

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/08/2013 – 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 Ronald Breton, Charlie Clark, Gary Smith, and Mary Grow. 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 03/25/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #51 for \$21,812.12 and Payables Warrant #52 for \$66,541.21 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. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have not changed much from the last update and in particular, though some plastic recyclables pricing has increased (#1 and #2), some of the other plastics are not worth much on the commodities market. Paul also noted that the town continues to send single product loads to the recyclables market to maximize the return to the town. He went on to note that the additional areas for storage of recyclables is serving the town well and allows the town to be able to aggregate the amounts of a single product needed to complete a full load.

- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger provided the periodic update on both the RSU budget and recent happenings at KVCOG.

## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Superintendent Gary Smith RSU#18:** Superintendent Gary Smith provided the SB with a preview of the 2013-2014 RSU #18 budget. Gary noted that school officials will present the

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budget to China residents at a public hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the China Middle School. He went on to say that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, residents of all five RSU #18 towns will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Messalonskee High School Performing Arts Center for the annual discussion and vote on the budget.

It was further noted that the figures approved at the May 9, 2013 meeting will be submitted to local referendums in all five towns on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Mr. Smith said that the budget he presented is based on current state figures, which everyone realizes may not be the final ones.

The superintendent's budget includes a share of the Maine State Retirement System payments for teacher retirement, traditionally paid for by the state. The budget presented shows a total increase in local funding of almost \$1.3 million dollars, of which, he said China would pay \$245,000.

## 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; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Paving Bids – Being Sent Out in April:** The Chair noted that the bids should go out in the month of April.
- **Materials, Equipment, Labor Bids – Being Sent Out in April:** The Chair noted that the bids should go out in the month of April.
- **Jim Hart and Jeff LaCasse of KWD to Speak at the Next SB Meeting on Lake Draw Down:** It was noted that Jim Hart and Jeff LaCasse will be attending the next SB meeting and addressing the topic of the fall draw-down of China Lake.

In other business, Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted that Earth Day is scheduled for April 27, 2013 and that she is additionally organizing an effort in the South China Village section of China.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board