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***Select Board Meeting***
***Monday – 05/20/2013 – Town Office Meeting Room***
***7:00 P.M.***

***Minutes***

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Ronald Breton, Mary Grow, Kyle Pierce, Wayne Chadwick, Shawn Reed, Hans Arp, Scott Childs, Steve Childs, Nanci Rodrigue, Charles H. Plumer, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Kyle Pierce.

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 05/06/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #57 for $20,530.45 and Payables Warrant #58 for $76,053.88 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 stabilized and in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased. Paul went on to note the revenues recently received from the various products sold on the commodities market. Another full load of cardboard (OCC) is almost ready to be sold.
- **KVCOG and RSU#18 Leadership Information – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger again updated the Board on the activities at KVCOG noting that Ken Young is retiring as the KVCOG Director and that a send-off party scheduled for June 27, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hathaway building.

  Irene also informed the Board on items relating to RSU#18 specifically referencing a recent letter to the editor in the local news. She went on to encourage everyone to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the China town office.

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- **Materials, Equipment, Labor Bids – Opening/Awarding:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bids to the person/persons felt to provide the best offer to the town of China in the judgment of the town manager with pricing to be a major focus.
- **Roadside Mowing Bids – Opening/Awarding:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bids to the person/persons felt to provide the best offer to the town of China in the judgment of the town manager with pricing to be a major focus.
- **Plowing/Winter Maintenance Bids – Opening/Awarding:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bids to the person/persons felt to provide the best offer to the town of China in the judgment of the town manager with pricing to be a major focus.

  In all of the bid awards above, the Board assigned the task to the Town Manager of obtaining additional information where needed to make comparisons valid and to make decisions about the awards in the near future.

- **Transfer Station Recommended Action Plan:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-1(MacDonald) to host a last open "fee-free" transfer station day again this year on either June 8 or June 15, 2013. The Town Manager will make the determination after consulting with the transfer station personnel. The Board chatted about a punch card system recommended by Selectperson Paul MacDonald for future consideration as a replacement of the traditional "fee-free" day. The idea would be to charge for a transfer station sticker and having the sticker entitle a family to a fee-free card that would allow for disposal of specific items without charge.

  There was additional discussion at this time about steps that might be taken to reduce the expenses at the transfer station as recommended by the Transfer Station Committee. The Board concluded that they would have the Town Manager seek advice on wording of an ordinance addition making some types of recycling mandatory. A report on the ordinance addition wording will be made at a future meeting.

***New Business:***

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Kyle Pierce – Economic & Community Development:** The Board had a discussion with Kyle Pierce, head of the Economic and Community Development Committee. Ms. Pierce made four requests of the Board, the Board granting three of the four requests. The Board approved of her request to arrange for Federal Express and United Parcel Service boxes to be placed in town. The Board also approved of Kyle's request to link the Committee's Facebook page to the town's Web page. The Board also approved of the appointment of Don Bassett to the Committee. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted

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5-0 to appoint Don Bassett to the Economic and Community Development Committee. The Board decided to postpone a decision on joining the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce until the Board has more information on costs and benefits to the town.

Kyle noted that the Economic and Community Development Committee meets the third Thursday of each month.

- **Red Light Applications:** Chair Pete Foote noted that all the applications contained the respective motor vehicle records and additionally that all of those records were extremely favorable. On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the red light applications from China Rescue as presented. Copies of the applications will be on file at the tow office.

  On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the red light applications from the South China Volunteer Fire Department as presented. Copies of the applications will be on file at the tow office

  On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the red light applications from the Weeks Mills Fire Department as presented. Copies of the applications will be on file at the tow office.

  The Board asked the Town Manager to inquire about whether or not the Jr. Firefighter organization recently organized by the WMVFD continues to function.

- **Bill McKenna – Delta Ambulance:** Mr. McKenna will attend a future SB meeting and ask for the Board's acceptance for a Statement of Agreement and Understanding between Delta Ambulance and the Town of China.

***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, May 24, 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 – Return Date:** It was noted that the paving bids would be sent out in the next few days and should be returned for consideration at one of the next two Board meetings.
- **Foreclosure Sale:** It was noted that one of the two parcels that would be sold by the town would necessarily need to be processed through sealed bid rather than through an open auction because the cost of an auction sale would possibly be more than the property would sell for in the market. The Board agreed with the recommendation by the Town Manager.

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- **Earth Day Summary and Drug Take-Back Day:** The summary will be presented to the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The transfer station manager has been out sick and therefore not able to compile all the data for presentation.

In other business: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-1(MacDonald) to accept and sign a PSAP Call Handling Agreement with the Somerset County Commissioners. A copy of the agreement will be on file at the town office.

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board