

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Public Hearing

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October 5, 2015

### 19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

**Board Members Absent.** Elizabeth Pratt

**Members of the Public Present.** Robert Dunphy, Cindy & Lawrence Labbe, Leo Mayo, Jane Mullin, Timothy & Torry Wahler, & Michael Witham

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the Public Hearing to order at 19:00.
2. C. Taylor explained the process to have a building declared a dangerous building. R. Dunphy presented pictures of the building in question, and discussed his findings. Possible solutions, time frames, etc. were discussed.
3. Public Hearing was adjourned at 19:18.

## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

October 5, 2015

### Meeting held at the Embden Town Office following the adjournment of the Public Hearing

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

**Board Members Absent.** Elizabeth Pratt

**Other Officials Present.** Robert Dunphy, Leo Mayo, Timothy & Torry Wahler, & Michael Witham

**Members of the Public Present.** Cindy & Lawrence Labbe, & Jane Mullin,

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:18.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated September 21, 2015 as written (2-0).

2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-019 totaling \$32,161.07. (2-0).

2.2.1. S. LeHay asked why the Town was refunding excise money to a customer. B. Baker explained that the customer was actually from Highland, and had already paid excise to the Tax Collector in Highland. She continued that R. Blake had expressed to her that the system automatically charged the excise and she had not noticed, so the amount needed to be refunded.

**3. Appointments & Resignations:**

3.1. **Planning Board Alternates (2)** – Tabled until next meeting.

**4. Department Officials Reports:**

4.1. **E-911** – No Report.

4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.

4.2.1. C. Taylor stated that he had spoken with E. Morrill who advised that all the sand and salt would be put up in a couple of days.

4.3. **Animal Control** – No report.

4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.

4.5. **Planning Board** –

4.5.1. L. Mayo said he had nothing to report.

4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –

4.6.1. L. Mayo announced that he was, “starting to get some systems.”

4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.

4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –

4.8.1. R. Dunphy told them he had nothing for this month.

4.9. **Health Officer** –

4.9.1. M. Witham remarked that the building on Rt. 16 that had been taken care of looked really good. R. Dunphy replied that the building should not have been burned without a permit from DEP, and the owner also should have gotten a permit from the Planning Board to remove the building.

4.9.2. C. Taylor inquired whether there were any more dangerous buildings in town. R. Dunphy informed them that there was one on the Barron Road. S. LeHay interjected that there was one on the Getchell Road as well.

4.10. **Road Commissioner** –

4.10.1. M. Witham declared that they had been doing a bunch of work. He specified that he had Fine Line on the Moulton Road, and had dumped a  $\frac{3}{4}$  blend. He added that they had done both sides of the hill, and had been fortunate in that nothing had washed on Dunbar with all the rain last week.

4.10.2. He said they repaired a culvert on the Moulton Road, and would grade the road before it became too cold.

4.10.3. He stated they installed two culverts near Larry Tewksbury, and had two more at M. Witham’s house.

4.10.4. He informed the board that he had put 2 loads of rip rap at the tremendously deep culvert on “Boothby Flats” near S. White’s house. He voiced concern that the bottom of the culvert was approximately 20 feet down below the road surface and would be an immense project to replace it in the future.

4.10.5. M. Witham reported that they had built the Embden Pond Road up by the pillars because the road was 12” below the ditch.

4.10.6. He stated they had also done “Lowell Piper’s Road.”

4.10.7. He revealed that the town currently had 4-5 pallets of calcium.

4.10.8. He mentioned that he planned to do some paving on the East Shore Road next week. He asserted that he planned to do the last 4/10 of a mile. He said he planned to, “reset at the beginning of the road and go as far as \$100k will take us.”

**4.11.R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**

- 4.11.1. S. LeHay informed the board that there was a School Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 18:00 at the Embden Community Center.

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

- 4.12.1. R. Dunphy remarked that they had not yet found the yellow swim dock.  
4.12.2. M. Witham added that the small dock was out.  
4.12.3. Discussion continued.

**4.13.Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

- 4.13.1. B. Baker stated that a customer had asked her to suggest a drop box for payments.  
4.13.2. She submitted the following reports:

Treasurer’s Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes  
Check Reconciliation Report  
Treasurer’s Report

- 4.13.3. She advised that she would have a list of foreclosed property for the next meeting. C. Taylor asked her to have it ready Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> so the BOS could all come in and review it.

**4.14.Registrar of Voters.**

- 4.14.1. B. Baker said she was preparing for the November election and lining up Ballot Clerks.

**4.15.Tax Collector – No report.**

**4.16.Community Center –**

- 4.16.1. S. LeHay asked if they had found out anything regarding insurance for the fryer,  
4.16.2. He advised that they had bought 2 new parts for the stove, but now were looking into getting a new coil.  
4.16.3. He said they had found Sunday that the circulator for the heater had been turned off for the summer, but it was now back on and working.  
4.16.4. He announced the following upcoming events:

Supper – October 10th  
Breakfast – October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Trunk or Treat by JMG

**4.17.Emergency Management Directors –**

- 4.17.1. R. Dunphy stated he had nothing to report.

**4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee ,**

- 4.18.1. R. Dunphy reported that there would be a meeting October 6<sup>th</sup> at 18.00. Discussion continued.

**4.19.RSU Cost Sharing Formula Committee.**

- 4.19.1. C. Taylor said he didn’t know when the next meeting would be. He added that the Embden members of the Committee were hoping to meet October 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 at the Embden Town Office.  
4.19.2. He announced that To. Wahler would be the newest member of the CSFCommittee.

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.**

- 5.1. C. Taylor stated he had looked into the cost of having a newspaper delivered to the office during the week.  
Discussion continued.

**6. New Business.** None.

**7. Old Business.** None

**7.1. Limited Maintenance of Eames Road.**

- 7.1.1. Discussions from previous meeting were reiterated. Tabled until next meeting.

**8. Correspondence.** BOS reviewed correspondence.

- 8.1. C. Taylor revealed the 2016 proposed State Valuation for Embden was \$209,600,000. Extensive discussion ensued.

**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, October 19, 2015.

**11.2.** Motion to adjourn made by S. LeHay (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor). (2-0) Adjourned 20:45.

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