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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/23/2013 – 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, Steven Hughes (after 7:00 p.m.), and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Ronald Breton, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Paul MacDonald.

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 09/09/2013 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #20 for \$20,499.74 and Payables Warrant #21 for \$54,562.50 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: 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. He noted that in general the prices for recyclables have stabilized and in particular some plastic recyclables pricing has increased. Paul said it might take about another two to three weeks before another full load of cardboard would be sold on the commodities market. He went on to note that another player in the metal recycling business has been in touch with the town and that we are negotiating pricing with Clark's West Recycling. This will provide the town with an additional competitive environment.

- **RSU#18 and KVCOG updates – Selectperson Irene L. Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger reported on two prior meetings: the agenda for the September 18 RSU#18 meeting in China included a presentation by students who spoke positively about the new curriculum and the Lake Access Feasibility Committee's September 21 informational meeting and public supper at The Cabins drew an audience of 34 residents. Irene also noted the governance meeting at KVCOG would take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Alford Center.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointments:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the appointment papers for ACO as presented. Copies of the appointment papers will be on file at the town office.
- **Town Clerk and Registrar Hours for November 5, 2013 Referendum Election:** On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the paperwork as presented for the recommended hours for the Town Clerk and Registrar. Copies will be on file at the town office.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: The Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, China Library Feasibility Committee, the Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and China Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times, and places of the meetings were announced.
- **Time-Warner Cable Contract – Negotiators Assigned:** The Board will appoint people to engage in negotiations on a new contract soon. The current contract expires early in 2014.
- **Free Pesticide Disposal – Date, Time, and Location:** It was announced that a Saturday, September 27, is the deadline for registering with the State Bureau of Pesticide Control or the State Department of Environmental Protection, via their Web sites, for a to-be-scheduled free pesticide disposal day.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day–Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00: Noon, Winslow Public Works, 13 Halifax Street in Winslow:** It was announced that a household hazardous waste drop-off day is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, at the Winslow Public Works Garage at 13 Halifax Street, Winslow from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Information and preregistration about the day will be handled by the China Transfer Station.
- **Public Hearing On November 5 Ballot Questions – Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. CMS:** It was announced that the obligatory public hearing on the November 5, 2013 ballot questions will be held on Monday, November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the China Middle School. It will be appropriately advertised.
- **Foreclosure Properties:** It was announced that Friday, October 18, 2013 will be the deadline for submission of bids for tax-acquired properties and that bidding information is available at the town office and on the town's Web site.

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In other business;

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 Red Light Application for Thomas Alfieri, sponsored by China Rescue, as presented. A copy of the application will be on file at the town office. The respective driving record was researched and found to be good and a statement from the China Rescue Chief recommending approval was submitted.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the Warrant for the November 5, 2013 ballot as presented.

On a motion by Selectperson Steven Hughes and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board