



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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January 18, 2016

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. Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Eric Morrill (for Nitram), and Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. Myles & Judith Durkin, Nora & Richard Linkletter, Timothy & Torry Wahler, and Janice Welch

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:08.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated January 4, 2015 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-002 totaling \$158,096.60. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill requested the BOS post information regarding the illegality of plowing snow across roadways. C.Taylor promised they would be printed and posted, and offered to mail copies to habitual offenders.
 - 4.2.2. J. Welch stated that last year there were complaints about the size of the rocks in the sand, however this year was much better. She added that she felt Nitram did an awesome job plowing.
 - 4.2.3. M. Witham advised that he had heard “some slack” on the Fahi Pond Road this year.
 - 4.2.4. He said there was a spot on the Dunbar Hill Road which needed to be pushed back.
 - 4.2.5. S. LeHay noted that the S-curves on the Fahi Pond Road needed to be pushed back. E. Morrill responded that the problem he faced was that every time he went there were cars parked there.
 - 4.2.6. M. Witham interjected that the East Shore Road above Ann Bridges’ house was “a little crowded.”
 - 4.2.7. E. Morrill asked whether the BOS could contact the Kigers at the end of the Murphy Road and request they move their fence back, since it was inhibiting the process of plowing.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated there was, “not much going on around here.”
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo reported that the PB had been working on the ordinance changes.
 - 4.5.2. He said there would be a couple permit applications next month.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –

4.6.1. L. Mayo expressed that there was nothing going on at this time.

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 remarked that he had finished the shoulders on the East Shore Road.

4.10.2. He said he needed to go to White Sign because a resident on the Fahi Pond Road had requested a ‘Blind Drive Ahead’ sign.

4.10.3. He added that he needed to replace the caution sign at the end of the Wentworth Road.

4.10.4. M. Witham commented that he was asking for the same budget as last year.

4.10.5. He stated there had been a couple of trees down. He voiced that E. Morrill had mentioned a tree on Kilowatt Drive which he would take a look at.

4.10.6. He added that he hadn’t passed anything in because it had been so sporadic.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.11.1. S. LeHay revealed there would be an emergency meeting of the school board held Wednesday to look at the election date for the Cost Sharing vote.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.12.1. M. Witham asked if the Town had lost its yellow float. C. Taylor responded that he had received a phone call, and referred the caller to R. Dunphy who had failed to contact them.

4.12.2. C. Taylor advised that the large swim dock needed work.

4.12.3. M. Witham reported that the other large dock needed work as well.

4.12.4. C. Taylor said the changing room needed repair.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer’s Report

Check Reconciliation Reports (2)

Treasurer’s Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes

EOY Expense Report

4.13.2. She mentioned she was waiting on reports from department heads for the Town Report.

4.13.3. She stated they had begun work on the audit.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker remarked that she was preparing for town meeting.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced that Shiloh Creek had cancelled due to inclement weather.

4.16.2. She said the last supper had been held on a snowy day, so they had not made a lot of money.

4.16.3. She stated the Sunday group, as well as the Thrift Store, was doing well.

4.16.4. She announced that the group would hold a Ham Dinner the Saturday before Valentine’s Day.

4.16.5. B. Baker asked whether the group was willing to do a breakfast Saturday, March 5th before Town Meeting.

4.16.6. M. Durkin disclosed that the EPA would be requesting to use the ECCTR for their annual meeting. S. LeHay directed him to speak with R. Young.

4.16.7. C. Taylor asked whether there were any expenditures expected at the ECCTR this year. E. Pratt replied, “Not that we have talked about.”

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .

4.18.1. E. Pratt asserted that she thought things would begin moving rapidly. She explained that she had a “chat” with the attorney and told him the group wanted the process all done by February.

4.18.2. She advised that the committee would meet Thursday, January 21st at 18:00.

4.19. RSU Cost Sharing Formula Committee.

4.19.1. C. Taylor said the issue would go to vote in March.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. S. LeHay commented that in the past month, health issues of the Town Clerk had, “Forced townspeople to do a lot of their business out of town.” He went on to say, “Let the record show that I am not pointing fingers at [B. Baker], but when this office is closed people have to go elsewhere.” B. Baker clarified that she had only missed three days due to being hospitalized for her illness, and had in fact come into the office on December 31st to close out the books, process the payments left for her, and prepare the upcoming AP and payroll warrants. She stressed that while she apologized for the inconvenience, customers now have the availability of online licensing for dogs, along with the ability to purchase hunting and fishing licenses online.

6. **New Business.** None.

7. **Old Business.** None.

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

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

9.1. Open Public Forum:

9.1.1. Ti. Wahler asked about the process for requesting an article be placed on the Town Meeting warrant to have the Town accept the Eames Road up to the bridge. The process was discussed. C. Taylor promised to send him the information. To. Wahler emphasized that she had not known anything needed to be done because there had been a lot of discussion at the BOS meetings regarding the issue. She stated she would do a petition to force a vote on the issue. C. Taylor responded, “That is the fair way to do it.” C. Taylor asserted that the BOS could not make the decision to maintain that private road, it would need to be voted at the ATM. To. Wahler exclaimed, “But you never in all of those meetings told us that we needed to get a petition to get this on the Town Meeting warrant.” Further discussion continued.

9.1.2. To. Wahler asked where the Town stood on the process of a revaluation. C. Taylor replied he had not gotten a bid proposal back from O’Donnell yet. He read the email he sent on 10/22/2015. To. Wahler asked whether it was too late for this to appear on this Town Meeting warrant. C. Taylor said yes. To. Wahler replied, “I thought [S. LeHay] was working on this.”

9.1.3. J. Welch stated she was the President of the Embden Pond Sportsman’s Club, and wished to speak regarding an encroachment on common property by David & Kemily Benes. She specified that the Planning Board had informed their group that the matter had been remanded to the BOS. She explained her understanding of the issue. C. Taylor acknowledged that the BOS had the minutes of the PB, and the issue had been remanded to the BOS. He disclosed that a Notice of Violation had been sent. He articulated, “We know there is a violation. It is not currently in litigation. We as a Board need to decide what we can do.” He suggested she contact R.Dunphy to discuss the matter. J. Welch stated that she had requested a copy of the permit but had not received it yet. Extensive discussion continued

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2016.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:349.

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