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Select Board Meeting

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7:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger and Paul MacDonald. Others present were Alton Stevens and the Town Manager.

Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. A. § 405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel

On a motion by Selectperson Paul Macdonald and a second by Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. A. § 405 (6) (E) Consultations with Legal Counsel on issues relating to contracts and enforcement.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session and resume the regular/open/public part of the meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Paul MacDonald, the Board voted, after consultation with the town's attorney in executive session, 5-0 to authorize the Chair of the Select Board and Town Manager to pursue the purchase of used plowing equipment in Vermont to guarantee that winter maintenance will be performed in China and to further authorize the funds to come from the current highway budget and from the contingency fund to the extent needed. The town had developed substantial concerns about the sustainability of the contract with Dirt Diggers, Inc. the performance of the contractual terms coming into serious doubt. The town had done due diligence in researching the availability of contractors to do the job if needed, the availability of renting equipment for the short term, and obtaining relative pricing for reputable equipment if needed to purchase.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul Macdonald and a second by Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board