

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

October 7, 2013

18:00 PM Inspection/Site Visit held at the Embden Pond Spillway

In attendance was: Steve Govoni, Oakley Jones, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Edwin Theborge, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

1. Above individuals met at the spillway at 18:00. *Meeting recessed at 18:20.*

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Timothy Wahler, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1.1 Charles Taylor resumed the meeting at 19:02.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated September 23, 2013 as corrected (3-0).
 - 2.1.1. Corrected date of prepared minutes.
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #19 totaling \$37,591.70. (3-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1.1. **RSU #74 School Board Director:** No applicants. Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.1.1. W. McLaughlin stated that the last KCR sign had been put up.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –No Report.
 - 4.2.1. C. Taylor stated he would be e-mailing them tomorrow.
 - 4.2.2. He stated that they had never replaced J. Creamer’s mailbox last year.
 - 4.2.3. M. Witham asked C. Taylor to see if the contractor would be turning around at J. Segeberg’s house on the Cleveland Road or whether the turn-around would need to be expanded.
 - 4.2.4. W. McLaughlin asked what they would be having the contractor do about the ECCtr for the schoolbuses.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated they had been out last week in order to attend training.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No Report.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** –
 - 4.10.1. M. Witham said he had gotten some gravel from J. Vital.
 - 4.10.2. He stated they had done the top of Williams Hill last week.
 - 4.10.3. He said they would finish the WSR tomorrow. He said they were building the road up in some spots.
 - 4.10.4. He stated they had dug up and lowered a culvert on the Moulton Road.
 - 4.10.5. He advised that they needed to work on the WSR near the Embden Resorts.
 - 4.10.6. He said they would put a ¾” coat on the Dunbar Hill Road from CTR to the mill.
 - 4.10.7. He added that from Rt. 16 to the Moulton Road would be a nice section to have done.
 - 4.10.8. He stated that the grader had broke down last week, but should be online tomorrow.
 - 4.10.9. He added that they would most likely take the dock out Sunday.
 - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** – No Report.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** – No Report.
 - 4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
 - 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a Treasurer’s Report.
 - 4.13.2. She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report.

- 4.13.3. She stated that a lot of the 2011 and 2012 liens had been paid off recently.
- 4.14. Registrar of Voters:**
- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated she was working on lining up ballot clerks for the election.
- 4.14.2. She added that they would be seeing the AVS system set-up and ready within the next couple of weeks, so it could be tested.
- 4.15. Tax Collector –** BOS reviewed written report.
- 4.16. Community Center –**
- 4.16.1. E. Pratt stated there would be a Pot Roast dinner on Saturday.
- 4.16.2. She said Pat Libby would perform October 26th.
- 4.16.3. W. McLaughlin stated they had not done well on the New Relm performance.
- 4.16.4. He stated D. Barron was working on the boards for the skating rink.
- 4.16.5. He said they were still having trouble with people tearing up the field, so he and S. LeHay had measured to put up gates and fencing. M. Witham suggested placing some rocks from the town land might be cheaper. W. McLaughlin stated rocks might pose a problem for plowing, as well as using the area for parking for events. T. Wahler suggested putting up a sign that said, "Video Surveillance."
- 4.17. Emergency Management Directors –** No report.
- 4.17.1. C. Taylor stated J. Mullin would attend the next meeting.
- 4.18. Dam Committee –**
- 4.18.1. C. Taylor stated, "It's done. I think it looks good, and I think it's just right."
- 4.18.2. E. Pratt said that the engineer had told her that when they removed the top log during deconstruction, there was a 12ft. section in the middle where the 2nd log was missing completely.
- 5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 5.1. C. Taylor stated they had gone to the MMA Convention. He said a lot of towns were leaving their school districts, and probably in March the BOS should put something on the warrant "for folks to chew on." He said they should ask folks whether they were interested in looking into withdrawing from the district. He added that there were a lot of templates.
- 6. New Business:**
- 6.1. Vote to Accept the Embden Spillway from the Contractor- C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to accept the spillway from the contractor, OKJ Construction, and issue the final payment of \$15,000. (3-0)
- 7. Old Business:**
- 7.1. Computer Server: C. Taylor stated they had one bid for the server, and would have a second bid for the next meeting.
- 8. Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.
- 8.1. C. Taylor stated the town had received the 'Maine Spirit of America Award 2013 Silver Distinction for conscientious actions aiding volunteerism.
- 8.2. BOS reviewed engagement letter from Pierce Atwood.
- 9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1. Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1.1. T. Wahler stated he had spoken with the BOS earlier regarding an issue with the BOA. C. Taylor replied that he should be receiving a letter from the town attorney. T. Wahler asked if the town was "turning an attorney on [him]." C. Taylor stated they had to contact an attorney, "because of the complexity of the issue." T. Wahler exclaimed, "This is what I was trying to avoid!" C. Taylor replied, "And I couldn't address that because of the huge gamut of information you handed me." T. Wahler stated, "I came here tonight to ask you to withdraw my complaint as kind of an olive branch. This is getting very serious. I'm trying to bring resolve to this issue, and now it is costing the town money." C. Taylor replied, "It needs to." He stated that the town would now need to have an FOAA officer. T. Wahler said, "I appreciate you taking this issue seriously, but I was hoping that being a small town, we could find an equitable solution." Discussion continued. T. Wahler stated, "I would like to retract my complaint in the spirit of bringing things to a resolve. I feel bad that you had to spend the town's money on this. I don't know what caused that man to react that way. It's out of character. I've known him for a number of years. I don't know what was said to him... I know it wasn't said by me." C. Taylor asked what the BOS wanted him to do about this issue. He asked if he wanted him to call the attorney and tell him to "cease and desist." T. Wahler replied, "For \$385/hour, I would be calling pretty quickly."
- 9.1.2. C. Taylor stated the BOS would be looking into how much it would cost for a complete revaluation of the town, for the warrant in March.
- 9.1.3. C. Taylor stated the BOS had received a complaint about a fishing derby that was held on Fahi Pond last winter. T. Wahler said participants had left a huge mess, but it was all cleaned up now.
- 10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):** None.
- 11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, October 21, 2013.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 20:06.