

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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August 6, 2012

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Robert Dunphy, Jerome & John Lynch, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Ann Roosevelt, Alton Stevens, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor 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 Selectpersons dated July 16, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #15 totaling \$86,699.96. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations: None**
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** –B. Baker submitted abatements. BOS reviewed and signed.
 - 5.5 **Planning Board** – No Report.
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** – *(NOTE: Item 5.8 was revisited later in the meeting once R. Dunphy had arrived)*
 - 5.8.1 **R. Dunphy** stated that the Benes matter was in their hands, since the 30 days had run out. He added that he felt it should have already gone to court. Discussion continued.
 - 5.8.2 BOS and CEO discussed Roosevelt property, and the presentation that was made this evening.
 - 5.9 **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 5.10 **Road Commissioner** –
 - 5.10.1 **M. Witham** stated it had been a very busy summer.
 - 5.10.2 He said they had done some work on the West Shore Road at the north end, but there was a section just before that which he hadn't done.
 - 5.10.3 He stated there was still at least 500 yards of recycled hot top in the Solon pit.
 - 5.10.4 He said they had replaced a culvert near Wendell Routon's driveway, and had done ditching from the pillars south.
 - 5.10.5 C. Taylor asked whether he had seeded the ditches. M. Witham replied, "Not yet."
 - 5.10.6 He said they had done some tree trimming on the Slipp Road.
 - 5.10.7 He stated he planned to put some surface gravel where the ditching was done last year on the Hancock Pond Rd.
 - 5.10.8 He stated he would bring in the URIP paperwork, and added that the town's allotment would be decreasing.
 - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.
 - 5.12 **Recreational Director** – BOS reviewed letter from Rec. Director..
 - 5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

5.13.1 B. Baker submitted estimates for new landfill permit stickers. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E.Pratt) to purchase 2,000 stickers from Carrabassett Marketing & Printing. (3-0)

5.14 Registrar of Voters: B. Baker submitted the minutes from the STM. BOS reviewed.

5.15 Tax Collector – No Report.

5.16 Community Center –

5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated he did not have much to report. He said they had held a supper and Tim Sample, but R. Blake had not figured out the numbers when he spoke to her. He added that 116 people had attended Tim Sample, making the total in ticket sales \$2,088, minus the approx. \$1,000 they paid him to come.

5.16.2 He said there would be a ham supper on August 11th and a meeting tomorrow night.

5.16.3 He said they had been working on a sign for the building, and had a quote from York Signs. He stated Carol Dolan was getting a quote from SignWorks and David Hatch. B. Baker stated that she thought Nancy Wood, right in town, did signs as well. W. McLaughlin replied, “I mentioned it to Carol, but she didn’t seem too excited about it.”

5.16.4 W. McLaughlin asked about the cable. He stated he would set it up when he was in Augusta this week.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – BOS reviewed and signed paperwork for generator.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

6.1 C. Taylor stated they had someone interested in the old set of stairs and would sell them for \$75.

7 Old Business:

7.1 A. Stevens presented a proposed consent agreement to the BOS. He stated that both DEP and the CEO were ok with the agreement as proposed. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor stated that the board did not like consent agreements, and had not had a conversation with the CEO saying that he was willing to accept it. He asked them to present the proposal to the CEO and the town attorney, and then the board would make an informed decision. He added that he did not want to circumvent the CEO. He stated, “But you did build a structure without a permit, and somehow we have to make an example that it is not acceptable.” He said they would also like a written opinion from Deidre Sneider at DEP, as well as the opinion of the chairman of the PB.

8 New Business: None

9 Correspondence:

9.1 BOS reviewed correspondence.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

10.1 Open Public Forum: M. Witham asked when tax bills would be out C. Taylor stated they didn’t know.

11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME§405): None

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, August 20, 2012.

12.2 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 21:04.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*