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Public Hearing – June 7, 2011 Referendum Election Ballot Question

Wednesday – 05/25/2011

8:00 A.M.

Selectboard Chairperson Irene Belanger opened the public hearing at 8:00 a.m. Those present were Select Board members Neil Farrington, Joann Austin, Paul MacDonald and Irene Belanger and others present were Sheldon Goodine, Scott Pierz, Ronald Breton and Town Clerk Rebecca Hapgood.

To see if the Town will vote to **AMEND THE CHINA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**, Chapter 2, Land Use Ordinance, by adopting architectural standards for commercial development with an accompanying appendix of visual illustrations, and further to make applicable revisions to Chapter 11, Definitions.

Mr. Pierz spoke in favor of the ordinance stating the ordinance would allow the Planning Board to work with developers. Mr. Goodine spoke noting it seemed rushed and would be a roadblock to development in China. Mr. Breton noted the Planning Board had voted 3-2 in favor of putting it on the ballot with the majority of the board feeling that something was better than nothing. Select Board member Joann Austin mentioned that no town with an ordinance like this is suffering. Select Board Chair Irene Belanger noted she does not recommend the ordinance while Select Board member Neil Farrington noted it is subjective. The public hearing was closed at 8:42 a.m.

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday – 05/25/2011 – Town Office Meeting Room

9:00 A.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 9:00 a.m. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Joann C. Austin, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were the Ronald Breton, Sheldon Goodine and Town Clerk Rebecca Hapgood. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald.

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On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept Warrant #52 for \$23,826.83 and Warrant #53 for \$256,659.48 as presented.

Unfinished Business

- **Public Comment** - There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator** – Neil Farrington noted before he left that he had spoken with Windsor's Select Board and Transfer Station Committee.

New Business

- **Public Comment** – Sheldon Goodine asked the Board if anything was going to be done about the Jones Road and Lakeview Drive intersection. Select Board member Paul MacDonald noted that it is a State of Maine issue and it had been mentioned to the State before. Sheldon noted he would take it to the State contact the MDOT.

In other business, it was announced that the Implementation Committee would meet Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. A reminder was announced that Open Transfer Station Day will be Saturday, June 11, 2011 with the same restrictions as last year. It will be noted in the Town Line and in handouts at the Transfer Station and Town Office.

The Planning Board will have fee structure change recommendations for the next SB meeting. Also a list of foreclosures will be available at the next SB meeting.

On motion from Selectperson Joann Austin and second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C Austin, Secretary
China Select Board