



Select Board Meeting - with department reports

Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:45 pm

All participants are welcome to join in person. You may watch via Livestream and see prior meetings at: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/china_me

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5:45 p.m. - Public Hearing for the Annual Town Business Meeting Warrant - Ordinances and Articles

1. Open public hearing

Minutes:

Chair Wayne Chadwick opened the public hearing at 5:45 pm.

2. Article 29 - Town of China Planning Board Ordinance

Minutes:

Toni Wall stated that the changes are basically changing positions from elected to appointed and doing away with districts.

3. Article 30 - Town of China Land Development Code, Chapter 2. Land Use Ordinance, Chapter 3. Subdivision Ordinance and Chapter 11. Definitions

Minutes:

Toni Wall stated that changes are due to affordable housing which legislature had passed.

4. Article 31 - Town of China Land Development Code, Chapter 8. Solar Energy Systems Ordinance

Minutes:

Toni Wall summarized the ordinance. Current Land Use Ordinance has no regulations.

5. Articles 1-28

Minutes:

Joann Austin would like to have more residents involved and informed.

Richard Morse would like to see the Town go back to in person town meeting.

Helen Roy questioned Article 6 Northern Lights requested funds.

Joann Austin asked what the towns undesignated fund balance is. Town Manager replied

\$1,742,112, which is included in our audit and is posted on the town website.

Sheldon Goodine would like to see the Town go back to in person town meeting.

Elaine Mather would like to see the Select Board reach out to residents with more information about meetings, not all residents drive by the electronic sign.

Joann Austin questioned Article 15 for the amount we receive in snowmobile funds from the State.

Toni Wall stated that she attends most Select Board meetings and frequently nobody attends.

They are mindful of the town funding and don't always just vote everything through. Apathy in this country for voting and public service is at an all-time low and waiting for enough people to show up for the town meeting to start is a struggle. After a few articles, half of those people leave, leaving 80ish people to vote on the budget for the whole town.

6. Close public hearing

Minutes:

Closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm.

Regular Select Board Meeting - immediately following the public hearing

7. Call to Order

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Chair Wayne Chadwick opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Roll Call

Minutes:

Select Board members present: Wayne Chadwick, Blane Casey, Brent Chesley, Janet Preston, and Jeanne Marquis. **Absent:** none. **Town Manager:** Rebecca Hapgood. **Others Present:**

Elaine Mather, Cathy Chesley, Sheldon Goodine, Helen Roy, Toni Wall, Glen Wall, Joann Austin, Deputy Stefanizzi, Nancy Lemieux, Larry Lemieux, Richard Morse, Marilyn Reed, and Mary Grow.

Others Present via zoom: Ann Austin, Eric Austin, and Dylan Tusinski.

10. Agenda – Welcome; agenda and decorum review

11. Approval of April 22, 2024 minutes

Minutes:

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to approve April 22, 2024 meeting minutes; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

12. Payroll Warrant #44 - \$39,124.26

Minutes:

Motion by Blane Casey and second by Brent Chesley to accept Payroll Warrant #44 in the amount of \$39,124.26; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

13. Payables Warrant #45 - \$493,454.98

Minutes:

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to approved Payables Warrant #45 for \$493,454.98; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

14. Unfinished Business

Minutes:

None.

15. New Business

a. Delta Ambulance contract for 2024-2025

Minutes:

Motion by Blane Casey and second by Janet Preston to accept the contract and authorize Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Town; approved 5-0

Amended motion by Blane Casey and second by Jeanne Marquis the Town Manager has the authority to sign the contract as presented after June 11, 2024 Election if the funding passes; approved 5-0

b. Rita's Catering for Erskine Academy reunion

Minutes:

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Blane Casey to approve Rita's Catering application; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Municipal Officers' Return for public hearing notice

Minutes:

Motion by Wayne Chadwick and second by Brent Chesley to accept the Municipal Officers' Return for public hearing notice; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

d. Time Clock Plus - 3 year contract

Minutes:

Motion by Jeanne Marquis and second by Janet Preston to authorize Town Manager to approve the Time Clock Plus 3-year contract; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 1

16. Public Comment

Minutes:

Sheldon Goodine would like to utilize the white barn for storage and renovate the portable building to suit the emergency center purposes and bring it up to code.

Joann Austin would like the Town and the China Historical Society to work together for the creation of the new records storage facility.

17. Department Updates

- a. Town Clerk
- b. Public Services
- c. Assessing
- d. Code Enforcement

18. Select Board Member comments

Minutes:

Wayne Chadwick said that he glad about the public hearing turn out but would like to see more public involvement. If anyone has any ideas how to make that happen, he would love to hear them.

19. Manager communication – non-action items

- a. Election - June 11th - Polls open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
- b. November Election timeline

20. Adjourn

Minutes:

Motion by Janet Preston and second by Brent Chesley to adjourn at 7:13 pm; approved

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

Signature

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Preston - Secretary, Select Board

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