

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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March 2, 2015

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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| <b>Board Members In attendance.</b>   | Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor                      |
| <b>Board Members Absent.</b>          | None   |
| <b>Other Officials Present.</b>       | Robert Dunphy, Leo Mayo  |
| <b>Members of the Public Present.</b> | Larry Andrews, Joe Creamer, Paul & Mrs. Fortin, William & Maddy Pierce |
| <b>Secretary.</b>                     | 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 February 16, 2015 as corrected (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-005 totaling \$42,184.13. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
  - 4.1. **E-911 –**
    - 4.1.1. E. Pratt stated that nothing was going on right now.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –** No Report.
  - 4.3. **Animal Control –** No Report.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
    - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin reported that the Assessors were “getting back the Random Sample [they] sent out.”
    - 4.4.2. E. Pratt emphasized she felt putting on the form that property owners could not write ‘same as last year’ was “not a fair thing to do.” C. Taylor added that he received a call from someone who felt the Assessors should have included a copy of the current valuation sheets in the mailing. E. Pratt stressed, “I don’t think it’s a right and fair thing to do! We have 3 very capable Assessors, and that’s their job, not mine!” Discussion continued.
  - 4.5. **Planning Board –**
    - 4.5.1. L. Mayo announced that he had nothing to report.
    - 4.5.2. R. Dunphy stated there was only one on the next agenda.
    - 4.5.3. L. Mayo remarked that Fortin and Strickland were “at it again,” and the issue would be coming up in the next couple of months.
  - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector –**

4.6.1. L. Mayo said that not much was going on.

4.6.2. W. McLaughlin stated that he had been made aware that the ECC had not applied for a permit for the plumbing work done at the ECCtr. L. Mayo replied that there should be one just to protect the town.

**4.7. Board of Appeals –**

4.7.1. C. Taylor noted the board heard an appeal, which was being kicked back to the PB for review and further interpretation. L. Mayo asked whether DEP had been notified of the decision.

**4.8. Code Enforcement Officer –**

4.8.1. R. Dunphy advised that Rick Young had removed a deck. He asked for permission to turn it over to the attorney. BOS voted 3-0 to approve. Discussion continued.

**4.9. Health Officer –**

4.9.1. R. Dunphy stated there were no concerns at this time.

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

**4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**

**4.12. Recreational Director –**

4.12.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.12.2. C. Taylor informed the board that T. Murray had been copied on the RALA e-mail.

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer's Report of Liened Taxes

Treasurer's Report

Check Reconciliation Report

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker expressed that she was getting everything ready for the upcoming town meeting.

**4.15. Tax Collector – No report.**

4.15.1. C. Taylor asked if R. Blake had called each of the Selectmen. W. McLaughlin and E. Pratt affirmed. C. Taylor asked, "Do we want to ask on it tonight?" W. McLaughlin replied, "No, wait until Thursday night."

**4.16. Community Center –**

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said the supper had gone well.

4.16.2. He revealed that the D. Mathieu event had grossed over \$1,000, and cleared over \$800.

4.16.3. E. Pratt announced the following events:

Weight Watchers – Wednesdays 17:15-17:45

Pine Wood Derby – March 14<sup>th</sup>

Pork Roast Dinner – March 14<sup>th</sup>

Landowner Supper

**4.17. Emergency Management Directors –**

4.17.1. R. Dunphy asserted that the new CERTeam would be starting up "once the snow goes."

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.**

**6. New Business: None.**

**7. Old Business.**

**7.1. Discussion Regarding Future Options with RSU#74.**

7.1.1. C. Taylor explained that another group had approached the Selectmen about the possibility of withdrawing from the school district. An extensive discussion ensued during which the necessary steps for withdrawal were discussed. C. Taylor offered to contact an attorney knowledgeable on the subject. The item will be kept on future BOS agendas and followed up at subsequent BOS meetings.

8. **Correspondence.** BOS reviewed correspondence.
  - 8.1. C. Taylor advised that he had mailed a letter to each prospective winter roads contractor listing the amounts of each bid received. He revealed that the letter sent to Josh Nunes had come back as undeliverable.
  - 8.2. He read the dates of the upcoming RSU#74 Budget Meetings as follows:
    - Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 8.3. He stated there would be an upcoming workshop on Municipal Paving held in Skowhegan on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
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, March 16, 2015.
  - 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:29.

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