

TOWN OF CHINA



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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 12/02/2013 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Carol White, Scott Fletcher, Al Althenn, Charles Plumer, Tim Theriault, Robert Batteese, Sarah Batteese, Dick Morse, Tom Stephenson, Cliff Wells, Sgt. Jennifer Weaver (WPD), Bill Seekins, Scott A. Pierz, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 11/18/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Amber McAllister) to accept Payroll Warrant #30 for \$22,129.42 and Payables Warrant #31 for \$426,293.49 as presented.

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:** Select Board member and Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald provided information about current recycling commodity market pricing and information about the inventory of recyclable currently at the transfer station. Paul went on to note that the wood and brush piles have been processed and that Grimmels will pick up the metal soon. He also said the transfer station was very clean and organized.
- **RSU#18 and KVCOG updates – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the Board with updates on the current happenings with the RSU#18 and with the KVCOG.
- **Thurston Park II Committee Update:** Bill Seekins provided the Board with an update on improvements to Thurston Park, including new and better trails and the installation of gates, with a parking area that includes handicapped space just outside the north gate.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Central Maine Regional Communication Center/DPS – Cliff Wells:** Select Board members and China's three fire chiefs again discussed whether or not to transfer all PSAP and Dispatching services to the CMRCC (Central Maine Regional Communication Center) or to continue paying over \$18,000 a year more to use Somerset County's Communications Center and the Waterville Dispatching Center. Mr. Cliff Wells from the Department of Public Safety and CMRCC was invited to the Select Board meeting to discuss the possibility of transferring to the CMRCC for all the services. He noted that China pays the CMRCC \$27,074 for the current fiscal year's services, a figure based 75 percent on population and 25 percent on call volume. He went on to estimate that adding emergency services would raise the FY 2015 billing to \$28,478. China now pays over \$46,000 for all the PSAP and Dispatching services.

The CMRCC has more dispatchers compared to Waterville, but also has more calls/dispatches to handle. Mr. Wells said that all dispatchers are trained alike and CMRCC's service ought to be the same as Waterville's. When many events happen at once, priority is determined by the severity of the incident, not by which agency is involved.

The three fire chiefs in China all expressed that they preferred to stay with Waterville and Somerset County for the services currently provided. Selectperson Paul MacDonald protested that the additional cost was too high to remain with the current system.

Mr. Wells expressed that he felt if the SB let CMRCC handle all call answering and dispatching, he expects China Fire and Rescue officials to be unhappy. After the discussion, Chairperson Peter Foote closed the topic and told the audience the SB would need more time to discuss the topic among themselves before making the final decision.

- **China Village Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Tim Theriault:** Chief Tim Theriault asked the SB to allow the CVVFD to have funds from the remainder of their budget from the immediate past year to transport a 1985 pumper tanker from Dundee, New York to China. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the use of the funds to transport the truck.
- **Waiver of Foreclosure – Branch Pond Flour & Grain:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize and give the Town Manager to execute the waiver as presented.

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Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees:** he Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday , 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room and the Economic and Community Development Committee, on the Third Thursday of the Month, location TBD; The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Enforcement Items – CEO – Mr. Russell Coston and Mr. Robert Cargill:** On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3-1(MacDonald) to renew the Junk Yard License for Mr. Coston with amendments. A copy of the renewal with amendments will be on file at the town office.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Trevy Bumps to the Thurston Park II Committee and Kathy Brownell to the China Library Feasibility Committee.

The Board also decided to take up the administrative consent agreement with Cook/Martin. On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Agreement with the condition that there will not be any Certificate of Occupancy issued for the property. A copy of the Agreement will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
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Assessors' Meeting
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Chairperson Peter Foote opened the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign the abatements as presented. Copies of the abatements will be on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann C. Austin, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C Austin".