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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 09/08/2014 – Town Office Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Irene L. Belanger sitting in for Chair Peter Foote, at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Joann C. Austin, Amber McAllister, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Sam Mason, Joseph Merry, Jim Hart, David Landry, Dale Worster, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Selectperson Paul MacDonald. Peter Foote and Joann Austin arrived during the meeting.

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of the 08/25/2014 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Amber McAllister, the Board voted 3-1 (MacDonald)-1(Foote) to accept CRLA Payroll Warrant #14 for \$1,176.65, China Town Payroll Warrant #15 for \$19,978.48, and China Town Payables Warrant #16 for \$476,703.10 as presented. There was a great deal of discussion on certain payables before the Board approved the payables warrant. Some of the Board members had concerns and questions about the purchase of a Fit Test machine and also about how the CRLA (China Region Lakes Alliance) will expense what might be allocated to them by the Select Board.

Selectperson Paul MacDonald wanted to see an agreement or contract between the Town of Albion and the Town of China for use or part ownership of the Fit Test machine if Albion was indeed going to pay for part of the cost of the machine. Paul also wanted to note that the machine would be owned by the Town of China because the cost exceeded the \$2500 threshold for an equity position in purchases as was voted upon at the last Annual Town Business Meeting in China.

Selectperson Amber McAllister did not agree with the fire department procedures and the way in which they chose to inform the Select Board. She noted that the department officers should have thoroughly verified the "OSHA"/Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards requirements and then kept the Board informed.

Mr. James Hart and Mr. David Landry spoke about the history of the CRLA initiative relating to water quality in China Lake. Their information covered CRLA's plans to remove dams or provide fish passage around them so that alewives can migrate into China Lake.

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 noted that he was happy to see the metal pile gone and the wood pile cleaned up.
- **MMA Municipal Solid Waste Policy Survey Results:** Selectperson Paul MacDonald asked if the Board read the survey results. He felt that the pay-per-bag system of MSW collection was supported by the results. Paul recommends the pay-per-bag system for China.
- **RSU#18, KVCOG, Economic & Community Development Updates – Selectperson Belanger:** Selectperson Irene L. Belanger noted:

The KVCOG is sponsoring a CEDS meeting on Tuesday, 09/09/2014:

There was not much new information at the RSU#18; and

The Economic and Community Development Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the town office.

Irene did go on to note that the Shredding-On-Site company would be in China on September 27, 2014 at the transfer station, the same day as the drug drop-off day, and that the Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day will be held in Winslow at the Public Works Garage on October 18, 2014, and that she will be accepting an award on behalf of the Town of China at the Healthy Northern Kennebec organization meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

New Business:

- **Public Comment:** Dale Worster noted that the private initiative to purchase The Cabins at China Lake ran out of steam. He said he tried many options to obtain funding but came up short.
- **TIF Agreement Conversation Continued:** The Board agreed by consensus to continue moving forward in this initiative. More information will be forthcoming for discussion.
- **MMA – Voting Credentials for MMA Annual Business Meeting:** On a motion by Selectperson Peter Foote and a second by Selectperson Amber McAllister, the Board voted 5-0 to designate Irene L. Belanger as a voting delegate for China at the Annual MMA Convention Business Meeting and to designate Joann C. Austin as an Alternate Voting Delegate.

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 2nd 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.
- **MDOT Culvert Replacement – Route #137 – Mud Pond Area:** The replacement time was noted and the progress was also noted on this initiative.
- **China Lake Water Level and Draw-Down Regime:** The draw-down time-line was noted by Jim Hart, president of the CRLA and employee of the KWD.

In other business, the Town Manager noted that he would soon begin to advertise for a full-time position at the Transfer Station and Public Works Department. The person hired would be able to work between both departments and have management decision-making skills.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Joann C. Austin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board

Assessors' Meeting
09/08/2014

On a motion by Selectperson Amber McAllister and a second by Selectperson Peter Foote, the Board voted 5-0 to open the Assessors' meeting at 8:40 p.m. Assessors present were Peter Foote, Amber McAllister, Joann C. Austin, Irene L. Belanger, and Paul MacDonald. Others present were the Town Manager.

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Agenda

- I. Abatement(s): 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 abatements as presented. Copies will be on file at the town office.

Adjourn: On a motion by Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joann C. Austin, Secretary