

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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July 7, 2014

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**Board Members In attendance.** Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor

**Board Members Absent.** None

**Other Officials Present.** Eleanor Ketchum, Michael Witham

**Members of the Public Present.** Scott LeHay

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:06.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated June 16, 2014 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-013 totaling \$18,944.90. (3-0)
    - 2.2.1. BOS asked that T. Taylor be added to the payroll warrant. (She was mistakenly omitted)
    - 2.2.2. W. McLaughlin declared that the ECC had voted to pay for the motor from Maine Paper & Janitorial. He stated the group would reimburse the Town \$210.
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
  - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
  - 3.2. Appeals Board Members – Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
  - 4.1. E-911 –
    - 4.1.1. E. Ketchum explained that some of the road signs around the pond have leaves obscuring them. C. Taylor asked M. Witham if he had a pole saw to remove the obstructions. He asked E. Ketchum whether Claude Dunton would take care of the trees, or if she wanted M. Witham to do it. She replied that it did not matter.
    - 4.1.2. E. Ketchum advised that she had 2-3 signs to put up.
    - 4.1.3. She asked M. Witham to pick up some posts from White Sign.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.

**4.3. Animal Control** – No report.

4.3.1. C. Taylor stated there had been a dog attack in town.

**4.4. Board of Assessors** –

4.4.1. W. McLaughlin expressed that the Assessors had committed taxes, and all bills had gone out.

**4.5. Planning Board** – No Report.

**4.6. Local 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. E. Pratt asked that the alders on the corner of the Wentworth Road be cut.

4.10.2. M. Witham noted that they had been dealing with beavers, and had caught 3 so far. He revealed that the Town would most likely need to clean the debris out with an excavator, and added that the traps were reset.

4.10.3. He advised that J. Kaplan had put out the remainder of the calcium today.

4.10.4. He remarked that grading was difficult with all the rain we have had. He mentioned that the Boat Landing Road had been graded and rock raked, the Station Road had been graded, and the Getchell Road needed to be done.

4.10.5. He acknowledged that Jeremy Hill was requesting a speed limit sign on the Bert Berry Road.

4.10.6. M. Witham reported that he had gone out Saturday for trees down on the Bert Berry Road, and there were a couple of spots that the road had washed.

4.10.7. He commented that everything was pretty good.

4.10.8. He stated they had a couple of culverts to do, the West Shore Road by Jack Kaplan, the Slipp Road, and a resident one.

4.10.9. He communicated that a taxpayer on Holly Drive wants his road fixed, however it is actually owned by Plumb Creek. He added that the town owned road stopped at the top of the hill. He said, "I feel that it wouldn't be fair to do it for him, when other people in town also live on non-town roads and we don't maintain them."

4.10.10. E. Pratt reiterated the vote taken at the previous meeting regarding reimbursement policies for training. M. Witham responded, "We could always purchase a town pickup." Discussion continued.

4.10.11. He told the board that he had purchased rock rake teeth, which had made a huge difference.

4.10.12. He inquired whether the Selectmen were interested in putting mulch at Mullins Cove. He offered to use the summer roads budget to do it, and remarked that Frank Frost might donate the mulch. C. Taylor told him to "go ahead."

4.10.13. M. Witham asked if they should appropriate funding for the Slipp Road Bridge before putting it out to bid.

C. Taylor replied they needed the bids back by January so they knew what to budget for town meeting.

**4.11. R.S.U. #74** – No report.

**4.12. Recreational Director** – No Report.

4.12.1. B. Baker remarked that Summer Rec had started today. She submitted a list of events for summer rec. She advised that T. Murray had said there were approximately 15-20 kids from Embden signed up, although that number may go up with any additional registrants from this morning.

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a quote from API for the Code Enforcement computer upgrades.

4.13.2. She submitted information from a non-profit company administering municipal 457 plans for the Selectmen to review.

4.13.3. She stated that there were still 21 unlicensed dogs as of 6/30/14.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. She advised she had nothing to report.

**4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.**

**4.16. Community Center –**

4.16.1. S. LeHay stated that he had put stakes across the lawn at the ECctr, and wanted to request that the Road Commissioner put large rocks there to keep people from driving across the lawn.

4.16.2. W. McLaughlin asked if M. Witham had anything to move the small shed to the other side of the ECctr.

4.16.3. C. Taylor advised that S. LeHay had submitted a quote for a new gate for the fence at the ECctr of \$983.75. Discussion continued. C. Taylor said, "Go for it."

4.16.4. W. McLaughlin stated William Atwood had most of the work at the ECctr completed.

4.16.5. He commented that S. LeHay felt they needed a lot more mulch for the playground. S. LeHay interjected, stating that they would need probably 200-300 yards to fix the playground properly. Discussion continued.

4.16.6. W. McLaughlin announced he had spoken with Brad Ouelette regarding work to the ECctr bathroom.

4.16.7. E. Pratt listed the following upcoming events:

7/12 Supper – Lasagne Supper with salad, garlic bread and ice cream sundaes

7/20 Bob Marley 19:30-21:30 Cost \$22

Bingo

Open Mic – Sundays

TOPS

Cribbage & Game Night – Thursday nights

Sewing/Quilting – Tuesday nights

4.16.8. S. LeHay advised that the Open Mic was donation only, and the last times the kitchen cleared ~\$100.

4.16.9. S. LeHay communicated that the company had done the fire extinguisher checks, but had not done the hood. He asked the BOS to determine if Maine Fire Equipment had the ability to do the hood or if they should find a different company.

4.16.10. He inquired if Mike Golden had gotten a hold of the Selectmen regarding the soccer goal posts at the ECctr. He added that the high school needed come and Embden wasn't going to use them. W. McLaughlin asserted, "We are not going to use them, so might as well get it out of there."

4.16.11. W. McLaughlin mentioned, "We still got that [Rec.] equipment that needs to move."

4.16.12. E. Pratt announced that the Thrift Store was still making money.

4.16.13. S. LeHay remarked that some fire fighters had asked to use one of the schools for training, but it made more sense for them to approach the ECC about using the Community Center.

4.16.14. C. Taylor stated that he had contacted KVEMS regarding an AED for the ECctr.

4.16.15. S. LeHay asked if the BOS wanted him to get ahold of Dave Winsloe about the outside lights at the ECctr. W. McLaughlin said yes.

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

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

5.1. C. Taylor stated they needed to speak with Gene from the Fish Hatchery. He explained that they had a complaint from an individual with a physical disability who was unable to walk the trail to the beach and wanted to drive

through the Hatchery for access. He stressed that he had told the individual that the hatchery was state owned and the Selectmen had no authority over it. He added that hatchery personnel had given the individual a very hard time, and the individual felt that the beach should be handicap accessible so that someone with their condition should be able to use it. Lengthy discussion continued.

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).** None.

11. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, July 21, 2014.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:58.

*Minutes submitted by:*

*Bonnie A. Baker*