

TOWN OF CHINA



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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 06/30/2014 – 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, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Kyle Pierce, Erasmo Gonzalez, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger.

There were not any minutes of the 06/16/2014 Select Board meeting to act upon. The minutes will be available at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #64 for \$19,133.11, Payables Warrant #65 for \$66,541.21 and Payables Warrant #66 for \$134.22 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 –

Shredding On Site: 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. Paul went on to note the cleanliness of the transfer station over many weeks. He noted the number of baled recycled products and recyclables held in gaylord containers the town has in inventory for processing on the commodities market.

Selectperson MacDonald commented about the post 2018 potential operational scenarios for the P.E.R.C. plant in Orrington, of which municipalities are a minority partner. He also referenced an article in the Bangor Daily relating to the trash to energy plant in Portland.

- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the various meetings she has attended over the last two weeks of the RSU#18, KVCOG, and the ECD Committee.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Municipal Appointment – CEO:** On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint William Najpauer Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector for the Town of China.
- **Kyle Pierce – Update on Economic and Community Development/China Community Days Planning:** Kyle Pierce provided the Board with an update on the China Community Days Committee plans. Speaking for the ECD Committee, Kyle said the celebration will begin on Friday evening, August 1, 2014 and continue through Sunday, August 3, 2014. Most of the events will be held on August 2, 2014 at the China ball fields. Some of the planned events will include an antique auto show, a band performance, a fishing derby, children's activities, fireworks, and concession sales. She went on to note that volunteers are needed.

Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted another ECD Committee event planned; a dessert meeting for town businesses with representatives of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments. It is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the China town office.

- **China Rescue – Updating of the SB by Erasmo Gonzalez, President:** China Rescue Squad Chief Erasmo Gonzalez continued the discussion with the SB about the best way to provide a per-call stipend to Rescue volunteers. He and the SB previously agreed that a goal of \$5.00 per call with a maximum of \$3000 annual pay-out was acceptable and could be in the China Rescue budget.

Because the town is obligated to have documentation for all expenditures, and particularly in this case for reimbursement, the Chief and the Town Manager agreed that volunteers would need to submit mileage forms when using their personal vehicles to be able to receive the reimbursement stipend. The Town Manager noted that a volunteer would have to travel at least 8.8 miles to be paid a reimbursement of \$5.00, any traveled miles less than that amount would therefore receive less than the \$5.00 stipend reimbursement. The Town Manager went on to note that a stipend greater than the mileage justified would possibly/legally count as income and turn the volunteer into an employee. The Select Board was not willing for that to happen or to offer more than \$5.00. The Board asked the Town Manager to seek advice on other ways to give a volunteer \$5.00 per call without violating laws or regulations.

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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 Thursday of the Month, Location, Town Office Meeting Room, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, Fourth Wednesday of the Month in 2014, March 26, 6:30 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., Location China Town Office Meeting Room. The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Committees – Announcement of Invitation to Interested Parties:** The Town Manager used this time to put out a word that residents are welcome to volunteer to serve on the various committees in town.
- **Update on Police Search:** The Town Manager updated the Board on the current search for a policeman in China noting that six candidates will be interviewed and that there are some great candidates.
- **Tax Commitment – Update:** The Town Manager noted that the tax commitment for 2014-2015 should be presented to the SB for approval during the month of July. He went on to say that the increases in the education budget would drive the mil rate in China higher, probably by over one mil.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board