

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/23/2012 – 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, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Toni Wall, Ronald Breton, Neil Farrington, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Irene L. Belanger.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of the 04/09/2012 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 to accept Warrant #5 for \$17,927.07 and Warrant #52 for \$118,313.77 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):** Recycling Coordinator Paul MacDonald informed the Board about the market for recycled commodities and noted that the town had recently sent out a load for sale on the market.

**Other:** Paul also noted that the Town of China had been voted by the MRRA as having the best recycling program of the year for 2012. He expressed gratitude for those working at the transfer station. Others on the Board also commented about how efficient and effective the recycling program is in China. Elwin Higgins, Kevin Rhoades and Mary Kay Adams were recognized for their outstanding work for China.

There was also an update on the addition to the recycling building.

- **Transfer Station Planning Committee Report:** It was noted that the Committee had their first meeting and that they will be providing the SB with progress reports.

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## **New Business:**

- **Public Comment:** China Historical Society president Neil Farrington noted that the Historical Society will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in the old town office historical museum.
- **June Ballot Items–Shore Land Septic System Compliance Ordinance:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to include a question on the June Ballot to include the revised Shore Land Septic Compliance Program Ordinance drafted by the China Planning Board as presented with a recommendation of “yes”. Chairperson Peter Foote complimented the Planning Board for their hard work and determination with the initiative. There were clarifications presented about the most recent revisions to the Ordinance. A single inspection, by someone qualified to examine both the system and the soils in which it is located, is expected to answer the question of whether or not a system is sending untreated wastewater into water bodies in China. The re-inspection requirement of a certain category of systems was eliminated.
- **Red Light Applications – WMVFD, SCVFD, and CVVFD:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept and sign the red light applications as presented for the WMVFD and CVVFD. The SCVFD submitted their applications earlier.
- **Abatement(s):** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept and sign the abatements as presented. Copies of the abatements will be on file at the town office.

## **Manager’s Report: - (Non-Action Items)**

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room, the Thurston Park II, TBD, and China Historical Society Committee, TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective committee meeting dates, times and places were announced.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining:** The Board will continue to review the visioning goals periodically at their meetings.
- **Earth Day Clean-Up – April 28, 2012, Saturday from 8:00 A.M to Noon:** The Earth Day particulars were announced.
- **Drug Take-Back Day – April 28, 2012, Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2) P.M.:** The Drug Take-Back Day particulars were announced.
- **Land for Maine’s Future Grant Application – May 15, 2012 Final Hearing Review:** The Town Manager noted that a hearing will be conducted by the Land For Maine’s Future Board on May 15, 2012 to determine whether or not they will recommend funding for the lake access project promoted by China at The Cabins on China Lake, formerly Candlewood.

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- **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tipping Fee – PERC - \$73.00 (Last Quarter It Was \$76.50):** Tipping fee pricing was discussed. The favorable decrease was noted.
- **Going Paperless – Tablets:** Selectperson Steven Hughes made a recommendation to explore how the town might move toward a paperless work environment. The Town Manager will provide the Board with informative pricing on electronic tablets that would further the cause.

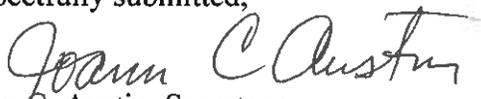
In other business the Board decided to hold the “Open Fee Free Transfer Station Day” on June 2, 2012.

The Town Manager informed the Board that plans for summer road work are under way. He said requests for paving bids had been sent out and that the bids are expected to be have them back for review a the next SB meeting. Additionally, bids for materials and equipment will be sent out and returned in time to review at the next SB meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The Select Board considered making a transfer station sticker mandatory for participation on June 2. The Board intends to adopt Recycling Coordinator and Select Board member Paul MacDonald’s suggestion that they eliminate the “fee-free” day and instead have the town provide residents with punch-cards that let them bring in specified numbers of items for free at their convenience.

The Board also signed letters congratulating two new Eagle Scouts. Aaron Taylor earned his Eagle by making outdoor improvements at the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library. Travis Pitre earned his Eagle by building a new kiosk at the boat landing at the head of China Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board