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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 02/08/2016 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Ronald Breton, Neil Farrington (7:04 p.m.), and Joann C. Austin (7:09 p.m.). Others present were Mickey Wing, Tom Miragliuolo, Tina Nelson, Lee Staats, Scott A. Pierz, Jim Hart, Ed Fredrikson, Justin Hilton, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Chair.

On a motion by Selectperson Ronald Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 3(Breton, Belanger, MacFarland)-0 to accept the minutes of the 01/11/2016 and 01/25/2016 Select Board meetings as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Ronald Breton, the Board voted 3(Breton, Belanger, MacFarland)-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #39 for \$21,199.88, and Town Payables Warrant #40 for \$419,281.40 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Co-Coordinators' Conversation – Transfer Station Committee Items:** The Board and audience had a conversation about the current PPT initiative the town has been pursuing up to this point. There were comments about postponing the trial period, pursuing alternative initiatives such as charging for transfer station stickers, how the town's Transfer Station Ordinance and Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinances may need revisions, and etc. Selectperson Joann C. Austin noted that the town has been dealing with this topic for a long, long time and that it was time to act as has been approved up to this point in time. She referenced the past Transfer Station Committee work and a relevant town-wide survey indicating the residents were aware of the effort and were willing to move in the direction of paying for what people dispose of in an equitable manner.

Ultimately the Board needed clarification on a point of order regarding reconsideration of a previous vote or rescinding a previous vote. The Board asked the Town Manager to obtain an opinion from the legal staff at the MMA on reconsideration and rescinding motions and their applicability and validity at a Board meeting. After receiving a response, the Board would consider a special meeting to consider further action on the PPT initiative.

Chair Robert MacFarland has proposed an additional Article for the Annual Town Business Meeting to be held on March 26, 2016, essentially moving the vote on the PPT initiative to the

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March Town Meeting rather than after a trial period. A copy of the proposed Article will be attached to these minutes.

- **Committee/Organization Reports – Board Selected - Selectperson Belanger: RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** The reports will be made at the next meeting.
- **CRLA – Jim Hart, President:** Mr. James Hart, China Region Lakes Alliance President, gave the SB an update on activities of the CRLA, emphasizing the Alewife Restoration Initiative (ARI) that is expected to bring annual alewife migration back to China Lake. Alewife is another for river herring. Mr. Hart referenced the success gained in water clarity from a similar initiative associated with Webber Pond in Vassalboro. He said that he expects the alewives will reduce the lake's algae quantity. The SB is interested in how the China appropriation in the 2016-2017 municipal budget would be spent. Mr. Hart said the funds would be spent on Youth Conservation Corp projects and Courtesy Boat Inspections, both projects on China Lake and Three Mile Pond.

Mr. Hart did update the Board on the progress of decommissioning some of the dams in the Outlet Stream and how others would gain fish passage. He also noted the “trap and truck” initiative of placing alewives in the China Lake while the alewives restoration initiative moves forward.

Select Board Chair Robert MacFarland asked Mr. Hart about whether or not he felt a user fee would be appropriate. Mr. Hart commented that he thought there would be a legal battle if it were proposed formally and that he did not prefer to deal with any negative energy at this time in the process.

Selectperson Joann Austin asked where the funds from the past budgets have been spent. Mr. Hart responded that he would share that information with the Town Manager at any time.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger thanked Mr. Hart for all his positive contributions to the town.

- **Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Approval – 2016-2017 Municipal Budget – Final Adoption of Articles and Delivery to the Budget Committee:** On a motion by Selectperson Ronald Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0(Neil had to Leave Early) to accept the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant as presented with the condition that the Board may add an additional Article to the Warrant at their next meeting. The changes from the most recent earlier version of the Warrant included: 1. a final version of Article 34 asking voters to authorize participation in the Municipal Review Corporation's post 2018 plan for disposal of municipal solid waste, which involves construction of a new plant/facility in Hampden, Maine. 2. a new Article, #35 requesting \$10,000 for a person to coordinate planning initiatives for the 2018 Bicentennial of the incorporation of the Town of China. This Bicentennial is different from the 1975 Bicentennial of the first settlement around China Lake. 3. the removal of an Article that would have asked voters to accept a 13 lot subdivision off Lakeview Drive opposite The Cabins, or the former Candlewood Camps. 4. there was a change in the amount requested for the CMRCC dispatching of State Police officers and Kennebec County Sheriff officers.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Policies and Procedures:** The Board will continually review policies and procedures with the intent of updating any and all that need attention. They noted that the T. Station Ordinances may need reviewing.
- **Mickey Wing of Central Maine Disposal and MSW:** Mickey Wing, owner of the Central Maine Disposal Company, had a conversation with the Board about the future options on the disposal of MSW after the current town's contract with PERC expires. He noted that the PPT initiative is a good effort and encourages recycling. He commented that he felt the town could benefit by considering options other than the one proposed by the MRC. He said that town should consider putting the services offered at the transfer station out to a bidding process.

Mr. Wing continued with the discussion and noted that he recently met with Palermo officials and said that they are looking at options for MSW disposal as their contract with Tri-County Waste expires in 2016. He also said he felt they were interested in taking with China about options.

- **WasteZero Contract Amendment:** The Board decided not to act on the amendment at this time.
- **Appointment – Economic & Community Development Committee:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ed Fredrikson to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
- **Appointment – Transfer Station Committee:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene AL. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Mark Bowen to the Transfer Station Committee.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings/Updates: Thurston Park II, Economic and Community Development Committee, Transfer Station Committee, Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Town Office, and TIF Committee, Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the town office meeting room.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Budget Committee Deliberations on the 2016-2017 Municipal Budget, Thursday February 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.:** It was noted that the China Budget Committee will be meeting and making recommendations on the final Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant Articles presented to them by the Select Board for consideration on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the town office meeting room.
- **Police Search – Applications Received:** It was noted that there have been several applications received and that the administration has a meeting set up with the Police Chief in Oakland on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 to have a conversation about officers working for China.
- **TIF Information/Conversations:** The Board agreed to have this item on the agenda for continued conversation and clarification.

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On a motion by Ron Breton and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting
Monday 02/08/2016

Agenda

The Chair of the Board of Assessors opened the meeting at 10:13 p.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Ron Breton, Joann C. Austin and Robert MacFarland. Others present were Mary Grow and the Town Manager.

- **Abatement:**

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Ron Breton, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign an abatement application as presented.

- **Adjourn:** On a motion by Selectperson Ron Breton and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 10:14 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Irene L. Belanger, Secretary
China Select Board/Board of Assessors