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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/17/2011 – 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 George Oliver, Dick Morse, Marc Fisher, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by George Oliver

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant #32 for \$19,901.72 and Warrant #33 for \$367,642.54 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 Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-1(Austin) to accept the Thurston Park Report with findings with the exception of Appendix 7 and to post the Report on the town's Web Page. It was noted that the Report with Appendix 7 will be on file at the town office. There was discussion about sending the Report to the Open Space Committee.
- **Recycling Coordinator Report:**  
**Recycling Revenue Report – Neil Farrington:** Selectperson Neil Farrington noted that most all of the recent commodity prices for recyclables are stable and remain quite high compared to a few months ago. Mr. Farrington informed the board that there was an article in a newspaper today about a discussion in Winslow regarding the potential increased costs for tipping fees at P.E.R.C. over the next several years; therefore the importance of recycling becomes apparent when in budgeting deliberations. He noted that another load of cardboard is about to be shipped to market. Neil went on to say that a good amount of the labor input is done by the Kennebec County Jail inmates and that the town would be hard pressed to keep up with the recycling of all the projects without the added labor.

There was limited discussion about when the town might accept a greater assortment of plastics for recycling. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that she would be attending a workshop on recycling issues in Palmyra on Monday, January 27, 2011. She also indicated that a compost bin sale is being promoted by the MRRA and suggested the town advertise in support of the initiative.

**User/Resident Survey:** The survey initiative will be revisited again soon..

**Transfer Station Stickers:** The Board recognized the progress the administration has made in persuading residents to obtain stickers.

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- **2011-2012 Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Articles - #'s 4,11,23,25,27, and 36:** The Select Board continued the review of the Warrant for the March 19, 2011 Annual Town Business Meeting. They have reached agreement on most articles to be presented to voters. The appropriations in Emergency Services, Social Services, and the Article dealing with LD#1 will be reviewed at the next meeting. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant Article #23 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant Article #27 as presented. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul Macdonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Warrant Article #36 as presented.

## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **State of Maine Office of Information Technology, Statewide Communications System, Mark D. Fisher:** The State Office of Information Technology has been in the process of implementing a new statewide radio communication system referred to as the Maine State Communications Network, (MSCommNet). Mr. Fisher, Frequency Manager for the State of Maine OIT attended the SB meeting to explain the State's initiative. Mr. Fisher explained that when designing a system of great capacity and scope, it is not uncommon to identify and utilize frequencies already licensed within the State. He went on to say that the State OIT had identified a frequency for use within the MSCommNet system that is adjacent to the one currently licensed to China. The State OIT, through Mr. Fisher is requesting that the town provide the State with a Letter of Concurrence from China in order to complete their application process. The Letter of Concurrence would necessarily, if agreed to, indicate to the FCC that the town and the State OIT have worked together and that the town would not object to the use of the frequency.

Mr. Fisher assured the Select Board that they have the final say in the matter. He said, "We need you more than you need us." South China Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dick Morse expressed his fear that State transmissions would interfere or block local ones. After more explanations by MR. Fisher and questions from the Select Board and fire Chief, the Board said that they would wait for a recommendation from the town's three fire departments and China Rescue before acting. Fire Chief Morse said that the four groups have a joint meeting scheduled for Thursday evening.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to table the decision to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

- **Abatement:** There were not any abatements to process at this time.

## **Manager's Report:**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.

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- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** The Town Manager handed out a summary sheet of the progress made at recent Select Board visioning sessions. The Board agreed to aggressively pursue the various initiatives as the year progresses.

In other business, Chairperson Peter Foote noted that Charlie Kojigian has resigned his position at the transfer station effective January 22, 2011. The Board directed the Town Manager to prepare a letter of appreciation to Charlie to be signed by Board members at their meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board