



Select Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2026 at 5:00 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

You may also join via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Brent Chesley

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Chair Brent Chesley led those in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Select Board members present: Thomas Rumpf, Edwin Bailey, Natasha Littlefield, Blane Casey and Brent Chesley; Town Manager: Rebecca Hapgood Others present: Kyle Pierce, Toni Wall, Taylor Arsenault and family and teachers and representative from J&M Exteriors; Online Steve Sarnow

4. Agenda – Welcome; agenda and decorum review

Please note - the Executive session is not open to the public. If the board completes the Executive Session prior to 6:00 p.m., the board will recess until 6:00 p.m. so that members of the public can join the meeting. If the Executive Session lasts until after 6:00 p.m., the door will remain locked until the session is completed. Participants could come to the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m., but will need to leave once the board votes to go into Executive Session.

**Executive session - Pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement
Application 2026-01**

Poverty abatement 2026-01

On motion by Thomas Rumpf and second by Blane Casey voted for the board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of MRSA Title 36, §841(2), to consider a request for an abatement of taxes for reasons of poverty. (Vote) 5-0

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Blane Casey voted to leave executive session. (Vote) 5-0

On motion by Blane Casey and second by Natasha Littlefield voted to grant an abatement in the amount of \$707.63 in case # 2026-1 pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S. § 841 (2). (Vote) 5-0

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Blane Casey voted to approve and sign notice of decision. (Vote) 5-0

On motion by Blane Casey and second by Edwin Bailey voted to recess until 6:00 p.m. to allow the public to attend the open portion of the meeting. Vote 5-0

Possible recess prior to 6:00 p.m.

If there is time after the executive session prior to 6:00 p.m., the board will recess to allow the public to attend the open portion of the meeting.

5. Approval of 5/18/2026 minutes

Minutes:

On motion by Thomas Rumpf and second by Edwin Bailey voted to approve the minutes.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. Payroll Warrant #49 - \$43,964.48

Minutes:

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Natasha Littlefield voted to approve the payroll warrant.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

7. Payables Warrant #50 - \$35,613.78

Minutes:

On motion by Blane Casey and second by Edwin Bailey voted to approve the payables warrant. (TR abstain)

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 1

8. Unfinished Business

a. CDS grant - China Village Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Chief Nelson was notified by Senator Collins' office that their request was not included in the appropriation. Chuck from Senator Collins' office recommended applying for FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Manager Hapgood noted that the CVVFD is planning to apply for this grant.

b. China Community Forest access road**Minutes:**

Board members Bailey and Chesley met with Elaine Philbrook and drafted a scope of work to provide those giving an estimate.

c. CESAC - Paul Froman update**d. TIF Committee appointment - Joann Austin****Minutes:**

On motion by Blane Casey and second by Natasha Littlefield voted to appoint Joann Austin to the TIF Committee. (BrCh)

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 1 / Abstains: 0

9. New Business**a. Sidewalks - conversation with Taylor Arsenault 4th grader at China Primary School****Minutes:**

Board members listened to Taylor provide a brief presentation and expressed their appreciation for her attendance and they will continue to review options.

b. Kyle Pierce - traffic calming measures for Weeks Mills Village**Minutes:**

Kyle presented information to the board regarding traffic in Weeks Mills Village and potential improvement options. She would like to work with the State and Town on some traffic calming measures. The board expressed their support.

c. Roadside mowing bids**Minutes:**

On motion by Thomas Rumpf and second by Edwin Bailey voted to accept Pierce Works LLC bid for roadside mowing - all 3 options. (NL) One-time \$5,875; Two-time \$11,750; Per mile for both sides of the road for roadside brush cutting with a rubber tire machine with power head or rubber tracks with power head - \$4,280

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 1

d. Ball field fence repair**Minutes:**

On motion by Blane Casey and second by Edwin Bailey voted to approve

option1 (fence repairs from snack shack south to School Street and the toward CPS for \$9,950 from J&M Exteriors (1626 Atlantic Highway, Warren - 242-5108) from Recreation Reserve.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

e. Municipal Officers' Return

Minutes:

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Thomas Rumpf voted approve the Municipal Officers' Return for the posting for the June 9, 2026, Municipal Election.

f. Chapter 4 - Phosphorous Control Ordinance

Minutes:

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Blane Casey voted to recommend the changes to Chapter 4 - Phosphorous Control Ordinance be presented to voters on the November ballot.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

g. Friends' Camp - payment in lieu of taxes

Minutes:

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Natasha Littlefield voted to accept any payment amount in lieu of taxes from Friends' Camp.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

h. Snack shack quote

Minutes:

Manager Hapgood will contact public works to see if they can add some fill in front of the snack shack.

10. Public Comment

Minutes:

China Four Season Club President, Thomas Rumpf, asked for permission to use the loop over Bog Brook and Pleasant View Ridge Road again this week. The board granted temporary authorization until this can be discussed at the June 15, 2026, board meeting. (4-0-1 TR)

11. Department Updates

- a. Town Clerk**
- b. Public Services**
- c. Assessing**
- d. Code Enforcement**
- e. Transfer Station**

12. **Select Board Member Comments**
13. **Manager communication – non-action items**
 - a. **Upcoming meetings**
 - b. **Closures**
 - c. **Letter from Town of Sidney**

14. **Adjourn**

Minutes:

On motion by Edwin Bailey and second by Thomas Rumpf voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0