

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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August 20, 2012

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** John Duff, Eleanor Ketchum, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, 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 August 6, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #16 totaling \$141,298.65. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** C. Taylor stated that Paula Rae is resigning from the school Board. He said that the BOS needed to appoint a candidate to fill the position until the Annual Town Meeting in March. He read the guidelines from the state election manual. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to accept the resignation submitted by Paula Rae. (3-0) C. Taylor asked B. Baker to post the opening.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1 **E-911 –**
    - 5.1.1 E. Ketchum stated that she would have another KCR sign posted, but was not going to have the shorter pole put on there to save the town money.
    - 5.1.2 She stated the Wentworth Road sign had been missing for about 3 weeks. She added that she planned to wait until she needed 3-4 signs before placing an order.
    - 5.1.3 C. Taylor asked if the road name issue had been dealt with through Augusta. E. Ketchum replied. “Yes.”
  - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –** C. Taylor stated Eric Morrill had called to say that the contractor wanted to meet with the BOS during the day to sign the contract. He added that the BOS would meet with the contractor during a work session to be determined and posted after this meeting, however would sign the contract during a regular meeting.
  - 5.3 **Animal Control –** B. Baker submitted a written report from the ACO. BOS reviewed.
  - 5.4 **Board of Assessors –**W. McLaughlin stated the Assessors planned to commit early this week.
  - 5.5 **Planning Board –**
    - 5.5.1 L. Mayo stated there was not much going on.
    - 5.5.2 He said that the attorney representing Paul Fortin had asked to remove the subdivision, but it was the wrong one, so they would reapply.
    - 5.5.3 C. Taylor asked about the new owner of Laurel Place. L. Mayo stated they wanted to dissolve.
    - 5.5.4 C. Taylor asked if they had taken care of the housekeeping items. L. Mayo stated there was one more, Logland. B. Baker stated she could not find the deed.
    - 5.5.5 L. Mayo stated an AF permit cost \$400 in SLZ.
  - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector –** L. Mayo had nothing to report.
  - 5.7 **Board of Appeals –** J. Duff stated they had not had any action yet.
  - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –** No Report.
  - 5.9 **Health Officer –** No Report.
  - 5.10 **Road Commissioner –** No Report.
  - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74 –** No Report.
  - 5.12 **Recreational Director –** No Report.
  - 5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer –**
    - 5.13.1 B. Baker asked whether a member of the BOS would be willing to come in and answer the phones Wednesday from 14:00-16:00. She stated that she had to take her son to Portland for a Cardiac MRI. E. Pratt stated she could do that.
    - 5.13.2 B. Baker stated she would submit an E-R report at the next meeting.
  - 5.14 **Registrar of Voters:** B. Baker stated she had nothing to report at this time.
  - 5.15 **Tax Collector –** No Report.
  - 5.16 **Community Center –**

- 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated he would like to see B. Baker type up a letter to thank Scott LeHay for all he did during his vacation.
- 5.16.2 He said they did not have any figures on the supper yet.
- 5.16.3 He said that they were working on a sign for the building. He said SignWorks had quoted them approx. \$1K. BOS reviewed the pictures. He added that they also had an estimate from David Hatch.
- 5.16.4 W. McLaughlin stated that they had one camera in and working. He said they planned to work some nights this week getting the rest installed. He asked L. Mayo to assist. L. Mayo responded that he was busy this week, but was available to help next week. C. Taylor stated the picture was very clear. W. McLaughlin stated that the system would only record when it sensed motion. L. Mayo asked how long it would store the data for. W. McLaughlin stated he wasn't sure, however the system would record until it was full and then begin overwriting. L. Mayo asked whether any of the cameras would be put on the town office. W. McLaughlin replied not at this time. He added, "Those women in the Thrift Store can see the whole building when they are there by themselves."
- 5.16.5 C. Taylor asked what the next planned event was. W. McLaughlin stated there would be a spaghetti supper on September 8<sup>th</sup>, but there was nothing else planned.
- 5.16.6 He stated there would be a meeting Thursday night.
- 5.16.7 He said that everything was doing well over there. He added that they needed some ideas and people to come. He said that the people there put in a lot of time and a lot of money that they don't get back.
- 5.16.8 He stated that the church pays the ECC \$250-300/month.
- 5.16.9 W. McLaughlin said that they had made over \$1K on Tim Sample.
- 5.16.10 He stated the last supper made approx. \$400. E. Pratt said that they had kids busing tables.
- 5.16.11 J. Duff stated that the Lions Club supper had been handled very well. W. McLaughlin said that they had been asked to do a supper twice a month but the group just couldn't handle that.
- 5.16.12 He said, "There is quite a sum in the checkbook now. I would like to see [the ECC] spend some of that money before town meeting. I don't want to come to town meeting with a bunch of money. Until March we could only keep \$5K except for the donations, so we need to spend some."
- 5.16.13 W. McLaughlin stated that it was amazing how much people had donated to the Thrift Store. He said the boys' bathroom was full of donated clothes. He said the ladies picked through them really well, and a lot of stuff comes in and goes right back out the door in the garbage.
- 5.16.14 E. Pratt stated that the sewing group made lots of things for hospitals and nursing homes.
- 5.16.15 W. McLaughlin stated the library was full of books and the bathroom was full of books.
- 5.16.16 W. McLaughlin said there would be Contra dancing on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 17:30-19:30.

**5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.**

**6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 6.1 E. Pratt asked whether they were getting a water cooler for the town office. C. Taylor stated he would contact Poland Spring.

**7 Old Business:**

- 7.1 C. Taylor stated he had a letter drafted to Benes for a violation to remove a structure in SLZ. He added that the CEO had sent a letter and the BOS was sending one as well to notify the owners that they were starting legal proceedings. He read the letter aloud.

**8 New Business: None**

**9 Correspondence:**

- 9.1 BOS reviewed correspondence.

**10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**

- 10.1 **Open Public Forum:** L. Mayo asked whether an individual had the right to appeal a decision made by the Selectmen or whether it would then go to the judicial system. Discussion continued.

**11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME§405):**

- 11.1 E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to enter executive session pursuant to 36M.R.S.A. §841(2). (3-0) BOS entered executive session at 20:30. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to come out of executive session. (3-0) Back in session at 21:35. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to grant an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2) in the amount of \$800 for FY2010 and \$800 for FY2011. (3-0) C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to deny an abatement request for FY2009. (3-0)

**12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

- 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Tuesday, September 4, 2012.
- 12.2 Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup>- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 21:31.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*