

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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October 1, 2012

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Ruth Blake, Eleanor Ketchum, Kenneth Lexier, John Lynch, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Alton Stevens, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:00.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated September 17, 2012 as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #19 totaling \$35,125.27. (3-0)
- 4 **Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405)**
  - 4.1 Consultation with Attorney & CEO regarding Roosevelt Property
    - 4.1.1 Executive Session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E): C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to enter executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to consult with the town attorney on the Roosevelt property. (3-0). Entered executive session at 19:10. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to return from executive session. (3-0) Meeting resumed at 19:19.
- 5 **New Business**
  - 5.1 **Review & Sign Consent Agreement:** C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to enter into a consent agreement between the Town of Embden and Anne Roosevelt, Trustee.
    - 5.1.1 E. Pratt asked whether they would be placing a silt fence when the rocks come up, or else placing the sod right away. J. Lynch stated that there was already a silt fence there, and once the bricks were up the sod would be here within a week. He added that next week the carpenter was coming to remove the deck and shorten the stairs.
    - 5.1.2 BOS voted (3-0). BOS read and signed consent agreement.
- 6 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
- 7 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 7.1 **E-911 –**
    - 7.1.1 E. Ketchum stated that we would have different street signs, which would be 6” instead of 4”. She read a letter from the State of Maine regarding the new standards. She stated that there were approximately 180 roads in the Town. She recommended doing the approximately 30 town roads with the new 6” signs, and leaving the “roads around the pond” with 4”.
    - 7.1.2 E. Pratt asked how many Katie Crotch Road signs we had left. E. Ketchum replied that she had three, one of which would be put up this month.
    - 7.1.3 She said, “We do not have a Black Hill Pond Road, at all on my list. That is a woods road, and we don’t do those... We Can’t put signs on roads no one lives on or roads with nothing on it.”
  - 7.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –** No Report.
  - 7.3 **Animal Control –** No Report.
  - 7.4 **Board of Assessors –** No Report.
  - 7.5 **Planning Board –** No Report.
  - 7.6 **Plumbing Inspector –** No report.
  - 7.7 **Board of Appeals –** No Report.
  - 7.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –** No Report.
  - 7.9 **Health Officer –** No Report.
  - 7.10 **Road Commissioner –** No Report.
  - 7.11 **M.S.A.D. #74 –** No Report.
  - 7.12 **Recreational Director –** No Report.

**7.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

- 7.13.1 B. Baker submitted a Treasurer’s Report.
- 7.13.2 She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report.
- 7.13.3 She submitted an Expense Report.
- 7.13.4 B. Baker stated that the town currently had enough money to pay the County Tax, but she would like to wait until closer to the due date to avoid having to use anymore of the TAN.

**7.14 Registrar of Voters:** B. Baker stated she was starting to get ready for the November election. She added that absentee ballots would hopefully be in by the end of the week, and then no politicking or discussing the issues on the ballot would be allowed in the office or parking lot.

**7.15 Tax Collector –**

- 7.15.1 R. Blake stated that almost half of the taxes had come in so far. She said that \$1,000,075 was still due.
- 7.15.2 She stated she would like a bell on the front door so that she could tell when someone came in. Discussion continued.

**7.16 Community Center –**

- 7.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated that he had spoken to Jeff Goodwin, but he had not yet been in to see B. Baker.
- 7.16.2 He stated the Contra Dance had not gone well, only about 17 people. R. Blake added that the person had stated he would not do it again because it had done so poorly.
- 7.16.3 E. Pratt stated there would be a country music concert on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.16.4 She said there would be a Roast Beef dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.16.5 She stated they would hold a Haunted House on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.16.6 She stated the sewing group & bone building classes were going well.
- 7.16.7 E. Pratt said that the Thrift Store would be closed on Tuesdays. W. McLaughlin stated that this was due to not enough people to run it.
- 7.16.8 W. McLaughlin stated there would be zumba classes, knitting, and yoga.
- 7.16.9 C. Taylor stated he was still waiting on the lift truck to be able to get the copiers, but maybe next week.
- 7.16.10 E. Pratt stated they would hold warming days this winter, with soup and hot drinks. R. Blake stated someone had asked about the ECC providing transportation. B. Baker suggested checking with KVCAP. E. Pratt stated they had games and other activities to keep people busy for quite a while.
- 7.16.11 W. McLaughlin stated they still had more cameras to put up.
- 7.16.12 He stated they were still working on the window spacing for the front of the building. He stated there were currently 15 windows which would be removed and replaced with 7. Discussion continued.
- 7.16.13 W. McLaughlin said he would like to see a couple of fans put up in the gym.
- 7.16.14 He stated that the ECC had a meeting Tuesday night.

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

**8 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 8.1 C. Taylor asked about a water cooler. B. Baker stated she had not had a chance to do anything with it yet.
- 8.2 W. McLaughlin stated he would like 2 bag-less vacuum cleaners, one for the town office and one for the ECCtr.
- 8.3 B. Baker asked whether it would be ok to purchase a microwave for the town office. BOS approved.
- 8.4 W. McLaughlin stated the flags needed to be replaced.
- 8.5 C. Taylor stated he had fixed the flagpole light so that it shut off during the day.

**9 Old Business:**

**10 Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

**11.1 Open Public Forum:**

**12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

- 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2012.
- 12.2 Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup> - C. Taylor). (2-0) Adjourned 20:28.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*