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Select Board Meeting

01/28/2013

7:00 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 Bob Batteese, Tim Theriault, Sheryl Peavey, Charles H. Plumer, Shawn Reed, Elwin Higgins, Kevin Rhoades, Mary K. Adams, Jen Chamberlain, Kelly Grotton, Rebecca Hapgood, Scott A. Pierz, Joe Labbe, George Meyers, Neil Farrington, Jim Wood, Kim Patnode, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Bob Batteese.

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 01/14/2013 Select Board meeting as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #40 for \$19,447.22 and Payables Warrant #41 for \$149,808.75 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

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

Recycling Report -

Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Products) and Other

Items - P.E.R.C.: Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul

MacDonald provided the Board with an update on the progress of the town's recycling initiatives. He noted that a full load of cardboard (OCC) was recently sent out to be sold on the commodities market and that several gaylords of various recyclable materials were also sold. Paul noted that prices for recyclables have remained stable for the last few weeks.

- **MDOT – Advertising for Construction – Construction Area Agreement:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the agreement with the MDOT as presented. A copy is on file at the town office.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **CVVFD Smoke Detector Initiative - Joe Labbe:** China Village Volunteer Fire Department representative Joe Labbe informed the SB about a CVVFD sponsored initiative to provide China Village and surrounding town residents with a donated SmokeDetector installed in their home for free. People are encouraged to call 968-2266 to arrange for installation. An e-mail can be also sent to cvvfd@roadrunner.com. Mr.

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Labbe noted that an anonymous donor has agreed to underwrite the cost of the SmokeDetectors.

- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:**
- **2013-2014 Municipal Budget Deliberations – Finalize SB Numbers and Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant:** The actions taken by the Board for the respective social service and non-profit agencies are as follows:

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 not to include UCP on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to include Family Violence on the Annual Town Business Warrant with an appropriation of \$1500 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 2-2(Austin, Belanger). The motion failed. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to include Family Violence on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$2000 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-2(Foote, MacDonald).The motion failed. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to include Family Violence on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1750 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-1(Belanger).

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to include KVCAP Demand Response on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$545 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to include Spectrum Generations on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$2276 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to include Kennebec Behavioral Health on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$2500 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to include Children’s Center on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1752 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 2-2(Foote, MacDonald), the vote failed. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to include Children’s Center on the Annual town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1172 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin,

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the Board voted 2-2(Foote, Belanger), the vote failed. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L Belanger to include Children's Center on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$2000, there was not a second and the motion died for lack of a second. On a motion by Selectperson Peter Foote to include children's Center on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1500 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald to include Sexual Assault Crisis & Support on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1437 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to include the Alford Center Waterville Boys & Girls Club and YMCA on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation of \$1000 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin not to include KVCAP Child & Family Services on the Annual town Business Meeting Warrant and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger not to include Community Health Services on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to include Hospice of Waterville on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation \$1650 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-1(MacDonald).

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger to include Healthy Hearts on the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant with an appropriation \$1000 and a recommendation of yes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 2-1(MacDonald)-1(Foote).

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-1(Foote) to place the Administration Article on the Annual Town Business Meeting as presented with a recommendation of YES.

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- **February 11, 2013 SB Meeting Agenda Items – CRLA and Feasibility Study of Providing Alewives Passage into China Lake:** It was noted that David Preston will make a presentation to the SB about a feasibility study of providing Alewives passage into China Lake. He will provide also provide information about a possible grant application for dam removal in the outlet stream of China Lake or the installation of fish ladders at respective dams in the outlet stream.
- **Pond Hockey – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger – Update:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board with a progress update of the first annual Pond Hockey Tournament. She noted that approximately 14 teams had registered to date and that three ice skating rinks will be used. Irene will provide a summary of the event at the next meeting. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10, 2013.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 3-1 (MacDonald) to appoint Tom Stevenson as Chief of the Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Paul MacDonald, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Tax Assessors Meeting (Board of Assessors) Monday, January 28, 2013

Agenda

- I. Abatement: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to approve of and sign the abatement as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Board of Assessors

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- **Tax Acquired Property – Review of Bidding:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted to accept the high bid on the foreclosed upon property off the Maple Ridge Road, better described as Map Lot . The high bidders were David Shipman and Susan Kiralis. They bid \$9,000. on a property assessed by the town for \$33,000.
- **Summit Natural Gas Inc. – Michael Duguay:** The Town manager noted that Mr. Duguay, representative for Summit Gas, asked to postpone his talk with the SB until late in April of this year. He felt that there would be more definitive information to relay to the Board about how Summit Gas might serve customers in China and also about how the gas pipe line might enter China.
- **Quit Claim Deed(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the Quit Claim Deeds as presented. Copies of the deeds will be on file at the town office.

Manager's Communications: (Non-Action Items)

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room, and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, February 8, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The dates, times and locations of the meetings of the respective committees were announced.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting 2013 – March 23, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. CMS Multi Purpose:** The Town Manager noted the date, time, and location of the Annual Town Business Meeting. It was also noted that there will be refreshments available at 8:30 a.m., one half hour before the meeting is anticipated to begin.
- **Governor's Budget – Municipal Impact:** The Town Manager reported that if Governor Paul LePage's budget is passed as presented, the town would lose approximately \$324,000 in revenues, potentially raising the local mil rate by between 0.7 and 0.8 mils. This would equate to \$.70 to \$.80 cents per thousand dollars of valuation. He went on to note that the reductions in education funding would potentially add to the local tax burden.

The Town manager said that the reductions in State subsidies would result from decreases in revenue sharing, decreases in reimbursements for welfare expenditures, modifications to personal property tax reimbursements, and modifications of the homestead exemption.

The Town Manager pointed out that the Maine Legislature will not have finalized the State budget by March 23, 2013, the scheduled date for China's Annual town Business Meeting. Consequently, voters will make the 2013-2014 municipal budget decisions without full information on the final State budget.

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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,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board