

Attendance for 2/5/24 TIF Meeting – Brent Chesley, Ben Weymouth, Karin Morin, Becky Hapgood, Lucas Adams, James Pitney

Voted unanimously to accept previous meeting minutes from 10/30/23 James motioned, Lucas second.

OLD BUSINESS

Becky discussed the financial report with a few expenditures. James asked what we can expect from CMP (improvements, payment, etc.). Becky is expecting to meet with someone towards the end of the month and will no more then.

NEW BUSINESS

The members then went over the applications in order below;

1. CHINA LAKE ICE FISHING DERBY requested \$5,000 and James motioned, Karen second, and unanimous all-in favor
2. CHINA FOUR SEASONS CLUB requested \$40,000 & THURSTON PARK requested \$48,482. With representatives from each group giving their reasoning for what they were asking for, there was much discussion. A lot of the discussion was regarding a side by side, and chainsaw requested by Thurston Park. It was agreed the committee needs to find out if this can be allowed by the town (insurance, liability, maintenance, who can use it, etc.), which Becky was going to try to get some clarification on that. After all was said and done, both China Four Seasons Club and Thurston Park agreed to split the allotted amount of \$65,000 evenly. James motioned \$32,500 to both Ben second and unanimous all-in favor. Brent would like to have Thurston Park resubmit a new application with the necessary changes.
3. CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATION requested \$25,000 with Stephen Greene on zoom explaining the purpose was to protect the quality of the lake and to keep the Youth Conservation Corps program and the Courtesy Boat Inspection program running. Jamie motioned, Lucas second and unanimous all-in favor.
4. TOWN OF CHINA had 4 applications – China Community Days requested \$10,000, Margaret Chase Smith Policy - Intern requested \$10,100, KVCOG requested \$7,725 and Mid Maine Chamber Commerce requested \$500. All motioned, second, unanimous all-in favor.
5. BROADBAND requested \$10,000 and a continuation of the annual \$30,000 set aside Ben motioned, Karen second, unanimous all-in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Rumpf mentioned that the TIF Committee should look into increasing the funding amount of \$65,000 for the use of the club and park.