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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 08/15/2011 – 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, Neil Farrington, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Gary Smith, Charlie Clark, Elwood Ellis, Honeywell Representative James Lucy, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Charles Clark.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 05/09/2011 and 08/01/2011 Select Board meetings as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #10 for \$19,075.12, Payroll Warrant #11 for \$5,570.21, and Payables Warrant #12 for \$496,382.21 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator**

Recycling Report - Neil Farrington: Selectperson Neil Farrington provided the Board with an accounting of the inventory of recyclables at the transfer station. He also noted recent revenues derived from recyclables.

Transfer Station Ordinance Review – SB Initial Discussions/Deliberation and

Survey Review: The Town Manager provided the SB with copies of the Gray, Maine Transfer Station Ordinance for review. The SB agreed to read it for discussion at a later meeting.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Biomass Project/Referendum RSU #18, Superintendent Gary Smith to Address the Board and Special Referendum Election:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Warrant for the Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday September 6, 2011. RSU #18 Superintendent Gary Smith explained the biomass project to the Board. According to Mr. Smith, the project will pay for itself in a relatively short period of time. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3.68 million dollars. It is to be financed by a \$500,000 grant from the Maine Forest Service and a no-interest loan through the federal government stimulus program. The woodchip boiler is to provide heat for three school buildings in Oakland, the Messalonskee Middle and High Schools, and the Williams Elementary School.

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Mr. James Lucy, program manager for Honeywell, (the company contracted with to manage the project); said Honeywell will train RSU #18 employees to run the new plant and will guarantee a level of energy savings for the first 15 years.

The Select Board questioned the Superintendent regarding whether natural gas would be a better alternative than woodchips, now that a pipeline is planned to bring natural gas to central Maine.

It was noted that more information on the project from school officials is available on the RSU #18 Web site.

- **China Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee – Revisions to the China Land Development Code – Time Line to Referendum Vote:** The respective dates to allow for a referendum question to be on the November ballot were noted. It was also noted that the IC will host a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the China Middle School multi-purpose room. The IC is providing information and receiving comments on major proposed changes in the China Land Development Code. IC members and a consultant have drafted proposed changes to Planning Board review of commercial and multi-family developments, and multiple changes to the Land Development Code, including the addition of new land use districts.

Manager's Report:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** The Town Manager noted that the following items were noted as priorities in a most recent “visioning session” of the Select Board. The Board intends to pursue the priority items over the next several months.

Public Officials Training:

Public Access to China Lake:

Recycling:

Regional Initiatives:

Solid Waste Flow and Control Ordinance Revisions – Mandatory Recycling of Cardboard:

Administrative Organizational Structure – Personnel:

Recreational Options:

Field Search:

Causeway and SC Boat Landing Focus:

Thurston Park/Gravel/Recreation/Other:

Village(s) Development:

Historical/Traditional:

Economic Development:

Elderly Housing:

Infrastructure/Capital Investment:

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- **Committees: Implementation Committee – Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room and Public Hearing, Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the CMS, Library Services Committee – Meeting, Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Office (Back) Meeting Room, Thurston Park II, Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.:** The respective committee meeting dates, times, and places were noted.
- **Transfer Station Survey – Preliminary Findings:** The Town Manager noted that the survey deadline has arrived and that the information on the surveys has to be compiled and analyzed. It should take until the end of September to obtain meaningful information from the data compiled. A report will be presented to the SB in late September.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract – Will Need to Negotiate Soon – Committee Considerations:** The Board will consider appointing a committee to negotiate the contract in the near future.
- **KVCAP Announcement on LiHeap Applications:** It was noted that KVCAP is receiving applications for assistance programs and has scheduled times for appointments to be held in China for review of the applications. Residents are encouraged to call KVCAP to schedule appointments.
- **CMP – Maine Power Reliability Program Notice of Work Commencement:** The Town Manager noted for public information that CMP through the MPRP will soon commence the first stage of the project.
- **November Referendum Election – Timeline and Important Dates to Remember:** It was noted that China's local elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the China Town Office. Information on the respective open positions is available at the town office. Nomination papers are now available at the town office.
- **KRDA Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting date, time and place was announced.
- **Implementation Committee and China Land Development Code Recommended Revisions:**
- **Shore Land Septic System Compliance – Program Information and Understanding:**

Other Business: On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint David Simpson to the Wetlands Committee. On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to approve of two BYOB events at The Cabins, one for September 3, 2011 and one for October 8, 2011. The Board also discussed the future of the former South China Inn, which Board member Joann C. Austin noted might be torn down, and asked the Town Manager to notify the owners that the town has an interest in preserving the historic building.

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

China Tax Assessors Meeting
08/15/2011

Agenda:

1. **Abatement(s)**: On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Neil Farrington, the Board voted 4-1 to accept and sign the abatement as presented. A copy is on file at the town office.
2. **Supplemental Tax Assessment(s) and Warrants(s)**: On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Supplemental Tax Assessment as presented. A copy is on file at the town office.

On a motion by Selectperson Neil Farrington and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Assessors voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Assessors

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