/03/2011 – 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 Norman Black, David Herard, Margaret Herard, Jeanna Verney, Al Althenn, Ronald Breton, Dick Morse, Ralph Howe III, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Ron Breton.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 12/20/2010 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #30 for \$49 and Payables Warrant #31 for \$45,572.05 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Thurston Park Committee Report Acceptance:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to refer the Plan to the Open Space Committee, considering the Park Committee to be a sub-committee of the Open Space Committee.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**
 - User/Resident Survey:** The survey has yet to be conducted. It was noted that more time was needed to perfect the process.
 - Transfer Station Stickers:** The Town Manager showed the Select Board photos of newly purchased signs promoting the need to have a sticker in order to enter and use the transfer station. The Chair noted the recent initiatives and successes in promoting the need for transfer station stickers by residents.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2011-2012 Municipal Budget Deliberations and Town Business Meeting Warrant Articles:** The Select Board deliberated on the 2011-2012 municipal budget draft presented in a spreadsheet by the Town Manager. Subsequently they reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles presented by the Town Manager. Board members were concerned about a proposed appropriation for the Palermo Volunteer Fire Department in Article #11. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 2-

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2(Foote/MacDonald)-1(Belanger) to include the \$1500 recommended appropriation for the PVFD. On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Austin) to accept The Warrant for the 2011 Annual Town Business Meeting as presented with the exception of #'s 4,11,23,25, and 27. The excepted Articles will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

- **Foreclosed Properties – Disposition and Proposed Policy Decision (60 Day Redemption Period):** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to allow former owners of recently foreclosed upon properties to redeem the properties by paying all past due amounts that would have brought the former owners to a current status should they have continued to own their respective properties.
- **Abatement:** On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the abatement as presented, a copy will be on file at the town office.
- **Space Rental:** A resident ask the Board if they had any property for rent for a woodworking shop. The Board collectively felt the town should not rent any of the existing property at this time.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Setting Time, Place, and Date:** The Board consensus was to hold a visioning session on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the town office meeting room.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board