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TIF Informational Session

01/26/2015

6:30 P.M.

TIF Agreement Conversation Continued – Bill Najpauer – Final Documents for Consideration and Discussion

The information session was opened by Chairperson Joann C. Austin at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Bill Najpauer, Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

Bill Najpauer handed out the most recent draft of the TIF Program proposal. The Board spent one half of an hour in an informal discussion about the program. Mr. Najpauer noted that a formal public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2015, an hour prior to the next regularly scheduled SB meeting.

The informational session was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Select Board Meeting

Monday – 01/26/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Fred Glidden, Representative Timothy Theriault, Senator Roger Katz, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/12/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #38 for \$21,325.79, Payroll Warrant #39 for \$1,281.99, and Payables Warrant #40 for \$65,085.19 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

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- **Senator Roger Katz and Representative Tim Theriault - Environmental Scan – Maine Legislature:** The Governor's budget proposals were the main topic of the discussions the SB had with Senator Roger Katz and Representative Tim Theriault. Senator Katz expressed the need for some sort of change in Maine's tax code, pointing out that the code is still based on a manufacturing economy, although Maine is transitioning to a service economy. He also noted that some of the proposals in the new budget had been recommendations in past years.

The SB and Town Manager expressed concern about how the proposed State budget would effect municipal budgets, China's in particular. Theriault and Katz noted how some of the provisions in the Governor's budget, if enacted, increase or decrease state aid to local municipalities. The effects would vary widely from one municipality to another depending on circumstances. Items discussed ranged from General Assistance to the taxation of non-profits valued at over \$500,000.

Both Theriault and Katz noted that the thrust of the Governor's budget package is a reduction in the state income tax, generally to be offset by raising and broadening the sales tax base.

- **2015-2016 Municipal Budget – Annual Business Town Meeting, Saturday, March 21, 2015 - Review of Budget and Approval of Warrant Articles of the 2015-2016 Municipal Budget – Final, Transfer Station Budget:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the transfer station proposed budget numbers as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Robert MacFarland and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the TIF Program Warrant Article as presented with the respective amounts indicated to be appropriated from the TIF Reserve funds.

- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed:** The Board did not take any action on this item.
- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger presented information regarding the KVCOG, RSU#18, and the China EC&D Committee. Irene noted the dates of the next meetings of the respective groups.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Quit-Claim Deeds Processing:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the quit-claim deed as presented. A copy will be kept on file at the town office.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings and Updates: Thurston Park II TBD 2nd Thursday of the Month, Location, Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD,**

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China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Wednesday of the Month in 2014, March 26, 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, Economic and Community Development Committee, First and Third Thursday of the Month, Time 6:30 P.M., Location China Town Office Meeting Room. The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.

- **Visioning Session – Board Retreat Summary:** The Town Manager noted that he will have a summary of the January 5, 2015 visioning session prepared for presentation to the SB at the next regular meeting.
- **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available for 2015:** The Town Manager noted that transfer station stickers for the 2015 year are available.
- **Governance Meeting RSU#18 – Thursday, January 29 – Superintendent’s Office 5:30PM:** The Town Manager reminded everyone that the governance meeting is going to be held.
- **Personnel Policy Additions – Code of Ethics:** The Town Manager noted that there might need to be minor amendments to the Code and that he will present recommendations for changes at the Board’s next meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber McAllister", is written over a horizontal line.

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board