



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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February 15, 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. Eric Morrill (Winter Roads)

Members of the Public Present. Myles Durkin, Richard Linkletter

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:05.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated January 15, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated February 1, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.3. Reviewed Warrant #2016-004 totaling \$151,092.56. (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 advised they had “been lucky.” He said there had been no major issues.
 - 4.2.2. They discussed a previously mentioned issue on the Murphy road.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
 - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written report. Accepted as written (3-0).
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. M. Durkin stated that they had a very short and to the point meeting.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 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.
 - 4.11.1. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to pay the Embden School Board Directors the difference between the amount the School District pays and \$30 per meeting beginning January 1, 2016. (2-1)
 - 4.11.2. S. LeHay reported that budget talks would begin in March.

- 4.11.3. C. Taylor said he had seen in the Maine Legislative Bulletin that the Madison School district was losing \$589k in State funding, and Carrabec was getting 4%. E. Pratt added that for the first time in a long time Embden would be receiving state educational funding.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following:

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

- 4.13.2. B. Baker advised that the auditor would be coming February 23rd & 24th.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated the ECC had decided they were not interested in providing food for town meeting this year. She disclosed that the 8th graders who were raising money for the Washington DC trip were interested in providing food for town meeting. She suggested that the Town pay the group a nominal amount in exchange for providing food (consisting of donuts, Danishes, etc.) at no charge to residents. She voiced concern that the meal for residents had been free for the last few years, so people might not be expecting to have to bring money to purchase food, and added that the group could still put out a donation jar for those who wanted to donate, however townspeople would not be obligated to do so. S. LeHay argued that since the parents were donating the food for the 8th graders to sell at no cost to the 8th graders, the Town should not have to pay anything. E. Pratt asserted, "Anytime you put a donation jar out for kids, people donate more, and if we find out that they don't make much [money], we might be able to help."

4.15. Tax Collector – No report.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. E. Pratt announced there had been a dinner held on February 13th, but they had not made much.
4.16.2. She stated there would be no entertainment this month.
4.16.3. She announced the following upcoming/ongoing events:

Walking
Weight Watchers
TOPS
Chicken Supper – March 12th
Snowmobile Supper

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No 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 reminded people there would be a District-wide referendum vote March 15th from 14:00-20:00.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 5.1. C. Taylor handed out paperwork for the BOS to review. Lengthy discussion on Benes situation ensued.
5.2. C. Taylor said that the 'holdout from the Eames Road' contacted him on 2/6 to say that the manner in which he was asked to sign off on the Eames Road was not conducive to him cooperating, and that if anyone other than the person who approached him asked him he would sign. C. Taylor explained that since this conversation had occurred four days after the warrant for Town Meeting was signed, it had been too late to be included on the warrant for the ATM, so it would have to be done at a STM. He added that he did not want to see that. E. Pratt stressed that the circulators of the petition would need to start the entire process over again in order for that to happen. S. LeHay interjected, "If we ever decide to look into that one there are others we need to look at."

6. New Business. None.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. C. Taylor advised the BOS would probably let things take their course with the “Timber folks” and let them get their FOIA request(s) and all of their information, and then see if they needed to get the Town lawyer involved. He asked when the BOS wanted to do an ES. E. Pratt asked whether they needed to wait for an answer from the Association. Discussion continued. C. Taylor exclaimed, “I promised we wouldn’t let grass grow under our feet. I would like to see us get our lawyer involved in an ES at the 3/21 BOS Meeting. He added that they would need to decide with the Town Attorney whether they would make them remove the structure or fine them with a consent agreement.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum.

9.1.1. M. Durkin asked the reasoning behind the article to look into moving the Town Offices to the ECCtr. S. LeHay replied that he had pushed for the article, and explained his reasons. Discussion continued.

9.1.2. E. Morrill asked about the shoulder work that was supposed to have been done. He asked why the Town had paid for the work if it was not completed.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2016.

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

11.3. Annual Town Meeting Election – Friday, March 4, 2016 from 08:00–20:00 (TO).

11.4. Annual Open Town Meeting – Saturday, March 5, 2016 beginning at 10:00 (ECCtr).

11.5. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3–0) Adjourned 20:23.

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