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**Town of China Minutes for the Annual Town Business Meeting
Election Format, June 8, 2021**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the 2021-2022 property tax levy limit of \$1,768,773.15 established for China under 30-A M.R.S. § 5721-A, 7.A.

Passed with 183 yeas and 81 nays.

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following estimated revenues to be received to reduce the property tax assessment for FY 2021/2022 and shall the Select Board be authorized to appropriate surplus revenues in support of such unforeseen expenses or revenue shortages as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town?

Passed with 242 yeas and 32 nays.

Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 116,180.00
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 216,178.00
Excise Taxes	\$ 975,000.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 335,000.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 48,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 47,500.00
Transfer Station Revenue	\$ 126,000.00
FirstPark	\$ 25,471.00
Other Town Revenue	\$ 96,000.00
Total Revenue 2021-2022	\$ 1,985,329.00

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$589,437 for Administration, the sum of \$214,600 for Administration Other, and \$25,000 for Accrued Compensation expenses.

Passed with 212 yeas and 62 nays.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,275 for Boards and Committees expenses.

Passed with 197 yeas and 77 nays.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,351 for Association Dues, the sum of \$16,000 for Welfare and the sum of \$10,540 for Social Services expenses.

Passed with 214 yeas and 60 nays.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$146,605 for Assessing expenses and \$30,000 for Legal expense.

Passed with 192 yeas and 82 nays.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,530 for Animal Control expenses, the sum of \$34,000 for Police expenses and \$40,060 for Dispatch expenses.

Passed with 225 yeas and 50 nays.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,547 for Fire and Rescue Services expenses.

Passed with 261 yeas and 15 nays.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$623,005 for Transfer Station expenses and to appropriate demolition debris revenues received above estimated amounts in FY 2020/2021 to offset overages in the FY 2020/2021 demolition debris tipping expense account.

Passed with 223 yeas and 51 nays.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,423,692 for Public Works expenses.

Passed with 219 yeas and 57 nays.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$107,500 for Community Support Organizations expenses.

Passed with 190 yeas and 86 nays.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,000 for Cemetery Care expenses.

Passed with 248 yeas and 28 nays.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance \$123,680 for Contingency expenses and any amounts unexpended during FY 2021/2022 will be credited to the appropriate assigned or unassigned fund balance.

Passed with 218 yeas and 57 nays.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,471 for FirstPark expenses.

Failed by 3 votes with 135 yeas and 138 nays.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to A) adopt the Second Amended Central Maine Power/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District Development Program and the Findings, Terms and Provisions Relating to that Program, and B) raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000 from tax increment (TIF) revenues for expenditure in accordance with that Program.
Passed with 200 yeas and 73 nays.

Article 17. For Articles 4 through 16, shall the Select Board be authorized to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2021/2022 fiscal year or carry forward remaining amounts from 2020/2021 to the 2021/2022 budget as the Select Board deems prudent, and shall the Select Board be authorized to place unexpended funds as they deem in the best interests of the Town in related reserve accounts or reserve accounts they deem should be established, the funds which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board?
Passed with 223 yeas and 48 nays.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to earmark the balance, after administration expenses, of the Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the China Four Season Club. The cost allocated to administration is not to exceed \$3.00 per snowmobile.
Passed with 232 yeas and 42 nays.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) Tax Payment due dates to be Thursday, September 30, 2021 and Thursday, March 31, 2022, and to charge an Interest Rate of six percent (6%) per annum after each tax payment due date, at the daily rate of 0.000164383 for each day, or fraction thereof, the payment is overdue and to further authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506, at a rate of 0.00% interest per annum, and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from Overlay to offset abatements granted throughout the year.
Passed with 239 yeas and 35 nays.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and convey, by Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, tax acquired properties, and to execute Waiver of Foreclosure documents as determined to be in the best interests of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
Passed with 220 yeas and 52 nays.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Select Board to accept, and/or expend on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property; and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from TIF grant match funds any required match for approval of such grants throughout the year.

Passed with 225 yeas and 48 nays.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damages occurring to the Town owned real and personal property and to have the funds allocated to the municipal department whose property was damaged.

Passed with 238 yeas and 24 nays.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance and roadside mowing.

Passed with 225 yeas and 37 nays.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell by sealed bid a 1982 John Deere grader VIN# 670A406051DW and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the Public Works Reserve Account.

Passed with 248 yeas and 15 nays.

Article 25. Shall the voters of the Town of China authorize the sale of property located at Tax Map 63 Lot 8 further identified in Book 12492 Page 177 filed at the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds by a licensed real estate agent and to further authorize the proceeds of the sale to be put into an assigned fund to reduce the mil rate in the fiscal year following the sale and to further authorize the Select Board or Town Manager on behalf of the Select Board to sign associated documents as required at time of sale.

Passed with 174 yeas and 87 nays.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote that if any article herein does not pass, the amounts appropriated in FY 2020/2021 for the subject article shall be deemed adopted for FY 2021/2022.

Passed with 198 yeas and 65 nays.

Kelly Grotton, Moderator, closed polls at 8:00 pm, with a total voter participation of 278 consisting of 65 absentee votes while 213 voted on Election Day.

Respectfully Submitted,


Angela Nelson, Town Clerk