

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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May 4, 2015

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**Board Members In attendance.** Scott LeHay & Charles Taylor

**Board Members Absent.** Elizabeth Pratt

**Other Officials Present.** Dwight Barron, Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, & Michael Witham

**Members of the Public Present.** None

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:10.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated April 20, 2015 as written (2-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-009 totaling \$10,734.94. (2-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
  - 3.1. **Planning Board Alternates (2)** – Tabled until next meeting.
  - 3.2. **Board of Appeals Members (2)** –
    - 3.2.1. S. LeHay made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to appoint Mary Keenan as Appeals Board member for a term of one year. (2-0)
    - 3.2.2. Remaining member tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
  - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
  - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
    - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written report.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
  - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
    - 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated he expected to have some applications at the next meeting, but had not seen an agenda yet..
  - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –
    - 4.6.1. L. Mayo said there was not much going on right now because the roads are posted.
  - 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 that it had been busy the last couple of weeks.
- 4.10.2. He went on to explain that they had some issues with the sweeper.
- 4.10.3. He said there had been some “major frost” coming out of the road on the Dunbar Hill Road. He added that a vehicle had gotten stuck in the mud last Friday. He told the BOS that the road had been “too soupy” to do anything with at the time, but he had put up barricades until it dried up enough to put 3 loads of 1½” stone a few days later.
- 4.10.4. M. Witham stated that the town had placed a culvert years ago which had since failed and needed to be replaced. He advised he had put stone for now, and would replace the culvert for Mr. Smiley this summer.
- 4.10.5. He declared that a resident at the end of the Getchell Road had gotten stuck. He said they used E. Creamer’s ton truck and put a couple loads of gravel by hand. He stated the road was graded today, and would be rock raked tomorrow.
- 4.10.6. He reported that there was an issue by Elfin Berry’s place, a hole. He advised he had put some stone to fix the hole, but it had now risen up to form a hump.
- 4.10.7. He suggested the Selectmen check the Hancock Pond Road, saying that it looked great for having had nothing done to it. He added that he did not think he had ever seen a road stay like that.
- 4.10.8. He expressed that he had placed a new post at the stop sign at the end of the Wentworth Road, as well as placed stop signs at the end of the Concord Corner Road and the Dunbar Hill Road.
- 4.10.9. He stated he had picked up a new ‘Men Working’ sign at White Signs last week.
- 4.10.10. He said they had cleaned up the Town Office piles last Friday. He stressed that the worker that raked the Town Office did an excellent job.
- 4.10.11. He announced that they had shoveled the edge of the bridge on the Embden Pond Road to clean it up.
- 4.10.12. M. Witham explained that they had been doing spring cleaning.
- 4.10.13. C. Taylor asked whether M. Witham had received the Workers Comp. Predetermination certificate for Ellery Witham, because the town had to pay extra money last year for his not having that paperwork. Discussion continued.
- 4.10.14. C. Taylor announced that L. Mayo had fixed the boat launch, and M. Witham had installed it.
- 4.10.15. M. Witham stated that the posters would most likely be down next week.
- 4.10.16. He said he planned to grade Dunbar Hill Road last, and might have to dig the road out this year and fix it.
- 4.10.17. He noted that there was a tree by Henry Hinman’s property that needed to be taken care of, but he did not dare do it due to the proximity to the power lines.
- 4.10.18. He asked if the BOS wanted him to clean at the ECctr as well. S. LeHay responded, “I would love that.”

**4.11. R.S.U. #74 –**

- 4.11.1. D. Barron mentioned that there would be a meeting Wednesday night at the Solon Elementary School at 18:00. He stressed that the School Board would be voting on whether to go forward with the committee for the Cost Sharing. He added that it would be item #5 on the agenda. He explained that they were in hopes to get the Cost Sharing formula more in line with the student population, and the committee previously formed by the School Board had agreed to take the suggestion to the board, but now the board itself needed to vote in order to move forward. He explained the process that would occur.

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

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

- 4.13.1. B. Baker reported that there were still 15 known unregistered dogs.
- 4.13.2. She submitted an Expense Report for the ECctr from 2012 – present.

4.13.3. She submitted the proposed legal ad for the TA property and asked the selectmen to extend the deadline to June 12<sup>th</sup>, to be opened and awarded at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, due to a delay in getting the article to appear in the newspaper. BOS approved.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker submitted the list of ballot clerks for the May 12<sup>th</sup> election. BOS approved.

4.14.2. She reported that 43 people (total) had attended the RSU Public Hearing for the Budget last week. She went on to explain that of the 43, only 15 were residents of the 4 towns, and the rest were School Board members, Ballot Clerks, and non-residents. She said 10 voters from Embden attended the meeting.

4.14.3. She expressed that the recommended RSU budget amounts had been approved at the meeting and would be voted on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.**

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.2. R. Blake declared that \$7,529.42 had been collected since the last report.

4.15.3. She advised the BOS that 30-Day Notices would be mailed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and come due June 17<sup>th</sup>. She added that she had hoped to mail them next week but had been “too busy.”

4.15.4. She noted that she would be training with TRIO on July 9<sup>th</sup> for the Motor Vehicle module, with testing to follow right after. She remarked that the town would need to purchase a printer, at a cost of approximately \$320–440. She specified that once the state changed their registration forms, this printer would still be used for sales tax and title forms.

4.15.5. She asked whether this was the time to bring up her 3<sup>rd</sup> week of vacation. C. Taylor asked her to wait until the next meeting when E. Pratt was present.

**4.16. Community Center –**

4.16.1. S. LeHay announced the following events:

Chicken Pot Pie Supper – Saturday

Doug Mathieu, Danny Taylor, Adam Cates – May 16<sup>th</sup>

4.16.2. S. LeHay discussed the electrical needs at the ECCtr. He pointed out that they still had ceiling fans which needed to be installed, as well as exterior lights to put up, new electrical outlets for the washer and dryer for the Thrift Store, and an additional receptacle for the kitchen end of the gym. C. Taylor stated that E. Pratt recommended that they hire a licensed electrician to do the work. S. LeHay responded that it would need to be a licensed electrician, because they would have to get the permits through the State due to it being a public building. C. Taylor recommended Jerry Turner because he had done work for the town before. He added that he thought J. Turner possessed the necessary insurance coverage. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to allow the ECC to contact Jerry Turner regarding the proposed electrical work (2–0).

4.16.3. S. LeHay asked whether anyone had ever filled out the paperwork for Efficiency Maine. C. Taylor replied that he had never seen the forms.

4.16.4. S. LeHay mentioned that they had a great turn out at the Steve & the Good Ole Boys performance. R. Blake interjected that they had made more money at this non-alcoholic event than they had the last time this performer was here. She stated that last time the group had lost money.

4.16.5. S. LeHay voiced that yesterday had been the one year anniversary of the Country Sunday events.

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

**4.18. RSU Withdrawal Exploratory Committee –**

4.18.1. D. Barron reminded those present that there would be an informational meeting held Saturday morning at the ECCtr at 10:00.

4.18.2. C. Taylor asked if the group was ready to answer questions at the meeting. D. Barron said someone had already dropped off 2 pages of questions they might expect at the meeting.

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

6. **New Business:**

6.1. **Review & Sign Warrant for June 9<sup>th</sup> Secret Ballot Election:** BOS reviewed and signed.

7. **Old Business:**

7.1. **Discussion Regarding Future Options with RSU#74:** Covered under 4.18.

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. **Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (A) to discuss a personnel issue.**

10.1.1. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405-6(f) (2-0).

*BOS entered executive session at 20:19.*

C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to come out of executive session (2-0).

*Meeting resumed at 20:42.*

C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to take no action (2-0).

11. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2015.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by S. LeHay (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor). (2-0) Adjourned 20:43.

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