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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/24/2012 – 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, Steven Hughes, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Robert Batteese, Tim Theriault, David Herard, Margaret Herard, Justin Cerbarano, Phil Curtis (MDOT), Charles Plumer, Dale Worster, 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 Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the 09/17/2012 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Payroll Warrant #19 for \$19,417.64, Payroll Warrant #20 for \$248.13, and Payables Warrant #21 for \$446,412.54 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: It was noted that the market pricing for recyclables continues to be declining. Recycling continues to offset the tipping fee for processing of MSW at the PERC plant in Orrington. Emphasis is being placed on sending one type of product to the commodities market rather than mixed loads as the return is greater. Transfer station employees are focusing on sending the cleanest loads to market fearing that vendors for recycled commodities may reject loads with certain amounts of contaminated product.

- **China Rescue:** The Board decided through consensus to process any China Rescue claims for reimbursement for incurred expenses in 2011-2012 through the town warrant payable process.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Liquor License Renewal Application – China Dine-ah:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign a liquor license renewal application for the China Dine-ah.
- **Town Clerk and Registrar Hours for 10/02/2012 (RSU#18 Budget) and 11/06/2012 (Municipal) Elections:** On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Town Clerk and Registrar's hours as presented. The place for voting and the polling hours were announced: for the October 2, 2012 school budget vote, 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the China town office and for the November 6, 2012 referendum election, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the China Middle School.
- **Phil Curtis – MDOT – Variable Speed Spreaders and Salt Priority (Winter Maintenance Dynamics):** Phil Curtis of the State Department of Transportation talked about the advantages of changing winter road maintenance from the traditional town methods to something resembling the State's salt priority procedure. Mr. Curtis said the State's process, when monitored and the correct applications are followed, keeps roads safe with much less sand and about the same amount of salt as the traditional sand-salt method. Making the change would require new equipment for some trucks (variable speed spreaders and calcium chloride tanks with applicators) and training for drivers. Mr. Curtis said the State would provide the training.

Mr. Curtis said that the success of the change in methods is to apply premoistened salt early in each snow storm before there is packed snow on the road. By doing so, the early snow turns quickly to slush and then is easily plowed off as slush.

The Board asked questions and left the decisions on how to proceed in snowstorms to the Road Commissioner.

Manager's Communications (Non-Action Items):

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Committees: Implementation Committee – TBD, the Thurston Park II TBD, China Historical Society Committee TBD, Transfer Station Committee Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Office Meeting Room; and Lake Access Feasibility Committee, Friday September 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room:** The respective dates, times and places for committee meetings were announced.
- **Visioning Goals Reviewed – Accomplishments/Items Remaining:** The Board will deliberate on this item at their next meeting.
- **Plowing Bids 2012-2014 – Contract Signing:** The Town Manager presented the Board with a copy of the recommended plowing contract. The Board decided to sign the contract after the winning bidder, Leon Rancourt of Dirt Diggers Inc. signs the contract. There was discussion about executing a performance bond by Mr. Rancourt, the cost to be paid for by the town. The added cost, according to the Town Manager would approximate \$2.21 per hour of winter road

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maintenance. It was noted that the additional amount per hour added to the initial bid for the plowing contracts would still keep Mr. Rancourt well below the next highest bidder and would be a prudent move for the town. This item will be on the next agenda.

In other business the Board:

It was announced that the household Hazardous Waste collection will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Winslow public Works headquarters at 135 Halifax Street in Winslow.

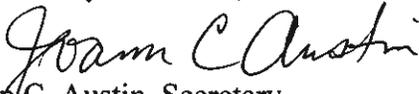
It was announced that the Drug Take-Back day will be on Saturday, September 29, 2012

It was announced that a public hearing on the November ballot item relating to the filing of a petition to withdraw from RSU#18 will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012, immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.

The SB agreed to hold the public hearing on the November election article dealing with withdrawal from RSU#18 on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the China Town Office.

On a motion by Selectperson Paul MacDonald and a second by Selectperson Steven Hughes, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board