

# Town of Embden

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

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**January 3, 2011**  
**7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office**

**In attendance was:** Wayne McLaughlin, Scott Leahy, Charles Taylor, Donna Williams,  
Deana Dunton, Terriann Lamontagne, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker

- 1 Wayne McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 19:04.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectmen dated December 20, 2010 accepted as written. (3-0).
  - 3.2 Approved Warrant #1 totaling \$36,905.37. Approved (3-0).
- 4 **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
  - 4.1 **Open Public Forum :**
    - 4.1.1 **W.** McLaughlin stated that Samantha McDougal had requested her brother's jersey, which hangs at the Embden School building. Selectmen agreed. W. McLaughlin stated he would get it tomorrow.
    - 4.1.2 **W.** McLaughlin submitted a request from E. Thebarg. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Leahy) that E. Thebarg be paid in January for his April Assessors pay. (3-0) B. Baker asked whether the Selectmen wanted it added to tonight's warrant or the next one. C. Taylor replied to pay it on the next warrant.
    - 4.1.3 **D.** Dunton asked whether there would be options on the written town meeting ballot on what would be done with the school. W. McLaughlin replied, "There's gonna be articles in the town report as far as I know." S. Leahy said that it would not be on the written ballot, it would be included in the open town meeting warrant. C. Taylor added that this would give the Committee a chance to report on what they had been doing for fundraisers, etc. that could be potential inflows for the building. S. Leahy stated that in his opinion, there needed to be 3 choices on the warrant: 1. Run it as a community center, 2. Run it & move the town office over there, and 3. Cut our losses & sell the building. D. Dunton stated that that was what she was wondering. She added that she felt that the committee only had one viewpoint, that of making it a community center. W. McLaughlin said, "No, no. I disagree." D. Dunton replied, "In otherwords, people if it's not presented to the people like say in the newspaper, or posted somewhere, then they're not gonna know until they come." C. Taylor stated that it was a double edged sword. D. Dunton clarified that this item would not be available unless people came to the town meeting. S. Leahy replied that he felt the people would be better able to get all the information, and ask any questions, if it were done at open meeting. He stated that he didn't know how people would get the information otherwise. B. Baker stated that if the Selectmen decided to do it on the written ballot, then they would have to hold a public hearing or informational meeting beforehand. She added that she was unsure of the timeframe.
    - 4.1.4 **D.** Dunton asked what the land which was purchased across from the town house was being used for. S. Leahy asked what it was originally purchased for. M. Witham replied it was purchased for a transfer station. C. Taylor stated that the town owned quite a few properties in town. He added that he felt the town needed some sort of comprehensive plan to decide which direction the town wanted to go with them. He stated that he felt the town needed an administrative assistant because, "It's big. These girls are overwhelmed with what they have to do during the day without trying to manage this company."
- 5 **Appointments & Resignations:** None
- 6 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 6.1 **Board of Assessors** – M. Witham stated that he did not feel that it was supposed to be just one Assessor visiting properties & assessing them. C. Taylor replied that he thought R. Hatch went with him. M. Witham stated that E. Thebarg was alone when he saw him. T. Lamontagne added that he was by himself when he came to her place as well. Discussion continued. C. Taylor stated that they were, "all discouraged by it."
  - 6.2 **Planning Board** – No Report
  - 6.3 **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report
  - 6.4 **Board of Appeals** – No Report
  - 6.5 **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
  - 6.6 **Health Officer** – No Report

**6.7 Road Commissioner –**

**6.7.1** M. Witham stated that he had received a complaint from the Water District by R. Blake's house. He said they had called & wanted the culvert there repaired. He stated that he had put some dirt there to, "hold us until Spring."

**6.7.2** He stated that he went to the White Sign Co. & ordered some posts to be split between himself & E-911.

**6.7.3** S. Leahy asked whether some reflective tape could be put on the edge of the bridge on the Slipp Road.

**6.7.4** M. Witham asked whether the ditching looked good. He said that Eric Creamer had done it.

**6.8 M.S.A.D. #74** – S. Leahy stated there would be a School Board meeting Wednesday @ Garrett-Schenck. He said that they would be talking about the possibility of outsourcing transportation, and bringing all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to CCS next year. D. Dunton asked what would be done with the K-4. S. Leahy replied that he thought the plan was to put the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the upper end & make it 5-8.

**6.9 Animal Control – No Report**

**6.10 E-911 – No Report**

**6.11 Recreational Director** – S. Leahy asked whether H. Vicneire knew about the Budget meeting next Monday night. W. McLaughlin said he would see her tomorrow.

**6.12 Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

**6.12.1** B. Baker submitted the Expense-Revenue report.

**6.12.2** She stated that she had closed out the end of the year. She said, "It wasn't fun, but it's over."

**6.12.3** S. Leahy asked whether the internet was fixed. B. Baker stated that it had been, but was not working again today.

**6.12.4** C. Taylor stated that he did not like the TRIO system. B. Baker said that it was a lot better since the accounts & the warrant articles had been aligned.

**6.13 Tax Collector:**

**6.13.1** R. Blake stated that each time she pulled a report, the system was giving her a different number of accounts. She stated that she planned to call TRIO the next day..

**6.14 Winter Roads Contractor:** No Report.

**6.15 School Building Committee:**

**6.15.1** W. McLaughlin stated that there would be a committee meeting tomorrow night. B. Baker asked what time the meeting was. W. McLaughlin replied 18:30.

**6.15.2** S. Leahy asked whether W. McLaughlin had found out who inspected the boiler yet. W. McLaughlin said no. S. Leahy stated that he had called the state & they hadn't received any paperwork from the inspector yet.

**7 Old Business**

**7.1 Volunteer Insurance Coverage-** W. McLaughlin stated that he hadn't talked to E. Thebarge. B. Baker stated that he had completed the application & submitted it for this warrant. She added that he had waited to add the Swim Program personnel until the policy was renewed in July.

**7.2 Sand Shed –**

**7.2.1** C. Taylor stated that he had stopped by the Sand Shed the other day & noticed asphalt set off to the side. He said apparently some of the asphalt had been dug up, but Jeff Edes was going to check into it for him.

**7.2.2** M. Witham asked whether the drainage done by Jack Kaplan had helped. C. Taylor said yes. M. Witham asked about the roof. C. Taylor said he hadn't heard anything else about it leaking.

**7.2.3** C. Taylor asked B. Baker to let him know whether Whited had paid their ½ of the work on the sand shed.

**8 New Business: None**

**9 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

**9.1** Next Regular Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, January 17, 2011

**9.2** W. McLaughlin stated there would be a FY11 Budget meeting Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 at the Embden School.

**9.3** Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor & seconded by W. McLaughlin. Passed 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 20:10.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker  
Town Clerk & Treasurer