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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/06/2010 – 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 Ronald Breton, Leslie French, Tim Basham, Susan Kiralis, David Shipman, Thomas Ferguson, Jonathan Litchfield, Morgan Hood, Emily Dugal, Scott A. Pierz, Tyler Belanger, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Tim Basham.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1(Foote (not present at meetings)) to accept the minutes of the 05/25/2011 and 05/27/2011 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #54 for \$23,480.58, and Payables Warrant #55 for \$341,797.12 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**
 - Recycling Report - Neil Farrington – Product On Hand For The Commodities Market:** Selectperson Neil Farrington noted the amounts of recyclable commodities the town has inventoried at the transfer station. He also reported on recent shipments of recyclables for sale to the commodities market. The Board accepted Stephanie Foote's offer, relayed through her brother Peter Foote, to comment on plans for using grant funds to develop a better composting area at the transfer station.
 - Skid Steer/Horizontal Baler – Update on Timing of Delivery:** Selectperson Paul MacDonald noted that the Skid-Steer should be delivered by the end of June. The new horizontal baler is expected by the end of July.
- **Foreclosures – Update – Notice, Return Date, etc.:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to proceed with the sale of three foreclosed upon properties, copies of which are on file at the town office. The properties are on the Deer Hill Road, Willette Drive, and the Cross Road. The Town Manager provided the Board with a time line associated with the Notice of Tax Sale of the properties. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Foote), after much discussion, to allow a foreclosed upon property located on the Mann Road to be returned to the former owner depending upon the condition that he pays all taxes and charges that would have accrued on the property if it had not been foreclosed upon, on June 7, 2011. It was understood that the payment would be past the deadline already set by the

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select Board at a previous meeting. Packets of information regarding the Notice of Tax Sale are available on the town's Web site and at the town office. Interested parties are encouraged to call the town office for additional information.

- **Junk Yard License – Coston and Compliance:** The China Code Enforcement Officer presented the Select Board with photos showing that, from what he could witness, the property on the Dirigo Road owned by Mr. Russell Coston was in compliance with the conditional permit signed by the Select Board. The Board directed the Town Manager to continue to proceed with the filing and processing of a complaint against Mr. Coston for violations associated with the operation of a junk yard/business without a permit.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Fee Structure – Planning Board Recommendations – Chair Ron Breton:** Planning Board Chairperson Ronald Breton presented the Board's recommendations for the restructuring of fees for Planning Board action on permits for commercial buildings and subdivisions. He noted that the recommended changes would be very comparable to fees charged in similar Maine towns. Mr. Breton said that the goal is to have applicants cover more of the costs incurred by the town for Board members time and the time spent by the Code Enforcement Officer with applicants, rather than passing on the costs to all taxpayers. He used an example relating to site visits. The new fees would help compensate for the time the CEO is with one applicant, instead of being in the office to answer others' questions. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to table consideration of the recommended changes to the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.
- **Forestry Committee Report - Comment of Thurston Park Report:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the Report as presented and have it posted on the town's Web site. Mr. Tim Basham and Mr. Leslie French presented the Board with the Forestry Committee Report.
- **Red Light Applications – CVVFD, SCVFD, WMVFD, and China Rescue:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Red Light Applications for the SCVFD, WMVFD, and China Rescue as presented. A copy of the signed applications will be on file at the town office.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** Planning Board Chairperson Ron Breton expressed disappointment at the spending of \$388.00 for a Public Hearing after he noticed Mr. Frederick Hayden, Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, wrote a letter to the editor encouraging voters to vote against the proposed June 2011 ballot article relating to the addition to the China Land Development Code of architectural standards for commercial buildings.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:**
Committees: Implementation Committee – Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room: The respective committee meetings were noted.

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- **Open Transfer Station Day - Saturday, June 11, 2011 – Same Restrictions as Last Year, Will Note in the Town Line and in Handouts at the Transfer Station and Town Office:** The Town Manager noted information about the planned “fee free” day and solicited volunteers for Saturday, June 11, 2011. He noted that traditionally the cost of the “fee free” day have approximated \$12,000.
- **Police Officer – On Duty:** The Town Manager noted that Erasmo Gonzalez has assumed town Constable duties. He has passed all certification exams and has participated in the Memorial Days ceremonies in China and South China Villages.
- **Transfer Station Survey:** The Town Manager noted that the Survey will be distributed at the end of June. He encouraged those who might receive the survey randomly to return the survey so that significant feedback might be received by the Select Board that would allow them to set long-term operations policies for the transfer station. The survey will be: sent out via US Mail; through an insert in the Town Line; handed out at the transfer station; handed out at the town office; and be available on the town’s Web Site.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

The Select Board Chair Peter Foote called a meeting of the Board of Assessors to order at 9:10 p.m. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board of Assessors voted 5-0 to process abatements as presented, copies of which are on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board of Assessors voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Board of Assessors