

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 03, 2012

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Dwight Barron, Robert Dunphy, Eleanor Ketchum, Terriann Lamontagne, 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 November 19, 2012 as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #23 totaling \$39,848.11. (3-0)
- 4 **Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Changes to GA Ordinance**
 - 4.1 C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to open the public hearing. Public hearing began at 19:11. C. Taylor read and explained the proposed changes to the GA Ordinances. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to close the public hearing and adopt the GA maximums. (3-0) Hearing ended at 19:17.
- 5 **Adoption of Proposed Changes to GA Ordinance** (See 4.1 above)
- 6 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
- 7 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 7.1 **E-911 –**
 - 7.1.1 E. Ketchum stated the 5th Katie Crotch Road sign since spring had gone up last Sunday. C. Taylor stated it was already gone. E. Ketchum stated she still had 2 signs left.
 - 7.1.2 E. Ketchum said the town had ended up with 2 posts that had been stood against the Cross Town Road sign.
 - 7.1.3 She said that Claude Dunton had managed to straighten the Centerwood Sign that had been bent.
 - 7.1.4 She stated the Mountain View sign was gone.
 - 7.1.5 She said there were no new roads coming up this year.
 - 7.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –** No Report.
 - 7.3 **Animal Control –** No Report.
 - 7.4 **Board of Assessors –**
 - 7.4.1 T. Lamontagne stated she had nothing to report.
 - 7.4.2 She added that she felt that R. Hatch was “cutting the umbilical cord.” She said she would recommend increasing the consultation budget, because they were, “Gonna need him.”
 - 7.5 **Planning Board –**
 - 7.5.1 L. Mayo said, “As you can see, people show up and try to tell us how to write their permits, but I think we handled it fine.”
 - 7.5.2 He said they were waiting on a deed change from Jay Strickland.
 - 7.5.3 He stated he had received a letter from DEP saying the amendment to the SLZ ordinance had been approved. He added that they were getting ready to do the rest of the changes. He asked whether they should be done at the Annual Town Meeting or a separate Special Town Meeting.
 - 7.6 **Plumbing Inspector –**
 - 7.6.1 L. Mayo stated LaFlamme had disconnected the pipe that goes to the stone area. He added that without the pipe in place they were in compliance. He stressed that it was not total compliance, but compliance. He stated he would contact K. Lexier tomorrow to let him know the violation had been removed. He stated he would draft a letter letting them know that before they could use the sink again they needed to come up with a design.
 - 7.7 **Board of Appeals –** No Report.
 - 7.7.1 C. Taylor stated they were going to change the board to 5 people and do all types of appeals.
 - 7.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –**
 - 7.8.1 R. Dunphy stated it was still busy.
 - 7.8.2 He stated there was a person on Hancock Pond near the Lexington Town line that had completely rebuilt his house without getting a permit. He added that both the owner and the contractor would get a citation.
 - 7.8.3 He said that there were 4 or 5 applications on the upcoming agenda, including the ones that did not get on last time.
 - 7.9 **Health Officer –**
 - 7.9.1 R. Dunphy stated he hadn’t done anything.
 - 7.9.2 C. Taylor asked whether there was a deadline for spreading chicken manure on fields. R. Dunphy advised him to contact the Department of Agriculture.
 - 7.10 **Road Commissioner –** No Report.

7.11 M.S.A.D. #74 –

- 7.11.1** D. Barron stated there would be a meeting Wednesday night. He said the biggest issue is money. He stated the district had to pay \$27K to charter schools for 3 students. He added that this amount had not been known when the budget was finalized because the charter schools did not have to notify the district until August.

7.12 Recreational Director –

- 7.12.1** D. Barron stated he had been contacted regarding potentially having a skating rink behind the ECCtr. Building plans were discussed. He stated once he had the approval of the BOS he would approach the ECC. C. Taylor stated he had the approval of this board. W. McLaughlin said that he was trying to contact the Fire Department regarding possibly filling the completed rink for the town.
- 7.12.2** He said he wanted to get the basketball program going again. He stated he was thinking of 16:30-18:00 in the afternoons so as to not interfere with other ECC programs.

7.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 7.13.1** B. Baker stated she might be late on the 12th, because her daughter had appointment with a specialist.

7.14 Registrar of Voters:

- 7.14.1** B. Baker stated that she had nothing to report.

7.15 Tax Collector – No Report.

7.16 Community Center –

- 7.16.1** E. Pratt said there would be a craft fair on 12/15 with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. W. McLaughlin added that there would be presents for the kids to buy.
- 7.16.2** E. Pratt stated that Kayla Murphy had donated pattern books and wooden crochet hooks.
- 7.16.3** W. McLaughlin stated they had both copiers going and they worked good.
- 7.16.4** He said that the camera was fine and the monitor was adequate. He said they would be installing 2 more cameras when Jack Stephens returned.
- 7.16.5** L. Mayo stated the sign looked nice.
- 7.16.6** E. Pratt pointed out that they had been using townspeople for most everything.
- 7.16.7** W. McLaughlin stated they may hold a New Years Eve party.
- 7.16.8** C. Taylor asked them to let Nate (BCF) know that they were still debating, but it could be another month before a decision was made on the heating system. BOS reviewed options. Discussion continued. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to call Nate from Bob's Cash Fuel and get it in the works to install the NYThermal Trinity heating system in the Community Center per the bid proposal of \$39,047. (3-0)

7.17 Emergency Management Directors –

- 7.17.1** R. Dunphy stated the reason the Red Cross hadn't come up was because there were so many shelters in this area. He said they would review all the locations, but the town should at least be able to do a warming center which would also mean a generator. He cautioned that it may be spring before they decided.

8 Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

9 New Business: None

10 Old Business: None.

11 Correspondence: None.

12 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

12.1 Open Public Forum:

- 12.1.1** She asked when the budget committee meeting would be. C. Taylor replied that it would be held after the 1st of the year. He stated January 7th at 18:00 would be the Budget meeting and the presentation by the wood pellet contractor. R. Dunphy asked who was on the Budget Committee. C. Taylor said it would be all of the Department heads and the Selectmen, but anyone was welcome.

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

14 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 14.1** Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 17, 2012.

- 14.2** Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 20:43.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker