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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 11/16/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Election of officers: Select Board Chairperson and Select Board Secretary and Assessors Chairperson and Assessors Secretary: On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington to elect Robert MacFarland Chairperson of the Select Board and Board of Assessors for the ensuing year and a second by Selectperson Ronal Breton, the Board voted 5-0. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin to elect Irene L. Belanger as Secretary of the Select Board and Board of Assessors for the ensuing year and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Ronald Breton, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Frank Soares, Dale Worster, Tom Miragliuolo, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Neil Farrington.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Breton) to accept the minutes of the 11/02/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #27 for \$21,884.10, and Town Payables Warrant #28 for \$101,347.56 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected:** The Board was asked by Transfer Station Committee Chairperson Frank Soares to clarify the Committee's mandate. Earlier in the year, the SB unanimously voted to contract with WasteZero to provide public information and education in anticipation of a March 2016 vote about charging for MSE disposal. The system for charging a fee is known as pay-per-throw or PPT. The plan originally discussed by the Board would require transfer station users to purchase bags at local vendor sites and would put the proceeds of the bag sales in a fund that would be returned annually to homeowners. Mr. Frank Soares also wanted a clarification on whether the SB had decided themselves to endorse the PPT system or whether they were seeking to find out what the voters would endorse. The SB said they wanted the issue to go to a vote at the Annual Town Business Meeting, a vote up or down on the PPT initiative. The goals of the Committee beyond providing information about PPT are to increase recycling and control costs and also to provide the SB with a long term plan for the efficient operation of the

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transfer station. The Town Manager noted that the Committee would also assist the WasteZero group with the information and education program on PPT and coordinate with Ross Nason of KVCOG on KVCOG's experiences dealing with PPT efforts.

Transfer Station Chairperson Soares concluded that the Committee did not have enough information about all options and would have the Committee deliberate on the topic. He wanted to know more about the current costs of operations at the transfer station. Selectperson Irene L. Belanger asked the Town Manager to send the Committee as much detailed information about transfer station costs as possible.

Selectperson Neil Farrington, a strong supporter of the PPT program, repeated his assertions in favor of the two-part plan, recycling for free and the inclusion of a rebate to home owners. The rebate would create equity, that is, people who used fewer bags would more than recoup their costs and people who used many bags and burdened the transfer station with lots of waste would pay for it. Neil also noted that the town of Etna would be a good information source for a program that returned PPT revenues to the taxpayers.

Selectperson Joann C. Austin said that the presentation to the SB by Steve Lisauskas of WasteZero made a good deal of sense to her, from efficiency and equity perspectives. She went on to note that people may react negatively until all information is provided on how the PPT program is proposed to work.

Selectperson Ron Breton said he thought the initiative should be mission specific, with options on the ballot.

Dale Worster said he fully understands the program, and favors the program as a taxpayer.

Tom Miragliuolo said that he was very supportive of the PPT program also. Tom was employed previously by the State Planning Office and is familiar with the PPT programs in municipalities. He noted how much he pays in taxes and would welcome efforts to minimize costs of services.

- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the on the various committees noted above, informing the Board and public about meeting dates, times and notable items. She added comments about the annual tree lighting at the town office on November 29 and about the new PaintCare program at the transfer station.

New Business:

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

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- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures, intending to update any that need attention. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to amend the Notice of Dishonor Policy as presented. A copy of the policy will be on file at the town office.
- **Appointment(s):** The Board signed the appointment papers for Amber McAllister who earlier was appointed to the TIF Committee.
- **Visioning Session Date, Time and Place:** The Board agreed to have a visioning session, an informal discussion about goals and priorities for the upcoming year, on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the town office meeting room.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office, Economic and Community Development Committee, As Announced, Time 6:30 P.M., at the Green Bean Restaurant, Transfer Station Committee, Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Town Office.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification. The town has advertised for interested residents to serve on the Committee.
- **HHW Day Update – Participation, Volumes, and Cost:** It was noted that the ultimate cost to all municipalities is still being calculated and should be available for the next SB meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015.
- **Public Hearings Next Meeting – Coston Junkyard License and New England Imports Automobile Graveyard License:** It was noted that there will be public hearings on the licensing of both entities prior to the regular SB meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015.
- **Pay-Per-Throw Public Information and Communications:**
- **2016-2017 Municipal Budget:** The Town Manager said that he would provide the SB with the first draft of the 2016-2017 municipal budget in mid-December for the beginning of the approval process leading up to the Annual Town Business Meeting on March 26, 2016.

On a motion by Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board