China Select Board, Tuesday – 1/31/2022 Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M. –Zoom and Livestream

<u>Selectmen present</u>: Ronald Breton, Wayne Chadwick, Janet Preston, Blane Casey, and Jeanne Marquis. <u>Absent</u>: none <u>Town Manager</u>: Rebecca Hapgood. <u>Others Present</u>: Norman Black, Jim Lane, Jeanna Varney, Sheriff Wood and Mary Grow. <u>Others Present via Zoom</u>: Jen Smith, Anita Smith, Trishea Story, Angela Nelson, Shawn Reed, Jennifer Chamberlain, and Brent Chesley.

Chairman Ronald Breton opened the meeting at 6:35 pm after a slight Zoom issue and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve minutes of the 01/18/2022 Select Board Meeting; approved 5-0
- **b.** Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve minutes of the 01/24/2022 Select Board Meeting; approved 5-0

II. Warrants

- a. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to approve Payroll Warrant #58 for \$38,627.11; approved 5-0
- **b.** Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Jeanne Marquis to approve Payables Warrant #59 for \$39,859.52; approved 5-0

III. Unfinished Business

a. Discussed returning to stickers at transfer station.

IV. New Business

- a. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to appoint Paul Lucas as Transfer Station Committee member; approved 5-0.
- **b.** Discussed Select Board member Janet Preston's proposed language for insurance review. No action taken.

V. Public Comment- none.

VI. Select Board members' comments-none.

VII. Budget deliberations

a. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Jeanne Marquis to give a COLA 6% raise; failed 2 (JP/JM) -3 (BC/WC/RB) Motion by Blane Casey and second

by Wayne Chadwick to give a 3% raise; Motion amended by Janet Preston and seconded by Jeanne Marquis to give a 4.5% COLA raise; failed 2 (JP/JM) – 3 (RB/WC/BC). Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to give a 3% raise; approved 3 (RB/WC/BC) – 2 (JP/JM)

- b. Discussed 41- Administration budget.
- c. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and seconded by Blane Casey to approve 43-Boards & Committees budget, with the Town Managers column; approved 5-0
- d. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and seconded by Blane Casey to approve 44-Association dues budget, with the Town Managers column; approved 5-0
- e. Discussed 45- Assessing budget.
- f. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and seconded by Blane Casey to approve 47-Legal budget, with the Town Managers column; approved 5-0
- g. Discussed 48- Animal Control budget.

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

- a. Date of regular meetings February 14 & February 28
- b. PFAS information is updated on the town's web site.
- c. Holiday closing- February 21- President's Day
- d. Words of appreciation to town's plowing crew.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Janet Preston to adjourn at 8:30 pm; approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Preston

Secretary, China Select Board