

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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December 1, 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.** Robert Dunphy, Terriann Lamontagne

**Members of the Public Present.** None

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:01.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated November 17, 2014 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-023 totaling \$40,474.58. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
  - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
  - 3.2. School Board Director – Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
  - 4.1. **E-911 –**
    - 4.1.1. E. Pratt stated she had spoken with E. Ketchum, who had nothing to report.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor – No Report.**
    - 4.2.1. C. Taylor advised that he had to contact them a couple times to sand the Cross Town Road and once to sand the Hancock Pond Road. He added that the BOS had also received a written complaint for “large rocks.”
  - 4.3. **Animal Control – No Report.**
    - 4.3.1. E. Pratt informed the BOS that P. Graf had resigned in Madison and would therefore need some equipment.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
    - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne revealed that the BOA would be sending out List of Estate forms again this year. She added that they received a good return last year.
    - 4.4.2. C. Taylor told her that at the last meeting, they had discussed Anson’s 70% valuation, & the fact that the lower valuation allowed Anson to “get away with paying less” to the county and the State. Discussion continued.
  - 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 –**

4.8.1. R. Dunphy commented that th PB had heard 3 applications at the last meeting and there were 4 scheduled for the next meeting.

4.8.2. C. Taylor stated that B. Baker had gone a good job redoing the Building Permit Application. R. Dunphy agreed that it was “so official looking.” B. Baker advised it would go before the PB at their next meeting for approval.

4.8.3. C. Taylor asked if there were any violations. R. Dunphy affirmed that he had one on the East Shore Road to go see for an addition built without a permit.

4.8.4. E. Pratt pointed out that the neighbor across from her had filled in between 2 buildings on his property.

4.8.5. R. Dunphy asked whether they would be relocating the door to the supply closet. C. Taylor replied, “Why do you need to? Are you just too lazy to walk down into the basement? Why do you need to have things at arm’s reach?” Discussion continued. C. Taylor stated, “If it’s a necessity that you need to have that closed up you need to let me know.” R. Dunphy replied, “It’s not a necessity for me.”

**4.9. Health Officer –**

4.9.1. R. Dunphy said he had nothing to report.

**4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.**

4.10.1. C. Taylor pronounced that the Town had a “scour critical bridge” that was “not as critical as we thought.” He added that all the Town needed to do was placard the bridge for high water. He suggested putting aside some money each year for the next 3 years toward repairs.

**4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**

**4.12. Recreational Director –**

4.12.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.12.2. C. Taylor voiced, “It’s awful that we can’t find someone in town to do it, but Tammy does do a good job.”

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

4.13.1. B. Baker commented that she would have reports for the next meeting.

4.13.2. B. Baker submitted pricing for the AED cabinet and signage. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to purchase an AED storage cabinet, wall sign and facility decals for both buildings. (3-0)

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker declared that she had nothing to report.

**4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.**

**4.16. Community Center –**

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin mentioned that they had opened the ECctr gate last storm for plowing and someone had gotten in there and spun it up.

4.16.2. He advised that they were still having problems with the alarm.

4.16.3. He announced that the ECC would have a meeting Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

4.16.4. He stated that there would be a Christmas party on December 12<sup>th</sup> for ECC members.

4.16.5. W. McLaughlin listed the following upcoming event:

12/13 Doug Mathieu, Danny Taylor, & Adam Cates

4.16.6. He reported that E. Baker would be shoveling the ECctr for now.

4.16.7. He said he had spoken with Nate about the water issue, and was waiting to hear back.

4.16.8. C. Taylor asked whether the ECC would be developing a budget.

**4.17. Emergency Management Directors –**

4.17.1. R. Dunphy noted that he needed to purchase some shelving & file cabinets for the CERTeam. He added that they had radios.

4.17.2. He explained that they had gone out for some grants and received \$250 from Skowhegan Savings Bank so far for the CERTeam.

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

5.1. The budget meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Town Office.

**6. New Business.** None.

**7. Old Business.** None.

**8. Correspondence.** None.

**9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum.**

**9.1. Open Public Forum:**

9.1.1. R. Dunphy strongly urged those present to attend the December 19<sup>th</sup> County Public Hearing on Wind Towers.

**10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405),** None needed.

**11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2014.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:05.

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