

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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May 6, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Ruth Blake, Eleanor Ketchum, Terriann Lamontagne, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated April 15, 2013 as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2. Reviewed Warrant #9 totaling \$32,746.30. (3-0)
    - 3.2.1. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to pre-pay M. French & M. Pierce for Warrant #10 (3-0)
4. **Appointments & Resignations:**
  - 4.1. **Board of Appeals Members:** C. Taylor stated they had not had any new applicants.
  - 4.2. **Recreation Director:** C. Taylor stated K. Wall had called. B. Baker stated the applicant had said that she was no longer interested in the position because she did not have the time. T. Lamontagne asked what the Rec. Director did. BOS explained. R. Blake asked, “Do we really need a Rec. Director?” C. Taylor replied, “Well, if we could utilize that money next door...” Tabled until next meeting.
5. **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1. **E-911 –**
    - 5.1.1. E. Ketchum said she had nothing to report.
    - 5.1.2. She said that a new Katie Crotch Road sign had been put up last Saturday. She added that it had still been there Tuesday, but Thursday morning it was gone.
    - 5.1.3. C. Taylor stated, “I see you pay Claude Dunton state wages. You can also put him in for mileage if he uses his truck.” E. Ketchum replied that he did.
  - 5.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –No Report.**
  - 5.3. **Animal Control – No Report.**
    - 5.3.1. B. Baker stated P. Graf had been working on unlicensed dogs, and was preparing to issue summonses.
  - 5.4. **Board of Assessors –**
    - 5.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated they had been working hard out in the field.
    - 5.4.2. W. McLaughlin stated he had been to a few trainings, in Augusta last week, at KVCOG about Tree Growth/ Farmland, and one in Bangor.
    - 5.4.3. T. Lamontagne stated that B. Baker had been doing a great job for the Assessors out back, and W. McLaughlin had picked it right up. She added that R. Young was “like an antelope out there.”
    - 5.4.4. T. Lamontagne stated they would be committed on time.
    - 5.4.5. She said they were almost through the Random Sampling; they just had a couple things they had to call for pricing.
    - 5.4.6. W. McLaughlin asked about the phone system. B. Baker replied that as far as she knew they would be installing it Wednesday.
  - 5.5. **Planning Board –No Report.**
  - 5.6. **Plumbing Inspector – No Report.**
  - 5.7. **Board of Appeals – No Report.**
    - 5.7.1. C. Taylor stated that J. Duff would like a voice recorder for the Appeals Board.
    - 5.7.2. He stated that they had been searching for the document which established the Appeals Board. He added that he thought it had occurred in December of 1975 at a Special Town Meeting.
    - 5.7.3. He stated there had been a training taught by Joel Greenwood from KVCOG. He said the class had left them with a lot of information.

**5.8. Code Enforcement Officer –**

5.8.1. C. Taylor asked whether T. Lamontagne was learning. She replied, “No.”

5.8.2. W. McLaughlin said that they had stumbled upon a violation while assessing; a 12x12 pressure-treated deck with seats all the way around, sitting on the shore of the pond. He said it was a brand new structure. He said he would make sure R. Dunphy was aware of the violation.

5.8.3. C. Taylor stated the IT guy, Tom Callahan, was trying to get a wireless card. He said if they couldn't get one, he would pull CAT-5 cable up through and get the office wired.

**5.9. Health Officer – No Report.**

**5.10. Road Commissioner –**

5.10.1. M. Witham asked whether Eagle Rental had submitted a bill. He then found it in his mailbox.

5.10.2. M. Witham stated the East Shore Road, Embden Pond Road and Williams Hill had not been done yet.

5.10.3. He said that he had received a complaint about it being dusty.

5.10.4. He stated he had called KVCOG and ordered 10 pallets of calcium. He said last year the town had ordered 4, but had some left over from a previous year.

5.10.5. He stated there was a culvert that needed repair on the Embden Pond Road, just past the Vicneires', and also one by the cemetery & Spring Hill. He said he planned to do both at once.

5.10.6. He stated they had been rock raking and grading. He also said they had installed the dock, and put the sign in at the end of the road.

5.10.7. He asked about the Embden-Anson sign outside. C. Taylor said Peter Coughlin would be sending someone from the State to pick it up.

5.10.8. M. Witham said he would have M. French pick up on the roadsides again this year.

5.10.9. He stated they had been grading, and it was coming pretty good.

5.10.10. He said he would take the 'No Parking' signs up and set them aside.

5.10.11. M. Witham stated he had received a letter from Superior Construction, who had new and used guardrails for sale. C. Taylor stated they had voted that down.

5.10.12. M. Witham stated he would put a Speed Limit sign on the Embden Pond Road.

**5.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**

5.11.1. C. Taylor asked if anyone had made it to the Public Hearing last week.

5.11.2. He stated he had spoken with Mitchell Quint, who told him that a lot of the increase this year was due to the Governor shifting retirement costs onto RSU 74. Discussion continued.

**5.12. Recreational Director - No Report.**

**5.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

5.13.1. B. Baker said she had received an e-mail about membership to the New England Clerks Association. She said she was unsure whether it was advantageous or not, but would be glad to get more information. The BOS requested more information before making a decision.

**5.14. Registrar of Voters:**

5.14.1. B. Baker stated there had been 12 Embden residents present at the RSU 74 Public Hearing last week. She added that the amounts that had been set that night would be voted on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

5.14.2. She submitted the list of Ballot Clerks for BOS approval. BOS approved.

**5.15. Tax Collector –**

5.15.1. BOS reviewed written report from Tax Collector.

5.15.2. R. Blake stated that she would be sending out 30-Day Notices this week. She said she was trying not to interfere with tax bills, which would be coming out in June. C. Taylor replied that tax bills would be coming out in July. T. Lamontagne stated that the due date was in July, therefore the tax bills would need to be mailed in June.

5.15.3. R. Blake said that before she went on vacation, E. Pratt had come into her office and offered training. She said there was a Licensing class being held in Waterville on May 30<sup>th</sup>. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to allow her to attend. (3-0)

**5.16. Community Center –**

5.16.1. W. McLaughlin stated they had a nice new Neighbor to Neighbor Thrift Store sign.

5.16.2. He stated he had spoken with S. LeHay, who had recommended gating by the playground in the winter, and a double gate on the other side of the building to keep people from driving out back. M. Witham stated if the gates were too expensive, there were some very nice rocks/stone across from the Sand Shed on the town owned lot.

5.16.3. He said there would be a Chicken Parmesan supper Saturday night.

5.16.4. He mentioned the following upcoming events:

- June 8 - Indoor Outdoor Yard Sale

- June 8 – Supper
- June 22 – Kids’ Fun Day
- June 22 – Steve & the Good Ole Boys
- July 13 – Steak Tips Supper
- July 27 – Bob Elston
- October 25 – Haunted House
- November 9 – Annual Turkey Dinner
- November 23 – Borderline Express

**5.16.5.** He stated that Bob Marley would be coming to the ECCtr.

**5.16.6.** He said there would be a meeting tomorrow night.

**5.16.7.** He asked whether the BOS wanted him to approach J. Lightbody about doing the mowing again this year. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to hire James Lightbody to mow the Town Office and the ECCtr. (3-0)

**5.16.8.** W. McLaughlin stated the person had been in about the internet into the ECCtr, and told them if the cable worked, then the internet was there as well. He stated the gentleman was supposed to contact them, but he hadn’t heard anything yet. He asked E. Pratt to contact them again.

**5.16.9.** C. Taylor asked if the culprits had been caught on video. W. McLaughlin replied that he wasn’t sure. He said he was waiting for S. LeHay to slow the image down enough to see it.

**5.16.10.** C. Taylor stated the new cam vents and shut offs had been installed. W. McLaughlin added that they were supposed to come back to install the thermostats.

**5.16.11.** C. Taylor stated that Phil Mattingly had a couple of scissor lifts that the ECCtr might be able to arrange to use.

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

**6. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

**6.1.** C. Taylor stated the BOS had been working on an eyesore ordinance to piggyback on the SLZ ordinance changes.

**6.2.** He said he had gone to the Town House last week to meet with the bat guy, and found no evidence of bats.

**6.3.** He stated he had met with W. Atwood, who was working to close up the building so no more bats could get in.

**6.4.** W. McLaughlin stated that Carol Dolan had found a topographic map at the Town House. It showed Embden Pond, with the benchmarks, and was very well preserved.

**7. New Business: None**

**8. Old Business:**

**8.1. TAN Loan Process:** B. Baker stated the town was scheduled to close Friday on the TAN loan. She added that she would need C. Taylor’s signature on the documents, most likely tomorrow, because they had to be returned by Thursday. BOS reviewed bid letter from BSB. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt). See attached motion, labeled “Proposed Vote”. (3-0)

**8.2. Embden Spillway Replacement Project:** C. Taylor stated they had received 2 bids:

- OKJ Construction           \$105,343.25
- Nitram Excavation           \$208,369.00

C. Taylor stated there would be a Public Hearing on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 18:00, before the regularly scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting. He stated Cianbro told him they did not submit a bid because they saw all of the local contractors and did not think they would have a chance. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to award the bid to OKJ Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$105,343.25. CT read bid aloud. E. Pratt asked how much it will raise the lake. C. Taylor said the final elevation would be 96.0 TBM. (3-0)

**9. Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

**10.1. Open Public Forum:**

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

**12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

**12.1.** Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2013.

**12.2.** Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup>- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:46.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*