

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 2, 2013

### 19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:04.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated November 18, 2013 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #23 totaling \$46,736.62. (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.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –No Report.
    - 4.2.1. C. Taylor stated they had received 3 complaints. He read the complaints and the reply from Scott Smith (Nitram). BOS discussed.
  - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
    - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated he had nothing to report.
  - 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 stated the roads looked “pretty good this morning.”
    - 4.10.2. He said he had D. Nile unplug a culvert.
    - 4.10.3. He stated there had been a bunch of trees down the other day. He added that he had spoken to other road commissioners and in many towns the fire department clears the trees out of the road. He said he had taken care of some trees on Thanksgiving Day as well.
    - 4.10.4. He stated they needed to put a little bit of a shoulder on the Dunbar Hill Road. M. Witham said that Robert Torno owned a shoulder machine that the town may be able to rent next year.
    - 4.10.5. He stated Fine Line had fixed a cross-culvert by E. Ketchum’s house, and re-done the initial repair work further up the road.
    - 4.10.6. He said there was a culvert on the Bert Berry Road by the Concord Corner Road that they had replaced a couple of years ago that needed to be re-done.
    - 4.10.7. He asked about the plow turn-around on the Cleveland Road, and stated he was unsure who owned the land that the turn-around was on. C. Taylor replied that it was Myron Dickey. M. Witham stated he would contact the landowner.
    - 4.10.8. E. Pratt asked about the turn-around on the Concord Corner Road. C. Taylor stated that R. Dunphy had complained about it, but if Embden’s winter roads drivers were not complaining.
    - 4.10.9. M. Witham said he had been unable to attend the meeting on the Slipp Road Bridge. C. Taylor stated the state would send a packet with the information. M. Witham suggested using a 25ft. culvert with guardrails to replace the bridge. He added that in the past the town had discussed discontinuing the Slipp Road. He said it almost would have been better because the town wouldn’t be looking at having to repair the bridge. He stated that the way the state was talking the bridge might have to be fixed as early as next year. He said, “If we do this the way the state is talking, it will cost a lot of money. You thought that the dam project was expensive.” He said he would get a quote for a large culvert so they would have it for the ATM.

- 4.10.10. He stated he had thought about trimming up some of the trees while they weren't very busy.
- 4.10.11. He said they had taken the dock out last Monday.
- 4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**
- 4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.**
- 4.12.1. B. Baker stated T. Murray had faxed over her proposed budget.
- 4.12.2. C. Taylor stated D. Barron put up the boards for the skate rink, but the wind blew them down.
- 4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**
- 4.13.1. B. Baker stated the foreclosure notices had been mailed November 22<sup>nd</sup>. She said 13 accounts were still unpaid for 2011.
- 4.13.2. She said most of the dog reminder postcards had been mailed, and the rest would go out this week.
- 4.13.3. She stated she received a call from Jeremy Manzer (Anson Fire Chief), who advised that the Fire Department would be holding an Ice Fishing Derby on February 22<sup>nd</sup> on Embden Pond; there will be a \$20-30K cash prize, or a new truck which is being donated by Hights.
- 4.14. Registrar of Voters:**
- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated she had nothing to report.
- 4.15. Tax Collector – BOS reviewed written report.**
- 4.15.1. C. Taylor stated \$261,000 remained outstanding.
- 4.16. Community Center –**
- 4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said he contacted Dave Winslow about installing outside lighting at the ECctr. C. Taylor stated there might be some Efficiency Maine grants available.
- 4.16.2. W. McLaughlin said he was unavailable next week because Mona was having knee surgery.
- 4.16.3. He stated that he, R. Young, and S. LeHay had made a "punch list" of projects that they may want done at the ECctr next year to bring up at the ATM. W. McLaughlin stated that one item on the list was to replace the windows at this end of the building. C. Taylor stated they would get an estimate from W. Atwood.
- 4.16.4. W. McLaughlin stated they were thinking about closing the library completely and using the space for something else.
- 4.16.5. He said Sharon Buck would perform Saturday night, and a craft fair Saturday during the day. He added that Mr. & Mrs. Santa would be there.
- 4.16.6. B. Baker asked whether the cookie swap was this week or next week. W. McLaughlin replied that he did not know anything about it. B. Baker said she thought it was supposed to be a Pampered Chef party also, to benefit the ECC. E. Pratt stated that was "someone else's project."
- 4.16.7. W. McLaughlin stated Nate (BCF) was up the other day and told us to get a thermostat would cost the same regardless of type, so it made sense to make them all the same style.
- 4.16.8. He added that they needed to do something to get heat into the lab, because it was really cold in there. E. Pratt stated she thought a lot of it was due to the windows.
- 4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.**
- 5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 5.1.** C. Taylor stated Alan Michael had water problems and had been trying to get the water district to do something about it for a month before calling the Selectmen. He said he had helped him get somewhere with them. Discussion continued.
- 5.2.** E. Pratt stated E. Ketchum had contacted her during the last storm because she had been without power for 10 hours. C. Taylor stated they needed to get a generator for the ECctr.
- 5.3.** C. Taylor asked when the BOS wanted to begin holding budget meetings. E. Pratt said they should hold them on Thursday evenings from 17:30-18:30, beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. New Business:** None.
- 7. Old Business:** None.
- 8. Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.
- 9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1. Open Public Forum:** None
- 10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):**
- 11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 11.1.** Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2013.
- 11.2.** Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> - C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 20:12.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*