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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/25/2013 – 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, Joann C. Austin, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Bob Batteese, David Herard, Margaret Herard, Robert Williams, Sonya Porter-Burrill, Nanci Rodrigue, Kyle Pierce, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Paul MacDonald.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/23/2013 and 01/28/2013 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #45 for \$23,595.19 and Payables Warrant #46 for \$85,886.62 as presented. (It was noted that there was a voided/duplicate check in the amount of \$13,500 considered in the net amount of Warrant #46.)

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. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have stabilized and in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased. Paul also noted that the town is attempting to send single product loads to the recyclables market to maximize the return to the town.

- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** At this time Selectperson Irene L. Belanger informed the Board about several items including the results of the pond hockey tournament, the Spirit of America initiative, updates on the KVCOG asset based economic development and Mobilize Kennebec County plan, and the budgeting schedule and related workshops for RSU#18.
- **2013-2014 Municipal Budget:** There was discussion about the changes in the format of two articles on the warrant, one dealing with emergency services and the other dealing with social service agencies. Budget Chairperson Robert Batteese relayed the Budget Committee's concerns and asked the SB to change the articles back to the traditional wording, (see 2012, 2011, 2010

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Warrant wording of same articles). On a motion by Selectperson to leave the language as it currently appears in the SB most recent Warrant approval and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 2-2(Belanger/Hughes)-1(Foote). On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes to change the format to the traditional wording as in the most recent past Warrants and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-1(MacDonald).

The Board also interacted with members of China Rescue relating to the SB recommended appropriation of \$17,000 and not the amount requested by China Rescue.

Chairperson Peter Foote explained the Board's guidelines that were followed with regard to appropriations for social service agencies.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Kyle Pierce and Economic & Community Development – Information Session:** Kyle Pierce presented to the SB her ideas about the formation of an economic and community development committee. She made several points about the benefits of forming such a committee and explained what she envisioned the committee would do for the town. She noted that the committee, if formed, would survey townspeople about economic and community development items. Kyle said the committee would also interface with all the initiatives currently being undertaken in town, for instance the Thurston Park Committee, the Library Feasibility Committee, and the China lake Access Feasibility committee. Progress updates would be provided to the Select Board.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that the KVCOG is currently invested in an asset based economic development plan called Mobilize Kennebec County. She expressed concerns that Kyle's proposal might duplicate the KVCOG initiative. It was noted that the two initiatives might actually complement one another.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to create and support the formation of an Economic and Community Development Committee (as proposed by Kyle Pierce). Appointments to the Committee will be done at the next SB meeting.

- **Quit Claim Deeds:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Quit Claim Deeds as presented. A copy of the deeds will be kept on file at the town office.
- **Ken Young – Tax Increment Financing and Summit Natural Gas of Maine Supply Option:** It was noted that Mr. Ken Young would be informing the Board about the Summit Natural Gas supply options and about TIF financing options other municipalities have been looking at relating to the natural gas initiative. Mr. Young feels the time to interact with the Board would be later in April of 2013 when more definitive plans are available for review by municipalities.

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Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: The Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room; China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Fire Road #60 Enforcement Update:** The Town Manager informed the Select Board of the progress on the demolition and clearing of the FR#60 property noting that the former occupants have moved to Mount Vernon and the property is scheduled for demolition and clearing within the next two weeks.
Transfer Station Committee – Recommendations, Susan Cottle: It was noted that the report of the Transfer Station Committee will be given to the SB at their next meeting. A letter outlining the recommendations will be sent to the SB prior to the meeting.
March 11, 2013 Agenda Item – Senator Roger Katz Speaking on the Proposed State Budget: it was announced that Senator Roger Katz will be speaking to the SB at their next meeting. Senator Katz will be addressing the Governor's proposed budget and will also answer questions of attendees.
- **Foreclosed Upon/Tax Acquired Property – Status:** It was noted that the owners of two properties have not redeemed their properties to date and a final summary will be provided at the next SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board