



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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February 1, 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. Ruth Blake and Robert Dunphy

Members of the Public Present. Kemily & David Benes, Leo Mayo, 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. Tabled until next meeting.
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-003 totaling \$155,370.32. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –No Report.
 - 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 stated he had not seen an agenda yet.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –
 - 4.6.1. L. Mayo advised nothing had occurred since the last meeting.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 4.8.1. R. Dunphy stated he had nothing to report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** –
 - 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.
 - 4.11.1. C. Taylor mentioned that the town had voted in 1987 to begin paying school board members \$20/meeting. He asked the BOS to consider this issue before their next meeting.
 - 4.11.2. S. LeHay said that the School Board would meet Wednesday night in Solon at 18:00.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** – No Report.
 - 4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a certified petition to the BOS. BOS reviewed. No action was taken at this time.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. BOS reviewed & signed school election warrant for March 15th vote on the Cost Sharing formula.

4.14.2. B. Baker announced that the school would hold a public hearing on February 25th at CHS at 18:00.

4.14.3. She advised that she had postcards made up about the town meeting schedule change, and she and R. Blake had been handing them out to customers as they came in. She asked the BOS to consider mailing postcards to the registered voters (one per household) regarding the change in schedule. She advised that Skowhegan Press would print, address, and mail the postcards for approximately \$300. BOS opted not to mail postcards to townspeople.

4.14.4. S. LeHay suggested making up posters to place on the ECC frames regarding the changes, stating that it would be "much cheaper." E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to place signs on the ECC signs after the February 13th supper. (3-0)

4.14.5. B. Baker asked if the wording for articles 3-4 had been changed. C. Taylor said no.

4.14.6. R. Dunphy asked what would be done regarding the Republican Caucus. B. Baker explained that the Somerset Republicans were holding their caucus on Saturday, March 5th in Skowhegan, and as registrar she would be required to be there at 14:00 to check in voters.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced there would be a dinner held on February 13th.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. R. Dunphy said he had nothing to report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .

4.18.1. E. Pratt asserted that she had nothing to report.

4.19. RSU Cost Sharing Formula Committee.

4.19.1. C. Taylor said the issue would go to referendum vote on March 15th.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

6. New Business.

6.1. BOS reviewed & signed ATM Warrant.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. C. Taylor said the BOS would like to hear from David & Kemily Benes. K. Benes asked whether they could speak privately with the BOS. C. Taylor replied that this could not be allowed unless the attorney(s) were present. Extensive discussion continued.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum.

9.1.1. To. Wahler presented pictures of the congestion issues being faced on the Eames Road. 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 15, 2016.

11.2. Public Hearing – Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 18:30.

11.3. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 21:05.

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