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Select Board Meeting

Wednesday – 05/04/2015 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 8:00 a.m. Board members present were Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Neil Farrington, and Joann C. Austin. Others present were Jim Hart, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Amber McAllister had an excused absence. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Neil Farrington.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 04/22/2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept China Payroll Warrant #54 for \$19,893.11, and Town Payables Warrant #55 for \$432,190.90 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time the Board heard from Mr. James Hart, president of the China Regions Lakes Alliance. Mr. Hart provided the Board with a progress report on the numerous initiatives aimed at the improvement of water quality in China Lake. The CRLA presented an invoice for work associated with an application to the Army Corps of Engineers for approval to remove the Masse Dam in Vassalboro. The Board decided not to act on the approval of the expenditure until the next meeting.

Mr. Hart additionally informed the Board that the CRLA is taking applications from high school students interested in working for the organization this summer either on the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program or as members of the Youth Conservation Corps.

- **Committee/Organization Reports – Selectperson Belanger:**
- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development, Mid-Maine Chamber and KRDA Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported the following;

RSU#18: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted the RSU#18 public vote on the 2015-2016 budget is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at the Messalonskee Performing Arts Center in Oakland. A secret ballot to accept or reject the May 7 budget will be held in each town of the RSU on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The polls in China will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town office

EC&D Committee: Selectperson Belanger reported that plans are going well for China Community Days, scheduled for the weekend of August 7-9, 2015.

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Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the

K.V.C.O.G.: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG had CEDS Committee meetings on the budget and new policy and procedures for the KVCOG> KVCOG will also be working on the Revolving Loan Fund language.

KRDA: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger did not have anything to report at this time.

ARI: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that a public presentation on the ARI is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at the Vassalboro Grange Hall in East Vassalboro.

- **Visioning Session – Board Retreat Summary for Consideration:** The Town Manager handed out the summary goals from the Board’s most recent visioning/goals session. The Board intends to review and comment on the summary at a subsequent meeting.
- **MRRA Annual Convention Summary – Selectpersons Irene L. Belanger and Neil Farrington:**

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **RSU#18 District Budget and Budget Validation Referendum Warrants – Signing:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and sign the respective Warrants.

Manager’s Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees – Meetings and Updates: Thurston Park II TBD 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M., Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Tuesday of the Month in 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room, Economic and Community Development Committee, First and Third Thursday of the Month, Time 6:30 P.M., Announced.** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available for 2015 – Must Have a Sticker Displayed to Use Facility:** The Town Manager noted this item for public information purposes.
- **Town Line – Trash Talk Weekly Article:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger agreed to write the first article for the Town Line.
- **Quorum Ordinance – Review and Send to Voters:** The Board will ultimately discuss the proposed changes before recommending voter approval.
- **TIF Information:**

In other business:

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger announced that the CMS Principal Carl Gartley would be taking a position in the RSU#18 administration.

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Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on a federal program for disposing of cans of old paint that should be in place locally before the end of the summer.

The May 2, drug take-back program at the China transfer station brought in more than 40 pounds of expired or unwanted medications for safe disposal and the Shredding –on-Site machine collected a good load of shredded paper to be recycled. The Town Manager publicly thanked the Town of Vassalboro for joining in the Shredding on Site program.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and sign an Order of Municipal Officers, at the request of the Tax Collector, as presented. A copy of the Order will be on file at the town office.

Selectperson Neil Farrington suggested the town add signage to the Welcome to China sign that informs people of the town's Web site.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber McAllister".

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board