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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/13/2014 – 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, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Dale Worster, Tom Parent, Bob Bennett, Bill Bickford, Ronald Breton, Kyle Pierce, Nanci Rodrigue, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 12/30/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payables Warrant #38 for \$588.70, Payroll Warrant #39 for \$30,143.81, and Payables Warrant #40 for \$383,342.24 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other Items: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have stabilized and in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased. Paul also noted the recent substantial revenues received from selling recyclables on the commodities market. Again, Paul noted how neat the recycling area has been.

- **RSU#18 Update and Governance Meeting, KVCOG Pond Hockey, and Economic & Community Development updates – Selectperson Irene Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and RSU#18 Board member Bob Bennett began a preliminary discussion of the upcoming fiscal year. Teacher contracts are currently under way. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that an additional bus may need to be added to get students to school She went on to note changes at the China Schools: Mr. Carl Gartley, who has been principal at both CPS and CMS, is now principal at CMS, with Darlene Pietz is principal at the CPS. The annual RSU#18 governance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

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Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on the second annual Pond Hockey Tournament progress to date, to be held the weekend of February 8 and 9. Thirty teams have signed up for the tournament and volunteers are needed.

Kyle Pierce said the Economic and Community Development Committee plans a February 14 family Valentine dance at the CMS.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **2014-2015 Municipal Budget Delivery to the Select Board:** The Town Manager presented the 2014-2015 municipal budget with a projected 1.5% increase over the current fiscal budget, an amount he noted would not affect the mil rate. The Select Board had copies of the budget sent to them earlier and were able to proceed through a good deal of the budget. They intend to continue budget review and Warrant Article development for the Annual Town Business Meeting at the January 27, 2014 scheduled meeting. Representatives of social service agencies requesting appropriations will be invited to the meeting along with Budget Committee members.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees:** he Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room: The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract Meeting:** The Town Manager noted that Shelly Winchenback, representative for Time-Warner Cable, will meet with town representatives to begin negotiations relating to a contract renewal. A report on the meeting will be provided to the SB at a meeting in the future.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board