

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Public Hearing

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October 19, 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

**Members of the Public Present.** Leo Mayo

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the Public Hearing to order at 19:03.
2. C. Taylor discussed the proposed General Assistance Guidelines updates & the adoption process.
3. Public Hearing was adjourned at 19:09.

## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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October 19, 2015

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

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

**Board Members Absent.** None

**Other Officials Present.** Leo Mayo

**Members of the Public Present.** Kristie Burch

**Secretary.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:09.

**2. Consent Agenda.**

**2.1.** Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 5, 2015 as written (3-0).

**2.2.** Reviewed Warrant #2015-020 totaling \$690,473.97. (3-0).

**3. Appointments & Resignations:**

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

**4. Department Officials Reports:**

**4.1. E-911 –**

4.1.1. E. Pratt stated that E. Ketchum had called her to report that the KCRd sign had been put up, and subsequently stolen shortly thereafter.

4.1.2. She said that a road sign order had been incorrect when delivered and was being fixed now.

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

**4.3. Animal Control** – No report.

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

**4.5. Planning Board –**

4.5.1. L. Mayo reported that a couple of individuals from Timber Lane had approached the Planning Board regarding a building encroachment. He explained that C. Taylor had contacted MMA for guidance. C. Taylor read the reply from the MMA Legal Department. Discussion continued. S. LeHay made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to forward the information to the Town's attorney and seek his legal opinion. (3-0)

**4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –**

4.6.1. L. Mayo announced --

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

**4.8. Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.

**4.9. Health Officer** – No Report.

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

**4.11. R.S.U. #74** – No Report.

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

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

4.13.1. She submitted a list of foreclosed properties.

**4.13.1.1.** She explained that there was an issue with one of the properties. She explained that she had to be out of the office for oral surgery on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and had given R. Blake permission to accept payment of 2013 taxes in her absence ONLY if the property owner was paying the full amount due for 2013. She revealed that while she was out of the office last Friday, and without contacting her, R. Blake had accepted a partial payment from the owner of Property B, and told them that they could pay the remaining balance for 2013 in a week or two. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to extend the deadline for Property B only, and accept a payment in full of the balance owed for 2013, as long as the payment was received no later than 16:00 on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. B. Baker expressed concern over the legality of extending the payment deadline for only one of the three property owners. Discussion continued. (3-0) C. Taylor asked B. Baker to attempt to contact the property owner the next morning.

**4.13.1.2.** C. Taylor asserted that he would contact D. Berry for an estimated fair market value on the foreclosed properties for the next meeting.

**4.13.1.3.** BOS advised that they would set minimum bid amounts and timeframes at the next BOS meeting.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker submitted a list of Election Clerks for the upcoming election. BOS reviewed and signed.

**4.15. Tax Collector – No report.**

**4.16. Community Center –**

4.16.1. E. Pratt reported that 84 people had attended the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner.

4.16.2. S. LeHay said he would call tomorrow to see when the new parts for the stove would be installed.

4.16.3. C. Taylor said he had hoped to have an answer from the insurance company on the fryolator but had not heard back yet.

4.16.4. He asked if S. LeHay had heard from Nate (BCF) yet. S. LeHay answered no.

4.16.5. She announced the following upcoming events:

Breakfast 07:30-10:30am – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Demo Band – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Trunk or Treat by JMG – October 30<sup>th</sup>

Walking

Weight Watchers

Sunday Open Mic.

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

**4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .**

4.18.1. E. Pratt remarked that it had taken her just over 3 weeks to get the information she requested from RSU#74. She stated she had been almost ready to contact the attorney. Discussion continued.

4.18.2. C. Taylor asked how the meetings were progressing. He asked when the next meeting would be held. E. Pratt replied that they could not have a meeting this week unless R. Dunphy wanted to run it because she was unavailable. C. Taylor stressed that the meetings needed to be posted 7 days in advance.

4.18.3. E. Pratt announced that the next meeting of the RSU WC would be held Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 18:00.

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

4.19.1. C. Taylor informed the BOS that, "All players are in place for the second round of CSF negotiations."

4.19.2. He reported that he did not have a date for the next meeting.

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

5.1. E. Pratt expressed concern about a potentially dangerous building across from the Community Center. C. Taylor replied that he would attempt to contact the owner.

**6. New Business.**

6.1. Adopt Updated State of Maine General Assistance Guidelines.

6.1.1. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to accept the updated MGAG as posted. (3-0)

**7. Old Business. None**

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

7.1.1. C. Taylor advised that he had emailed the Dept. of Conservation regarding the hardship created to the Association by the costs of continual maintenance of the Eames Road up to the dam, but had not yet received a reply. Tabled until next meeting.

**7.2. Dangerous Building (900 Embden Pond Road).**

7.2.1. S. LeHay made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to allow the property owner until April 1, 2016 to clean up the property located at 900 Embden Pond Road at their express, or the cost of the clean up would be assessed as part of their 2016 tax bill. (3-0)

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.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). (3-0)  
*Entered Executive Session at 20:05.*  
C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to come out of executive session. (3-0)  
*Meeting resumed at 20:36.*  
S. LeHay made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to deny the application pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.§401-2(a). (3-0)
11. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
  - 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, November 2, 2015.
  - 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:37.

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