



Town of China

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China Select Board, Monday – 12/6/2021

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M.- **In person, Zoom, and Livestream**

Select Board members present: Wayne Chadwick (via zoom), Janet Preston, Ronald Breton, Jeanne Marquis, and Blane Casey Town Manager: Rebecca Hapgood Absent: none Others Present via zoom: Angela Nelson. Others Present: Deputy Curtis, Jennifer Chamberlain, Kelly Grotton, Ronald Marois, Andrew Cowing, Shawn Reed, Brent Chelsey, Gary McCarty, Joshua Watson, Sheldon Goodine, Larry Sikora, and Mary Grow.

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

MINUTES

I. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Janet Preston to approve 11/22/2021 Select Board Meeting minutes; approved 5-0

II. **Warrants**

- a. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to approve Payroll Warrant #50 for \$42,563.73; approved 5-0
- b. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to approve Payables Warrant #51 for \$456,873.34; approved 5-0

III. Deputy Curtis gave KSO report.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Discussed - ranked choice voting for municipal elections
 - i. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to leave voting method as traditionally been; approved 3 (WC, BC, RB) -2 (JP, JM)
- b. Discussed – MRC – Bangor Daily News Report

V. **New Business**

- a. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Jeanne Marquis to appoint Lucas Adams as Tax Increment Financing Committee (TIF) member; approved 5-0
- b. Report - Larry Sikora, Transfer Station Committee chair
- c. Report – Sheldon Goodine, Municipal Building Committee chair
- d. Discussion – employee health insurance benefits
 - i. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to add the PPO 1500 plan; approved 5-0

- ii. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Jeanne Marquis to maintain the current health plan and benefits for the staff; denied 3 (BC, WC, RB) – 2 (JP, JM) motion failed
- e. Reviewed – municipal policies & orders:
 - 1. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to accept Select Board Meeting Policy as presented; approved 5-0
 - 2. Personnel Policy- town attorney is currently reviewing

VI. Department Reports

- a. Administration – Angela Nelson
- b. Public Works – Shawn Reed
- c. Transfer Station – Ron Marois
- d. Assessing – Kelly Grotton
- e. Code Enforcement – Jaime Hanson

VII. Public Comment- Brent Chesley on employee insurance.

VIII. Select Board members' comments

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

- a. Date of meetings – December 6 & 20
- b. Senior Day will be moved to Thursday, December 9th due to impending weather. Preference in hours have changed the events to 10 am to noon.

X. Adjourn

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to adjourn at 8:25 pm; approved 5-0

Assessors Meeting (immediately following the Select Board meeting)

MINUTES

I. Abatements and or Supplemental Tax Assessments:

a. Abatements:

- 1. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to accept Knowles, Keith W. & Christina M. abatement for \$720.00; approved 5-0
- 2. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Janet Preston to accept Fleming, James R. & Miyoko abatement for \$14.40; approved 5-0
- 3. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Jeanne Marquis to deny Bauman, John Christopher & Simonds, Kathryn A. abatement request; approved 5-0
- 4. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to deny Merrill, Jacob abatement request; approved 5-0
- 5. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to accept Pressey, Kip – KJ Pressey & Sons Trucking abatement for \$259.20; approved 5-0
- 6. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to accept Eori, Sean abatement for \$496.80; approved 5-0

II. Adjourn

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to adjourn at 8:36 pm; approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary, Janet Preston

Holiday schedule: (Christmas and New Year's Day falls on Saturday)

Christmas

Town Office – closed Friday 12/24 and Saturday 12/25.

Public Works – closed Thursday 12/23 and Friday 12/24.

Transfer Station – closed Friday 12/24 and Saturday 12/25

New Year's Day

Town Office – closed Friday 12/31 and Saturday 1/1.

Public Works – closed Thursday 12/30 and Friday 12/31.

Transfer Station – closed Friday 12/31 and Saturday 1/1