



# Town of China

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**China Select Board, Monday – 3/28/2022**

**Select Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M. – Zoom and Livestream**

Select Board members present: Ronald Breton, Wayne Chadwick, Janet Preston, Blane Casey, and Jeanne Marquis. Absent: none. Town Manager: Rebecca Hapgood. Others Present: Brent & Cathy Chesley, Deputy Elijah Curtis, Tim Basham, and Mary Grow. Others Present via Zoom: Jennifer Chamberlain, Angela Nelson, Elizabeth Curtis, Larry Sikora, and Mike Sullivan.

Chairman Ronald Breton opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

## MINUTES

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

- a. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Janet Preston to approve 3/14/2022 Select Board meeting minutes; approved 5-0

### **II. Warrants**

- a. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve Payroll Warrant #67 for \$35,266.10; approved 5-0
- b. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to approve Payables Warrant #68 for \$84,857.14; approved 5-0

### **III. Unfinished Business**

- a. Discussed update on Palermo bag purchase for transfer station.

### **IV. New Business**

- a. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Janet Preston accept the transfer station user fees as presented (and included with approved minutes as an attachment), including the out of China/Palermo MSW fee to \$4.00 per 33-gallon bag (or less) or be weighed, effective April 1, 2022; approved 5-0
- b. Update from KRDA meeting by Blane Casey
- c. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Wayne Chadwick to approve quitclaim deed to Heirs of Craig D. Conary; approved 5-0
- d. Motion by Blane Casey and second by Wayne Chadwick to allow Town Manager to place the remaining unpaid foreclosures to a sealed bid process; approved 5-0
- e. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Jeanne Marquis to appoint list of democrat & republican ballot clerks as presented (and included with approved minutes); approved 5-0

- f. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Jeanne Marquis to have Attorney Meader craft a Solar Moratorium Ordinance for possible addition to the June municipal vote; approved 3 (RB/JP/JP) – 2 (WC/BC)

**V. Public Comment- none**

**VI. Select Board members' comments-** Janet Preston discussed broadband updates.

**VII. Budget deliberations**

- a. Motion by Ronald Breton and second by Janet Preston to increase the COLA by an additional 1.5%; approved 3 (RB/JP/JM) – 2 (BC/WC)
- b. Discussed public works budget
- c. Discussed transfer station budget
- d. Discussed ARPA projects:
  - 1. Motion by Janet Preston and second by Jeannie Marquis to approve ARPA frontline workers' pay using last column in the amount of \$26,655.52 plus FICA & MED; failed 2 (JP/JM) - 3 (RB/WC/BC)
  - 2. Motion by Ronald Breton and second by Blane Casey to approve ARPA frontline workers' pay using first column, at 50 cents per hour times hours worked, in the amount of \$15,042.55 plus FICA & MED; approved 4-1 (WC)
  - 3. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Janet Preston to accept all ARPA proposed expenditures listed for this year for a total of \$132,200.00; approved 4-0 (BC)
- e. Discussed warrant review.

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

- a. Cameras have been installed at the transfer station
- b. Date of regular meetings- April 11 & April 25
- c. Special meeting April 4 at 6:30 pm
- d. RFID use at transfer station

**IX. Executive Session- under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (C) to discuss real property interest to the Town**

- a. Motion by Ronald Breton and second by Wayne Chadwick to enter into executive session at 8:36 pm; approved 5-0
- b. Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to exit executive session at 8:47 pm; approved 5-0
- c. No action taken from executive session.

**I. Adjourn**

Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Blane Casey to adjourn at 8:48 pm;  
approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Preston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Preston  
Secretary, China Select Board