



Select Board Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Select Board member Edwin S. Bailey

Select Board member Blane C. Casey

Select Board Chair Brent A. Chesley

Select Board member Natasha A. Littlefield

Select Board member Thomas A. Rumpf

4. Agenda – Welcome; agenda and decorum review

This meeting is for members of the Select Board to conduct the town's business. If a member of the public wishes to speak, time is allotted during the public comment section of the agenda. Any other participation is at the discretion of the board members and only through the chair.

5. Approval of 7/13/2026 and 7/27/2026 minutes

6. Payroll Warrant #5- \$40,239.22

7. Payables Warrant #6 - \$773,645.19

8. Unfinished Business

a. Doris L. Young Scholarship

There are three more applications that were submitted on time but were misfiled. This would be another \$4,500 which would bring total expended to \$37,500 which is still under the \$40,000 established by the board.

b. Contingency use FY 2025-2026

While reviewing accounts for the annual audit, "Historical buildings" (E 1-61-01) is over budget by \$1,202.66. This is a request to use the FY 2025-2026 contingency to cover the overage. The is attributable to heating and CMP costs above budgeted estimates.

c. Update on the CESAC from Paul Froman

China Emergency Services Committee

9. New Business

- a. CVVFD - petition**
- b. Chapter 5 - Flood Plain Management Ordinance - to replace Chapter 5 in the Land Development Code**

This was approved by the Planning Board in April 2026 and reviewed by the State of Maine and Attorney Meader.

Written summary:

After adopting the existing Floodplain Management chapter in 2011, it had never been reviewed or updated. There were several inaccuracies in it, such as allowing engineers or architects to certify elevations instead of only Professional Land Surveyors. Several citations were no longer valid, and corresponding definitions needed to be changed to satisfy federal and state requirements.

- c. Contract with City of Waterville for dispatch for fire & rescue**
- d. MMA Executive ballot**
- e. Engagement Letter for audit**
- f. Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Ordinance**
- g. 2025-2026 Carry forward and reserves**
- h. Maine EMS New Statute for Municipalities - China's EMS plan**

Maine EMS New Statute for Municipalities

Maine's 30-A M.R.S. §3172, enacted via LD 245 (PL 2025, c. 520), requires every town in Maine to adopt, post, and submit a Municipal EMS Plan that outlines how emergency medical transport services (ambulance coverage) are delivered within its boundaries www.maine.gov+1.

Key Requirements

Plan Adoption: Municipal officers (selectboard, city council, or equivalent) must formally adopt the plan.

Public Posting: The plan must be made available to residents and visitors.

Submission to Maine EMS: A copy must be submitted to the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services (EMS) via the online portal www.maine.gov+1.

No Funding Requirement: The law does not require municipalities to fund or operate EMS services. Instead, it requires documentation of the current operational model (e.g., municipal, contracted, territorial, hybrid, or non-contracted direct-billing) Maine Municipal Association.

Purpose and Benefits

Transparency & Awareness: Ensures local officials, residents, and visitors understand how emergency medical transport is provided www.maine.gov.

Information Sharing: Encourages collaboration between EMS agency leaders and municipal leadership to clarify coverage models www.maine.gov.

Accountability: Provides a clear record of how each community's pre-hospital response system is structured.

Administrative Guidance

Maine EMS has issued Operational Bulletin #2026-07-23-01 to assist municipalities:

Municipal Resolution Template: A customizable appendix to help local boards review, vote, and post the plan www.maine.gov.

Streamlined Online Reporting: Final plan details can be submitted in minutes via an online form, without uploading physical files www.maine.gov.

Model Plan: A sample plan is included in the bulletin for reference Maine Municipal Association.

Next Steps for Municipalities

Review the Operational Bulletin and Municipal Resolution Template.

Work with EMS agency leadership to determine the current coverage model.

Draft and adopt the plan through formal board/council action.

Post the plan publicly.

Submit it online to Maine EMS.

10. Department Updates

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

11. Public Comment

3 minutes per person – raise hand to be recognized by the chair, go to the podium (or recognized online), state your name and the agenda item you wish to speak on. All comments and questions should be directed to the chair.

12. Select Board Member Comments

13. Manager communication – non-action items

a. Upcoming meetings

August 24, Tuesday, September 8 (postponed from September 7 holiday), September 21

b. Holiday closures

Labor Day, September 7 - all municipal departments

Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 12 - all municipal departments

c. MSW will be processed through Municipal Waste Solutions starting this week

14. Adjourn

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