



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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November 16, 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.** Ruth Blake, Robert Dunphy, & Terriann Lamontagne

**Members of the Public Present.** Chad Parker

**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 November 2, 2015 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-022 totaling \$272,836.74. (3-0).
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.
  - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
    - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written report. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to accept as written. (3-0)
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
    - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne asked when the first budget meeting would be held. C. Taylor replied that it would be held the first Thursday in December.
    - 4.4.2. She expressed her need for guidance regarding future plans that the BOS had for the Assessing department in order to formulate a budget. She asked whether the BOS were looking at changing to a single assessor. She remarked, “I would invite all three of you to come out back and go with us where we go. I would like you to be cautious and careful with your verbiage. It needs to be what is best for the town.” C. Taylor replied, “There are taxpayers looking at going from a Board of Assessors to an outside firm.” Discussion continued.
    - 4.4.3. T. Lamontagne advised that they had 2 – 4 Commissioner Hearings coming up. C. Taylor added that the Town Attorney was involved.
    - 4.4.4. C. Taylor asked whether she was working on a budget. She reiterated that she was not sure how to proceed with the budget without more guidance from the BOS.

**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** –

4.8.1. R. Dunphy said he would be writing a letter tomorrow, but had to consult with K. Lexier first.

4.8.2. He advised there had been no building permits this month.

4.8.3. He stated there was one amendment coming up.

4.8.4. He added that things had been really slow.

**4.9. Health Officer** – No Report.

4.9.1. R. Dunphy stated he had nothing to report.

**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. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to accept as written. (3-0)

4.12.2. B. Baker interjected that Embden kids could also participate in Wrestling or Competition Cheerleading.

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer's Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes

TRIO Budget Book

Treasurer's Expense Report

TRIO Expense Report (for comparison)

Budget Worksheets

4.13.2. She mentioned the voicemail at the ECCtr had been removed, at a savings of \$5.99/month.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker asked them to start thinking about times for the Saturday of Town Meeting. Discussion continued.

**4.15. Tax Collector** –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.2. R. Blake announced that taxes were "coming in fast and furious right now."

4.15.3. She revealed that she was sending notices anytime a payment was received late without interest, rather than waiting until the EOY.

**4.16. Community Center** –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced the following upcoming events:

Bob Elston – November 21<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast – November 28<sup>th</sup>

Bone Building

Open Mic. – Every Sunday

TOPS

Doug Mathieu, Danny Taylor & Adam Cates – December

Craft Fair – December 5

4.16.2. She reported that they had held a Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday. She said they had served for the entire hour, and made "quite a bit" in donations.

4.16.3. S. LeHay said UBMaine had done a fundraiser at the ECCtr a couple of weeks ago.

4.16.4. R. Blake voiced a concern with the company the ECC had hired to clean the ECCtr. She explained that they had quoted the ECC a price of \$2,095, but the actual bill was for \$2,462.64. She stressed that she was not

comfortable paying the extra since the group had voted on and approved the \$2,095, and therefore she did not feel she had the right to pay any more than the approved amount. She requested the BOS authorize the Town Treasurer to pay the difference. C. Taylor replied, "You don't have anyone in your organization that can call and debate that they went over? You just expect the Town to pay the difference? I can't support that." S. LeHay said that he would call the next day.

4.16.5. E. Pratt announced that there would be no dinner in December.

4.16.6. C. Taylor reported that the insurance would not go up with the addition of the fryer unless it added value to the building.

4.16.7. S. LeHay stated that he had to cancel his meeting with Nate (BCF) due to illness, however the heat at the ECCtr was now up and running correctly. Discussion continued.

#### **4.17. Emergency Management Directors –**

4.17.1. R. Dunphy remarked that they planned to have CERTeams in the ECCtr by January.

4.17.2. He expressed the need for one more \$200 grant for funding, explaining that the group did not have enough packs for the number of people they had.

#### **4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee ,**

4.18.1. E. Pratt remarked that everything was now in the hands of the attorney. She added that she would be sending him the last of the information he needed tomorrow.

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

4.19.1. C. Taylor informed the BOS that one group had met but did not have a quorum. He explained they had decided to go back to the School Board to present 100% population for the additional local, but the next meeting the group voted to do 75% student enrollment and 25% value. He said the current formula was 60/40. He added that it would be a 2 year phase in. He stated he hoped it had been approved and would go before the voters in March. Discussion continued.

#### **5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

5.1. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to designate the RSU Withdrawal account as a CF account. (3-0)

5.2. C. Taylor announced a budget meeting for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 18:00.

#### **6. New Business.** None.

#### **7. Old Business.** None

7.1. **Limited Maintenance of Eames Road:** Remove from agenda until more information received.

7.2. **Set Bid Amounts for Foreclosed Properties:** Properties reviewed/discussed and following bid amounts were set.

7.2.1. **Property A.** Minimum bid set at \$7,000.

7.2.2. **Property B.** Payment received per prior discussion. Account no longer eligible for foreclosure sale.

7.2.3. **Property C.** Minimum bid set at \$7,000.

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

#### **9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum.**

##### **9.1. Open Public Forum.**

9.1.1. B. Baker requested the BOS check the heat, because it did not appear to be keeping up, it felt colder.

#### **10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):** None

#### **11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 7, 2015.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:43.

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