

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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May 18, 2015

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

Board Members In attendance. Scott LeHay, Elizabeth Pratt, & Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent. None

Other Officials Present. Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. None

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated May 4, 2015 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-010 totaling \$166,925.43. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **Planning Board Alternates (2)** – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.2. **Board of Appeals Members (1)** –
 - 3.2.1. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to appoint Ronald Pinkham Jr. as Appeals Board member for a term of one year. (3-0).
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
 - 4.3.1. B. Baker reported that the Spay/Neuter & Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Embden was held last Wednesday. She stated that the clinic had to be moved to the North Anson Fire Station because they could not use the ECCtr. She added that P. Graf was hoping to do another clinic this fall, and might be requesting to use the Town Office on one of the days it was scheduled to be closed so officials could attend the MMA Convention. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to allow the ACO to hold a Spay/Neuter Clinic at the Town Office on one of the dates it was scheduled to be closed for the MMA Convention, provided the date was convenient for the Town Office staff. (3-0)
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 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. C. Taylor said he received a complaint that one of the roads needed to be graded. He explained that he had told the Road Commissioner to wait until Ellery Witham had acquired & submitted the necessary W/C Predetermination form before doing any work for the town.

4.10.2. M. Witham stated they had rock raked this afternoon.

4.10.3. He reported the Moulton Road had been done last week.

4.10.4. He mentioned that R. Donovan had complained about the Dunbar Hill Road, but it needed to dry out a little more before they could work up there. He said there was a spot that needed to be dug out, but they would have to add approximately 4 feet to the road to fix it. He added that it would cost about \$6,000 to have the ledge drilled and blasted out. He specified that his company would provide the equipment for moving and placing the blasting mats, and the blasting company would contact the nearby property owners.

4.10.5. He informed the BOS that E. Creamer had done some chipping, which would appear on the next warrant. He added that he would have a pulp truck to pick up some of the bigger trees that could not go in the chipper.

4.10.6. E. Pratt asked whether they were doing some brushing at the intersections. M. Witham replied yes.

4.10.7. He said the tree had finally come down by Henry Hinman's house.

4.10.8. He noted that he would be lifting Eric Creamer in the bucket to do some limbing on the Barron Road.

4.10.9. He stated that they still needed to do by "the Cracker Box Farm" and by Piper's Farm, but the shoulders were still pretty soft.

4.10.10. He revealed that he had contacted Fine Line and told them to go ahead and seal the entire Wentworth Road. He commented that it wouldn't fix the road, but would keep water from getting in there.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.12. Recreational Director –

4.12.1. B. Baker announced that T. Murray had set the dates for the Swim/Summer Rec. program, and she would have them the next meeting.

4.12.2. She told them the sign-up sheets for both football and cheering would be coming out in the next few weeks.

4.12.3. S. LeHay declared that this year Embden would not be hiring anyone for the swim program, merely sending money to Anson and they would have to pay the workers comp. on those individuals. He asserted, "I have a problem. We pay a lot of money to Anson, and most of our kids go to Solon. I know she is the Anson Rec. Director, but she needs to remember that she is the Embden Rec. Director too!"

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker reported that she and R. Blake had attended the MMTCTA Conference last week.

4.13.2. C. Taylor mentioned that B. Baker had achieved the Maine Treasurer certification. He directed her to make sure she thanked the Town of Embden for this opportunity.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker announced that the results for the recent School Budget Validation vote had been as follows in Embden:

14 yes - 18 no

She advised that the budget had passed in the district.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. C. Taylor said he had found flyers for last weekend's event on his desk over the weekend. B. Baker explained that she had received the information to do the flyers during the election Tuesday. She stated that she had not been able to get a hold of Jack Stephens to pick them up Wednesday, but had left a message for him to call one of the Selectmen to get in to get them since the office was scheduled to be closed Thursday.
- 4.16.2. S. LeHay mentioned that they had 108 people attend the Doug Mathieu, Danny Taylor, and Adam Cates performance last weekend, even without the advertising.
- 4.16.3. He stated that they had about 60 people at the last Country Sunday event.
- 4.16.4. E. Pratt commented that they served 70 people at the Chicken Pot Pie Supper, and had exactly enough food.
- 4.16.5. C. Taylor informed them that the Lions Club would be interested in holding an Installation Supper at the ECCTR on the 4th Monday in June.
- 4.16.6. S. LeHay asked who paid for the mowing at the ECCTR. C. Taylor replied that the Town did, and added that J. Lightbody had done the town and ECCTR for the last several years. S. LeHay replied that the ECC had contacted Nolan Waugh to mow the ECCTR. He added that N. Waugh had already mowed once and wanted to be paid \$25/hour. S. LeHay asserted that he didn't think it would be right to "hold back" on using N. Waugh just because he did not have Workers Comp. Insurance. B. Baker asked if N. Waugh had any of the required insurance. She argued that the Workers' Comp. Pre-determination could be acquired from the State and was only a form to fill out, with no cost associated with it. C. Taylor promised to contact J. Lightbody.
- 4.16.7. S. LeHay explained that the ECC had decided not to mow the ball field anymore, merely bush hog it one or two times a year.
- 4.16.8. E. Pratt announced the following upcoming events:
- Baked Bean Supper – June 13th
 - Dr. Amadon "Dr. Phil" (fiddle player) – June 27th
 - Steak Tip Dinner – July 11th
- 4.16.9. S. LeHay communicated that it had been discovered last weekend that there was no hot water at the ECCTR. He said that R. Young had contacted Nate from BCF. He pointed out that the system was "only like a year old," and hopefully would be covered under warranty. He told them that BCF had come Thursday. He stated that yesterday the system was all torn apart. He explained that BCF received a call from the manufacturer advising them to check the ceramic disks. He said there were now 2 disks on order, and at least one part should be here on Friday. E. Pratt declared that BCF had come during either the January or February supper and "rigged" the system to get it running. She voiced the concern that might have caused an issue. Discussion continued.
- 4.16.10. S. LeHay stated that the line connecting the two tanks had been redone and was now on the ground.
- 4.16.11. E. Pratt asked about the heat in the Thrift Store. She said that even when they turned the heat down to 58 degrees before leaving for the day, it was still 80 degrees in the room when they came back in. S. LeHay remarked that he had figured out the problem. He explained that ½ of the heat for the TS was from the thermostat in the Sewing Room, because they had gone from two rooms with two thermostats, to 3 rooms with 2 thermostats. He added that one solution would be to install a programmable thermostat that was set to turn on and off at the appropriate times.
- 4.16.12. C. Taylor advised them to, "Make a punch list of what you want done, and we will get it done before winter."
- 4.16.13. E. Pratt stated that it seemed to her that since the building had new boilers, they should be looking at the entire system. S. LeHay added that they needed to do one whole project and look at the distribution system. He stated that the boiler only heats the water.
- 4.16.14. S. LeHay mentioned that the prep room (aka lab) was extremely cold. C. Taylor replied that since the Town had just replaced the windows they knew that was not the cause. S. LeHay specified that he did not think that

the perimeter heat was functioning properly. He said RSU74 used Mark Tracy Heating, who was very good.

C. Taylor replied that they should get him over to the ECCtr to have a look.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Exploratory Committee –

4.18.1. E. Pratt stated she had heard that the school board was getting a little more interested in talking to them.

4.18.2. She said that if Embden paid 28% of the school budget, they would own 28% of the buses etc. if they were to leave the district.

4.18.3. S. LeHay stressed that he was afraid that if the vote on June 9th failed, the school board would decide that Embden didn't care enough to bother, and would no longer look into the cost sharing formula.

4.18.4. E. Pratt commented that she did not want to be stuck with the cost of another building or add-on.

4.18.5. She noted that parents were concerned about their kids being moved to another school district. She explained that she was not interested in pulling Embden kids out of the district, just pulling the Town out of the district and tuitioning the kids. Discussion continued.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None

6. New Business.

6.1. Review & Sign Animal Shelter Contract. BOS reviewed and signed.

6.2. Review & Sign Computer Use Policy. Tabled until next meeting, awaiting changes by R. Blake.

7. Old Business.

7.1. Discussion Regarding Future Options with RSU#74.

7.1.1. C. Taylor announced there would be a Public Hearing held at the Embden Community Center on Saturday, May 30th at 10:00am.

7.1.2. E. Pratt disclosed that R. Dunphy was recommending the following persons for the 4-person committee that would be formed if the article passed on June 9th:

Robert Dunphy

Larry Witham

Elizabeth Pratt

Joe Creamer

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): None.

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, June 1, 2015.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:32.

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