

# TOWN OF CHINA

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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/16/2012 – 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, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Ronald Breton, Wayne Chadwick, Dave Worster, Scott Pierz, Charles Kojigian, Gail Britton Kojigian, Carol F. White, Charles Plumer, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Chair Peter Foote.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 07/02/2012 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #4 for \$18,912.03, Payroll Warrant #5 for \$7,916.02, and Payables Warrant #6 for \$412,150.17 as presented.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Plowing Bids 2012-2014:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to table this item to the next SB meeting on July 30, 2012. The Town Manager was asked to provide additional information about the respective bids and references provided by the bidders. Five contractors bid on the work, with a wide range of prices submitted.
- **Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Update:**
- **Recycling Coordinator:**

### Recycling Report -

#### Update on Commodities Market (Recycling Items) and Other

**Items...Update on Transfer Station Committee Work:** Recycling Coordinator and Select Board member Paul MacDonald informed the Board about the next loads of recycled materials being sold on the commodities market. He went on to note that the pricing for recycled commodities continues to go down but that there remains a good benefit in recycling because it keeps product out of the waste stream and thereby eliminates tipping fees and transportation costs. A full load of cardboard is scheduled to be sent to the commodities market for sale on Wednesday. Paul estimates that we send out a load of cardboard per month.

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## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was a comment by Planning Board Chairperson Ronald Breton regarding people being mistaken if they believe the June repeal of China's Shore Land Septic System Compliance Ordinance means septic systems around lakes in town are unregulated. He noted State laws govern septic system installation and functioning and water quality protection still apply.

## Manager's Report: - (Non-Action Items)

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II, TBD, and China Historical Society Committee, TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and locations of the meetings of respective committees were announced. Also at this time, the Chairperson of the China Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, Scott A. Pierz, told the Select Board that the committee is taking the rest of the summer off and will not propose any ordinance revisions for a November vote. Mr. Pierz noted that part of the reason for the break is because in June, town voters rejected tow ordinances proposed by the China Planning Board. He went on to suggest that before another ordinance revision goes before the voters, town officials will need to prepare it well and also take necessary time to explain it well.

(The Comprehensive Planning Committees have been working on various initiatives for months.) Mr. Pierz said the current focus of the Implementation Committee is on updating and clarifying procedures and standards for approving commercial development and multi-family housing.

- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining:** It was noted that the Board will proceed to review the visioning goals at a SB meeting that accommodates enough time for a longer review of the list and in depth discussion.
- **Tax Commitment Items – RSU #18 Budget Voting Timeline:** The Town Manager noted that the vote on the school budget will be critical to the decision to commit taxes for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. He went on to say that the SB would have to make important decisions about the tax commitment level if the vote fails for a second time on August 7, 2012.
- **Emergency Services PSAP and Dispatch (CMRCC) – Cliff Wells to Attend 07/16/2012 SB Meeting:** It was noted that Mr. Wells will be attending the next SB meeting to respond to any questions about the services provided by the CMRCC in Augusta. The emergency services and rescue services in China have been notified and most have responded that they will attend.

## **Executive Session – Pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405(A) and/or (E) Enforcement Item:**

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 4-0 to go into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to MRSA 1 Section 405(A) and/or (E) Enforcement Item.

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On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. and resume the regular meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0-1(Austin) to continue to pursue enforcement measures regarding a property off Fire Road #60, more specifically relating to a dangerous building(s)/condemnation hearing notice to be filed and associated with the property off Fire Road #60.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Jennifer Clair to the Lake Access Feasibility Committee.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board