

# TOWN OF CHINA



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## Select Board Meeting

Monday – 07/28/2014 – 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 Bob Batteese, Dolly Batteese, Erv Morrison, Mark Azevedo, Lucas Adams, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by the Town Manager.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 06/30/2014 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept CRLA Payroll Warrant #5 for \$3,241.10, China Payroll Warrant #6 for \$18,418.62, and China Payables Warrant #7 for \$69,528.05 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, with emphasis, again commented about how immaculate the transfer station appears to residents and complimented the employees for how cleanly they keep the site. He noted that some recyclables had been sold on the commodities market recently.

Digressing onto another topic, Selectperson MacDonald summarized a meeting he attended on Orono relating to the post 2018 operations of P.E.R.C. This meeting was sponsored by the Municipal Review Committee, representing the municipal members of P.E.R.C. Paul explained articulately about an alternate proposal to dispose of Municipal Solid Waste, touching upon the possible cost of disposal post 2018 to the new processes of disposal to how long it will take to progress through the certificate of need application process with the MDEP.

- **RSU#18, KVCOG, and Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger volunteers and represents the town on all these groups and provided the Board and audience with summary information relating to the respective entities.

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## New Business:

- **Public Comment:** At this time Kyle Pierce reported on the developments in the Economic and Community Development Committee, particularly reporting on the China Community Days events that will be held early in August. She said that the event needed more volunteers and that brochures with the schedules of China Days Events are available at various locations in town. Selectperson Amber McAllister suggested that the committee consider a community yard sale for next year. Selectperson Peter Foote commented about a monster truck presentation option for next year.
- **Police Officer – Shawn Esler:** It was noted that Shawn's schedule did not permit him to be available this evening. He has rescheduled to be present at the next SB meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2014.
- **Municipal Appointments – China Police Officer, Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Economic and Community Development Committee:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Shawn Esler to the position of Police Officer in the Town of China, to appoint Frank Soares to a position on the Emergency Preparedness Committee and to appoint Lucas Adams to a position on the Economic and Community Development Committee.
- **China Recreation Committee – Dolly Batteese – Well at the China Ball Fields:** Recreation Committee Chairperson Dolly Batteese described plans to drill a well at the China town ball fields. The plan is to initially use the water to irrigate the fields with limited use at the concession stand. Eventually the well might be used for drinking water. The Recreation Committee has been working with Weeks and Sons Well Drilling of Oakland. Dolly noted that she and the Committee are also in continual communication with state officials dealing with water quality.

Dolly said that she thinks the project could be funded within the current year's budget but she asked the Select Board for permission to draw on the recreation reserve account in the town's fund balance if unexpected costs are incurred. The town's CEO is handling all the permitting for the project, she noted. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to consider the project worthy and to use reserve funds if needed.

- **Erv Morrison - Football League Starting Date/Update:** Erv Morrison, president of the Central Maine Football and Cheering League informed the Select Board about football and cheering schedules and intentions for the upcoming season. This year, he noted, he expects approximately 150 youngsters from China and nearby towns to participate in the program. He went on to note that the program is in good shape financially though in need of more good qualified coaches and more volunteers for activities like field maintenance and running the snack shack. Mr. Morrison spoke about his vision for the programs over time. He is to provide the town with a certificate of insurance with the town noted on the certificate as additionally insured. Mr. Morrison will also contact China Rescue about first responder services.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 repeated an invitation for residents interested in serving on China's various committees to call the town office.
- **Tax Commitment – Update:** The Town Manager said that the tax commitment for 2014-2015 would likely take place at the next SB meeting. More of an update on the tax commitment will be provided in the next two weeks.
- **November Election – Time Line:** The Town Manager noted the important points in the time line leading up to the November 2014 election, including what positions are up for election and when nomination papers are available.
- **Van Tuinen to speak at August 11, 2014 Meeting:** It was noted that Mr. Van Tuinen may be available to speak with the Select Board about a TIF District relating to the CMP Power Reliability Options upgrade of the power line in China.
- **MDOT Culvert Replacement:** The Town Manager said that the MDOT intends to replace the culvert under the Waterville Road near the Waterville-Winslow town line before the summer is over. The work will require the closing of the road for up to 36 continuous hours, diverting traffic over the Maple Ridge Road, Stanley Hill Road, and Neck Road and Maine Street in China Village. The MDOT will provide a two week notice before work will begin.

In other business:

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of a pole location permit for CMP to locate a pole on the Deer Hill Road in China.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Belanger) to re-appoint Irene L. Belanger as China's representative to the KVCOG. Irene is currently vice-president of the KVCOG Board of Directors.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joann C. Austin, Secretary  
China Select Board