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Select Board Meeting

11/19/2012

7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Peter Foote, Steven Hughes, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger and Paul MacDonald. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald.

Election of Select Board Officers: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to elect Peter Foote as Chairperson of the Select Board.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to elect Joann C. Austin as Secretary of the Select Board.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #28 for \$22,239.52 and Payables Warrant #29 for \$79,796.69 as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 11/05/2012 Select Board meeting as amended.

At this time, Alford Youth Center representative Patrick Guerette addressed the SB about the prospect of holding a two day Maine Pond Hockey Classic tournament on China Lake. Mr. Guerette explained the pond hockey is less intense than ice hockey, with seven person teams. Only four members of a team will play at a time and there are not any goalies or on-ice referees. Patrick went on to say that depending on the number of teams entering the tournament and the on ice conditions, there might be at least two and possibly up to four rinks, prepared in advance. Temporary lighting will have to be set up to play after dark.

Mr. Guerette was looking for a positive response from the SB and the SB responded enthusiastically. The SB did however discuss a variety of items, including parking, crowd management, liability issues, and prohibiting the drinking of alcohol. Patrick said that after the meeting and if he received a positive endorsement of his initiative that he would report back to a committee that is charged with the determining whether or not the China Lake site is acceptable. He will communicate with the Town Manager on the committee's final decision on 11/20/2012.

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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:

Selectperson and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided the SB with an update on the progress of recycling efforts at the China Transfer Station. He noted that the market for recyclables has been slightly more favorable in recent weeks. He went on to note that the town continues to maximize revenues from recyclables by attempting to send single product full loads out for sale.

Other notable points made by Paul were that:

- 1.** a concrete pad is being installed on the northerly side of the recycling building providing more room to store recyclables;
- 2.** the town needs an additional open top can for processing of materials;
- 3.** more staff time is needed to keep up with the needs of the transfer station; (the Chair of the SB noted how messy the recycling area looks after receiving loads of recyclables);
- 4.** tipping fees at P.E.R.C. in Orrington will be going up set amounts in addition to cost increases between not and 2018: and
- 5.** storage racks have been purchased and installed at the equipment building.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointments -- China Library Feasibility Committee:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board approved of and signed papers formally appointing Joann C. Austin, Dolly Batteese, Elwood Ellis, Susan Priest, Susan Cottle, Donald Poulin, Gary Nichols, Jonathan Vogel and the Town Manager to the CLFC.
- **KVCOG – Information Update on Asset Based Economic Development Promotion– Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported to the Board on tentative plans for a natural gas pipeline that might go through part of China and also on a program called Mobilize Maine that focuses on asset based development.

Irene provided the SB and general public with handouts explaining Mobilize Maine and noted that the economic development initiative associated with Mobilize Maine is focused on developing goals and establishing bench marks for progress assessment. The Chair thanked Selectperson Irene Belanger for her efforts.

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Manager's Report: (Non-Action Items)

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, Transfer Station Committee Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday November 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The dates and times and places of the respective meetings were announced.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining - Schedule a Date/Time:** The SB agreed to hold a visioning session on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the regularly scheduled SB meeting. It will be held in the town office meeting room.
- **Lake Access Feasibility Committee Update:** It was noted that the China Lake Access Feasibility Committee sent the owners of The Cabins on China Lake a list of concerns raised during inspections of the property and is awaiting a response from the owners.
- **Transfer Station Committee Update:** The Town Manager noted that the Committee has made great progress though there have been many variables and circumstances needed to be discussed before any formal recommendations would be forthcoming. He felt committee representatives would ask to meet with the SB in the near future to provide an update on the progress of the committee work.
- **Annual Town Business Meeting 2013 – 2013-2014 Municipal Budget Deliberations:** The Board by consensus agreed to hold the 2013 Annual Town Business Meeting on Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Town Manager noted that he would have the first draft of the 2013-2014 Municipal Budget available to the Select Board at their December 17, 2012 meeting. (The pages of the budget are to be numbered.)

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board