

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 11/02/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room  
7:00 P.M.

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, Amber McAllister, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were George Weber, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Amber McAllister.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 10/07/2015 and 10/19/2015 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #25 for \$21,789.42, and Town Payables Warrant #26 for \$473,538.30 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinator's Conversation – Transfer Station Items:** The Board heard a comment from Selectperson Neil Farrington about how much surrounding towns pay for the disposal of MSW and other items. He inferred that the town should consider raising rates/fees for out-of-town residents using the China Transfer Station. It was noted the Transfer Station Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the town office.
- **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 following:

**RSU#18:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the upcoming RSU#18 Board meeting times and dates and places. Selectperson Neil Farrington commented about the 2010 Report looking at the combination of schools in China and in Oakland. He went on to note the criteria for State funding for projects focuses on the outlook for enrollment and not as much as on school building condition.

**Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the upcoming Chamber meeting times, dates, and places.

**K.V.C.O.G.:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG will be continuing on their strategic plan in a meeting on November 9, 2015, Monday, in Fairfield.

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**KRDA:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KRDA Board will be meeting on Monday to discuss the progress of a marketing campaign.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **D. L. Young Investment Recommendation – R.M. Davis Company:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation of the R.M. Davis Company officers to amend the investment policy for the Doris L. Young Endowment Funds from 60% Stocks and 40% Bonds to 65% Stocks and 35% Bonds.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention.

## Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- **November Election Timeline, Recognition:** The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Amber McAllister for her outstanding service to the town of China as a Selectperson. Her term was scheduled to expire at the end of the day on November 2, 2015.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification. Selectperson Robert MacFarland expressed sensitivity to people potentially having a personal agenda for promoting certain projects.
- **PPT Information/Conversations:** It was noted that the Transfer Station Committee currently is meeting every two weeks and preparing to provide residents with information about the PPT initiative through mailings and inserts in the Town Line and postings on the town's Web page and FB page.
- **Police Position Update – Initial Recommendation and Funding:** It was noted that the Committee has completed its mission and will be recommending that the town continues to have police presence focusing on problem oriented community policing with proactive energy and not focusing on higher intensity policing functions that can and should be left to the KSO and SP.
- **Western Ridge Road Wash-Out – Update:** The Road Commissioner noted that the repairs for the shoulder wash-out are scheduled to start on Wednesday, November 3, 2015 and should be completed by the end of the day on Thursday, November 4, 2015.
- **HHW Day Update – Participation, Volumes, and Cost:** It was noted that the final costs of the HHW Day were not available by SB meeting time but that they should be available by the next meeting on November 30, 2015.
- **Foreclosed Upon Property – Litchfield Lane:** The Town Manager noted that the Board had been sent a communication from the town's attorney about the process for vacating the residence

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on Litchfield Drive obtained through the foreclosure process. It was also noted that additional clarifying information was needed before proceeding to the next step. Additional information will be provided to the Board through e-mail communications or at the next regularly scheduled SB meeting.

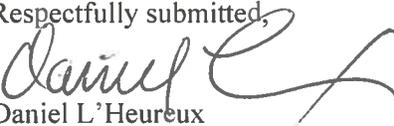
In other business:

Selectperson Robert MacFarland noted that the Halloween program at the town office on October 31, 2015 brought around 200 children with parents, which was a good more than last year.

The Town Manager noted that the new driveway from the town office parking lot to the Alder Park Road would be available for use during the November 3, 2015 election. The final surface may have to wait until next year. The town crew did a good deal of the coordination of the project and work during the project.

On a motion by Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel L'Heureux  
Town Manager  
Acting Secretary

Assessor's Meeting  
Monday  
11/02/2015  
8:05 P.M.

Agenda

- **Abatement and Supplemental Tax Assessment:**

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of an abatement application for the Leaning Elm Trust, Geoffrey Hargadon, Trustee as amended/recommended and presented.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to deny an abatement application for Peter and Linda Bako as recommended and presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of an abatement application for Nicholas and Alyssa Michaud as recommended and presented.

- **Adjourn:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. L'Heureux".

Daniel J. L'Heureux  
Town Manager  
Acting Secretary