

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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August 18, 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, Terriann Lamontagne, Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. Sam White

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:03.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated August 4, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-016 totaling \$166,260.81. (3-0).
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 advised that she had nothing to report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor – No Report.**
 - 4.2.1. C. Taylor remarked that the BOS would be working on the new contract before December. He explained that they planned to get bids in early enough that they could more accurately budget for winter roads maintenance.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control – No Report**
 - 4.3.1. C. Taylor stated he had not talked to Nolan Waugh to see if he was interested in the Deputy ACO position.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne asserted that she wanted the town to pay the expenses for her to get her Notary certification.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board – No Report.**
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector –No Report.**
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals –**
 - 4.7.1. C. Taylor reported that J. Duff had contacted him to say that he had nothing to report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer –**

4.8.1. T. Lamontagne announced that R. Dunphy would be on vacation from September 2-11, not August as he had originally thought.

4.9. Health Officer – No report.

4.10. Road Commissioner –

- 4.10.1. M. Witham reported that things were “going good.”
- 4.10.2. He mentioned that he had received a slip from Gilbert Taylor for last year.
- 4.10.3. He informed the board that he had completed the URIP/LRAP paperwork.
- 4.10.4. He stated he had received a complaint from D. Mercier.
- 4.10.5. C. Taylor commented that some folks had been calling about brushing.
- 4.10.6. M. Witham advised that they would probably do the Barron Road on Thursday and would grade the Slipp Road tomorrow.
- 4.10.7. S. White declared that M. Witham had done some ditching for one of his neighbors last week and put a culvert across his lawn. He added that the neighbor had told M. Witham that [S. White] didn’t want water running across his lawn and they were going to do something about it. They discussed possible solutions. S. White concluded that he appreciated anything that [M. Witham] could come up with. M. Witham replied, “I think Sam and I are on the same page. We can do something about it.”
- 4.10.8. M. Witham noted that as RC he had ridden around during the rainstorm on Thursday and had come across a tree down on the Hancock Pond Rd.
- 4.10.9. He said that he had received a call from someone on the Hancock Pond Road complaining about flat tires. He added that as he and the gentleman spoke he had come to believe that the problem spot might actually have been in Lexington, not in Embden.
- 4.10.10. He informed the BOS that Sheldon might be interested in renting out his tractor for roadside mowing. A conversation on worker’s comp coverage and requirements ensued.
- 4.10.11. He mentioned that he was considering doing some paving on the Bert Berry Road by R. Oliver.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No report.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker remarked that there were 13 known unlicensed dogs remaining.
- 4.13.2. She submitted a Treasurer’s Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes.
- 4.13.3. She submitted an Expense Report.
- 4.13.4. She mentioned that a Supplemental Tax bill had been mailed to CMP for approx. \$19,000, and would be due in 60 days.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

- 4.14.1. **Sign Warrant for RSU74 Referendum Election** – BOS reviewed and signed warrant.
- 4.14.2. She advised there would be a referendum election on September 23rd for RSU74. She added that the polls would be open from 09:00-20:00, and the Town office would only be open for voting that day.
- 4.14.3. She informed them that there would be a Public Hearing on September 10th at Carrabec High School.

4.15. Tax Collector –

- 4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.
- 4.15.2. B. Baker expressed that R. Blake was interested in attending the TRIO Motor Vehicle Class being held in Bangor on October 9th. She added that the class would review the entire motor vehicle process in TRIO. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to approve. (3-0)

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. W. McLaughlin announced that more than 80 people had attended the Steak Tips Supper.

- 4.16.2. He stated that the gym floor looked really nice.
- 4.16.3. E. Pratt revealed that the group would be selling tickets at the New Portland Fair again this year.
W. McLaughlin said R. Blake was working on the required paperwork, and he was tasked with getting tickets.
- 4.16.4. E. Pratt specified that the next ECC supper, on September 13th, would be meatloaf and potatoes.
- 4.16.5. She stated that there would be a wedding held on the 20th.
- 4.16.6. W. McLaughlin talked about the "Country Sunday" (aka Open Mic), saying it was doing really well.
- 4.16.7. He pointed out that they needed to find a way to tell people not to drag tables and chairs across the gym floor, or they were going to incur expensive repairs.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.

- 5.1. C. Taylor disclosed that they had received a new contract from BCF. He asked whether there was an issue with the current location of the tanks. Discussion continued.
- 5.2. C. Taylor inquired about the AEDs. He stated that KVEMS was saying that the order needed to be placed through our service provider. Discussion continued.
- 5.3. W. McLaughlin asked whether they were still having problems with water in the basement of the town office. C. Taylor affirmed that he was working on the issue.
- 5.4. W. McLaughlin voiced concern over the telephone wires at the Town Office which had yet to be repaired. B. Baker told the BOS she had sent an e-mail Friday to the account manager at TDS asking when the work would get done.
- 5.5. W. McLaughlin reported that there had been problems with the alarm system at the ECCTr. He said he had spoken with Sugarloaf Security and asked them to send Wally to look into the problem.

6. New Business.

- 6.1. **Cub Scout Checking Account** – C. Taylor stated that S. Cyrway had requested K. Sousa be added to the Cub Scout Checking account. He added that the First Selectman and Treasurer would be authorized signers as well. BOS signed letter to BSB detailing changes.

7. Old Business.

- 7.1. **Results of Research into Air Conditioning for Town Office.** C. Taylor communicated that they had received an estimate from BCF on a split system. T. Lamontagne expressed, "We need to put some money in here as well as we do at the Community Center." C. Taylor concluded that it would probably cost approx. \$4,500 if they were to install the system. Discussion continued.

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),

- 10.1. E. Pratt Made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405-6 (a) to discuss a situation involving a minor child. (3-0)

Entered Executive Session at 19:47.

E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to come out of ES. *Meeting resumed 20:07.*

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, August 18, 2014.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:32.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk*