



# Town of China

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## China Select Board, Tuesday – 1/21/2020

### Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M. – Town Office Meeting Room

Select persons present: Ronald Breton, Donna Mills-Stevens, Wayne Chadwick, and Irene Belanger. Absent: Town Manager: Dennis Heath. Others present: Rebecca Hapgood, Meg Robbins, William VanWickler, Trishea Story, Robert Batteese, Richard Morse, Timothy Basham, Misha Littlefield, Rodney Littlefield, Anita Smith, Elaine Philbrook, and Mary Grow.

### MINUTES

Chairman Ronald Breton opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve the minutes of the 1/06/2020 Select Board meeting; approved 4-0
- b. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to approve the minutes of the 1/07/2020 Select Board meeting; approved 4-0

#### **II. Warrants**

- a. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to approve China Payroll Warrant #46 for \$35,016.59; approved 4-0
- b. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to approve China Payroll Warrant #47 for \$86,283.37; approved 4-0

#### **III. Department Reports**

- a. Organization Reports/Committee Reports – Sel. Irene Belanger/other

#### **IV. Unfinished Business**

- a. Discussion and possible action on Administrative Code of Ethics requirements to declare conflict of interest.
  - i. Presentation by China Town Attorney Amanda Meader, Esq.
  - ii. Declarations of conflict of interest – none declared
  - iii. Any additional actions as may be appropriateMotion by Ronald Breton and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to declare that Kevin Maroon, Robert Batteese and Thomas Rumpf have a conflict of interest according to State Statute and China's Code of Ethics. After much discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 1-1-2.

**Requested/Expected Action:** Accept/Approve/Sign- Various Action Items, Board Input

V. **New Business**

- a. Public Comment – none
  - b. Appointments:
    - i. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Wayne Chadwick to appoint Trishea Story as Budget Committee Secretary; approved 4-0
    - ii. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Wayne Chadwick to appoint Sandra Isaac as China for a Lifetime Committee Member; approved 4-0
  - c. Anita Smith presented the Town Forest harvest plan. Motion by Donna Mills-Stevens and second by Irene Belanger to approve the plan; approved 4-0
  - d. Heritage Tour Scholarship Selection- Tabled
  - e. Statutory requirements for appropriating money to support incorporated volunteer fire associations. More discussion ensued.
  - f. Motion by Ronald Breton and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to approve Bar Harbor Bank and Trust authorization resolution; approved 4-0
- Requested/Expected Action:** Accept/Approve/Sign- Various Action Items, Board Input

VI. **Manager's Communications** – (Non-Action Items)

- a. Hiring of PW worker
  - b. Select Board budget meeting on 1/27/2020 at 5:00 pm
- Requested/Expected Action:** Board Input if desired

VII. **Adjourn**

Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Wayne Chadwick to adjourn at 8:12 pm; approved 4-0

**Assessors Meeting (immediately following the Select Board meeting)**

**Agenda**

- I. **Abatements/Supplemental Assessments:**
  - a. Motion by Ron Breton and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve Troy Bulmer abatement; approved 4-0
  - b. Motion by Irene Belanger and second by Donna Mills-Stevens to deny Maine Boat Rentals abatement; approved 4-0
  
- II. **Adjourn**

Motion to by Irene Belanger and second by Wayne Chadwick to adjourn at 8:15pm; approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



Irene Belanger  
Secretary, China Select Board