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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/13/2015 – 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 Irene L. Belanger, Robert MacFarland, Amber McAllister, and Joann C. Austin. Selectperson Neil Farrington had an excused absence from this meeting. Others present were Al Althenn, David Herard, Scott Pierz, Mary Grow and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Amber McAllister.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/29/2015 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 Payables Warrant #66 for \$6,427.00, China Town Payroll Warrant #1(CBI/CRLA) for \$2,239.99, China Town Payroll Warrant #2 for \$21,771.09 and China Town Payables Warrant #3 for \$462,307.47 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Transfer Station Committee – Mission/Deliverables Expected if Created/Appointed – Post 2018 Operations – Pay Per Throw – Selectperson Neil Farrington:** There were not any reports at this time.
- **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 budget has finally passed and that adjustments to the original numbers would be forthcoming from the Superintendent's office. Funds from additional State Aid to Education are going to be used to offset budgeted revenue insufficiencies.
 - EC&D Committee:** Selectperson Belanger reported that the Committee is focusing on China Community Days. Irene noted that Amber had wanted to have a town-wide flea-market during the Community Days celebration.
 - Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger commented about the Taste of Waterville celebration scheduled to be held on August 5, 2015 and Leadership Breakfast at Thomas College scheduled for September 10, 2015.
 - K.V.C.O.G.:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported that the KVCOG had agreed to sponsor a meeting about Broadband for member communities. She also noted that she attended a session at the KVCOG office about the options for the disposal of carpeting.

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KRDA: Selectperson Irene L. Belanger that the KRDA membership elected a new President, Howard Mette, from Winslow and a new Treasurer, Mike Roy, from Waterville. She went on to note that the KRDA will be applying for a CDBG Grant relating to the Foreign Trade Zone adjacent to Waterville's LaFleur Air Port.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Albert W. Althenn – China Lake and Alewife Restoration:** The Board heard a presentation on China Lake by resident Albert Ward Althenn. Mr. Althenn presented three items in written form to share with the Board:
 - He repeated his long-standing assertion that the China Lake water level is and has been too high since the Maine BEP Board Order establishing a strict regime for the lake level;
 - He considers the recently authorized China Lake draw-down disastrous for overwintering mammals and reptiles and amphibians; and
 - He said he felt the reintroduction of alewives (river herring) into China Lake that lacks natural predators is likely to create another environmental disaster as the alewives multiply unchecked.Mr. Althenn encouraged the Select Board members to do their own research on alewives. He went on to assert that many Maine agencies will be pro-alewife because the state agencies want an alewife harvest to serve as lobster bait. Another fear of his was noted; the alewives will feed on the zooplankton, the ones that are the base of the food chain in the lakes and feed on algae. Without the zooplankton, he asserted, uncontrolled algae blooms could use up all the oxygen in the lake and kill all aquatic life.
- **Foreclosed Property – 60 Day Redemption Period:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to extend a 60 day redemption option to the former owner of the property foreclosed upon. A record of the lien and foreclosure process is on file at the town office.

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.
- **November Election Timeline, Potential November Ballot Items (Tobacco Free Ordinance, Quorum Ordinance, and Pay-Per-Throw:** These items were noted as potential Articles/Questions for the November Ballot if time allows and there is agreement of the Board to move them to the Ballot.

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- **TIF Information/Conversations:** It was noted that the town received official notice of approval from the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development.
- **Police Position Update – Initial Recommendation and Funding:** The Committee will be meeting the week of Monday, July 20, 2015.

In other business; The Chair, Joann C. Austin, noted that the Board had not received the written proposal from a China Rescue recommended consultant that was requested at the June 29, 2015 SB meeting. The consultant is to present to the Board a proposal to conduct an emergency services needs based assessment, with costs.

Mr. David Herard, China Rescue Chief, informed the Board about an initiative to attract new members into China Rescue. He wants to subsidize the training/certification of prospective members in return for service hours to Rescue over a certain period of time. The Board generally supported the initiative if the funding would come from the Rescue operations budget.

On a motion by Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Robert MacFarland, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber McAllister", is written over a horizontal line.

Amber McAllister, Secretary
China Select Board